

Bearwood News

Autumn Term

Friday 26th February 2021

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We are absolutely delighted that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. We can't wait. Here is some information in advance of returning.

School gates will be open from 8.40am until 8.50am at the Ethel Street entrance as usual.

School finishing times will alter slightly on the 8th March

2.55pm Year 6

3.00pm Year 5 and Year 1 children

3.05pm Year 4 and Year 2 children

3.10pm Reception, Year 3 and afternoon Nursery children.

We ask that if you only have one child at the school, you arrive on time at the finishing time of your child so that you can leave the site promptly.

If you have more than one child, we ask that you arrive at the latest finishing time and we will dismiss all children to you at that time, so that you can all leave the site together, rather than children having to wait with parents.

Afterschool club will start on Monday 8th March

Please email headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk to confirm that you would like to take up your place.

School Meals

We are delighted to inform you that a hot meal choice will be available every day, along with a selection of sandwiches, for all children when we return on 8th March.

We will publish the menus next Friday.

Covid Testing advice from Sandwell LA

Traditionally, PCR tests are only recommended for people with the classic three symptoms of COVID-19, which are a persistent cough, fever or change in taste or smell. If we have these symptoms, we have an obligation to seek a test and self-isolate.

However, Sandwell is encouraging people experiencing a wider range of symptoms to also consider seeking a PCR test. These wider symptoms include headaches, aches and pains, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, stomach ache and feeling tired for no apparent reason. If a person experiences these wider symptoms (and there is no other obvious cause) then they can choose to have a PCR test if they wish.

Unlike in the case of the classic three COVID symptoms, seeking a test when you experience the wider range of symptoms is not obligatory. It is your choice. There is also no need to self-isolate (unless of course the PCR test comes back positive).

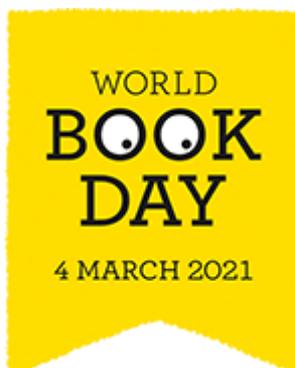
How to get a test: If you do choose to have a PCR test for wider symptoms then you can book online here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 199. When prompted, you can choose the option that says *"My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms."*

For more information visit <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/testsandwell>

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Pye on the birth of her baby daughter, Susanna

Both mother and baby are well.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd April– Friday 16th April Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd May May Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May– Friday 5th June Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 21st July Start of the summer holidays

Look out for all the special activities that your teachers will be planning next Thursday