

BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL Belong Believe Achieve

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Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the welcome sessions held in school this week. I hope you found them useful and informative. I know that the children enjoyed showing off their classrooms and telling everyone about their learning. Please let me know if you have any feedback following these sessions.

Next week we will be holding our harvest assembly for the children in school. We will again be collecting for the local foodbank so could I therefore ask that donations of dried and tinned foods be sent in to school before Thursday 29th September. Thank you for your support with this.

As you will be aware all of the children are in house teams in school. The children have voted to name the houses rather than just have colours and at the next circle time they will be deciding which houses will be named after which capital cities! We will inform you of the results as soon as we know them!

Banwell Football Club will be running a "build a guy" competition this year ready for Bonfire Night. Each class will be making their own guy but you can also make one at home to be entered into a competition if you wish. All guys must be brought into school by Monday 31st October so that they can be displayed before the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs Vikki Fitzpatrick has taken over the role of Chair of Governors of Banwell School, as from 1st September. Our previous chair John Baker, whilst deciding to step down as chair, continues to serve as a school governor. I look forward to working with Vikki and all the other governors in the coming year and am very grateful for the time that these volunteers dedicate to our school.

I had the pleasure of meeting the new PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for the Banwell area this week. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone in our community. Please also be aware that she will be making spot checks to ensure that everyone is parking considerately on the roads around the school.

Finally it is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that our lovely receptionist, Mrs Donna Weeks will be leaving us in October. She is moving on to an exciting new challenge which we wish her the very best of luck with. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement for Donna and will let you know when we have appointed a new member of the team.

Have a lovely weekend!

Claire Pocock Headteacher



Please could all parents ensure that they have changed their ParentPay login to their email address, as we have started to send letters and newsletters electronically!

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.



Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College would like to invite all prospective parents to our open evening on **Thursday 29th September, at 6pm.**

FRIENDS P.T.A.

Please come along to the A.G.M on Wednesday 5th October at 2.30pm in the old hall. Everyone is welcome, and this is when we will need to vote in our new Chairperson.

If we are unable to find a new Chairperson the Friends charity will be dissolved. If you are interested in becoming Friends Chairperson, please email <u>friendsofbanwellschool@gmail.com</u> or pop in to the school office for an application form.



Music Lessions

There is one space available for brass instrument lessons on Thursday mornings at school for a child in KS2, at a cost of £5.34 per lesson. If you would like your child to attend, please

speak to the office as soon as possible!



Churchill Academy and Sixth Form would like to invite all prospective parents looking for secondary school options to our open evening on **Wednesday 28th September, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.**

French Afternoon!

On the afternoon of Monday 26th September, KS2 children will work in their colour houses to complete various activities in French, including producing a poster of interesting facts about the country, learning about the weather, days of the week, colours, foods and sports to celebrate European Languages Day!

Knitting Club

Due to high demand for places, we are looking for another expert knitter to join Carolyn Oxley on Friday afternoons to run the knitting club. If you can help, please speak to the office as soon as possible! The Knitting Club is also looking for donations of double knitting wool, so if you have any to offer please do let us know!

Wanted!

We are looking for donations of children's clothes hangers to be able to sort out our lost property! If you have any spare, please bring them in to Mrs Rac in Year 6.

Thanks!

Diary Dates:

13th October – Individual photographs
21st October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)
22nd – 30th October – Half Term
31st October – First day of Term 2
15th & 16th November – Parents Evening
6th November – Coffee and Catch up