



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year!

It has been a pleasure to see the children settling into their new classes this week and they are already setting high expectations of themselves which is great. The school building has been “freshened up” over the summer and I would like to thank everyone who has given such positive feedback about how the learning environment is looking now.

The children have been taking part in many exciting activities in this first week back including a visit to the bone caves, a walk to Banwell Castle and even a camp fire on the school field! They are really fired up about the year ahead which I know it is going to be a very successful one for Banwell!

I would like to welcome all our new Reception children and their families to Banwell School. The children have settled in really well and are already making lots of new friends.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff to the Banwell team; Mrs Sam Nicholson is now our Year 2 teacher and Mrs Kelly Oxley Reed is one of our receptionists. I am sure you will join me in welcoming everyone to our school community.

Please keep an eye out over the coming days for some start of the year paperwork. It is crucial that the school office hold current contact information for your child. Could I please ask that when these documents come home they are checked carefully and returned to school as soon as possible. We would also like to ask that you ensure your ParentPay login has been changed to your email address as we are now starting to send out communication electronically.

At this time of year we usually hold our year ahead meetings. Whilst we will still be communicating the key information about your child's new class we will be doing it a bit differently! We will instead be holding Welcome to Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 mornings in the week beginning 19th September (see dates in newsletter.) During these sessions the children will take the lead in telling and showing you all about their new year group. The class team (Teachers and Teaching Assistants) will all be there to talk with parents too. We hope this will be a more informative and informal way of finding out about the year ahead and look forward to seeing you there.

In another change which we hope will enable you to find out more about your child's learning, all classes will be inviting their parents in at least three times during the year to take part in activities and look at the learning that is going on in the class. These sessions will replace Parent Assemblies, where it was often hard to see and hear what the children were sharing with everyone.

Finally, just a quick reminder that pocket sized toys, if wanted, can only be brought in by children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Children from Year 3 onwards should not be bringing any toys / cards in to school from home.

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 will start to send letters and newsletters electronically soon!

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



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.**



JaM (Jesus and Me) Club is a free after-school club with lots of fun activities: exploring the Bible, playing games, colouring in, watching DVDs, doing puzzles, making things, and taking part in team quizzes. It is run by BCM UK, a Christian charity, for children in **years 1 - 6.**

If your child would like to attend JaM club, please speak to Mrs Arnold.



Weston Foodbank is holding an open day on Tuesday 27th September from 10am to 2pm, at their base in North Street in Weston-super-Mare.

If you have ever wondered what goes on at the foodbank and would like to see for yourself, please come along! We will show you around and tell you all about our organisation. We'll also tell you how to get involved if you'd like to help out.

There will be an opportunity to buy refreshments and cakes, with all proceeds going to Weston Foodbank.

There will also be an opportunity to tour the Lighthouse Hub, which is a fabulous community venue, where you can find out more about what is available on your doorstep!

www.westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk

Tel: 01934 708906

Thank-you to those of you who donated to our charity collection at the school production last year.

Your kind donations totalled £129.65, which was sent to the YMCA!

Thank-you for your generosity!

Diary Dates:

20th September – Welcome to Years 1 & 2

21st September – Welcome to Years 3 & 4

22nd September – Welcome to Years 5 & 6

13th October – Individual photographs

FRIENDS P.T.A.

Friends of Banwell would like to welcome everyone back for a new school year and extend an especially warm welcome to our new reception children and their families.

Friends of Banwell are a fundraising group dedicated to buying added extras for the school, the most recent being tablets for our children to use.

Coming up on 5th October we have the friends AGM and at this meeting we will need to fill the Chair's position as I am standing down after 2 years. The Chair's role is a very rewarding commitment which could be filled by one or two people to provide the greatest benefit for the children of this school.

The role is mainly event organising and job delegation along with running around 4/5 meetings a year. I will still be at the school for the next year and I am happy to advise and answer any questions.

This is a volunteer role and needs to be filled for the committee and for events to continue. Please don't let the FRIENDS stop, if you would like more information please contact the office for a role description and we will need you to show your interest prior to the meeting. Thank you to everyone over the past 2 years for your support, Lisa Griffiths