



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

So the last fortnight has seen a Viking Invasion in Years 3 and 4, a walk around the village for Years 1 and 2 and campfires and a trip to the river for Years 5 and 6! The children are really enjoying their learning and are making the most of getting outdoors to develop their skills and knowledge. I am also very proud of our new reception children who have settled in really well at school. I continue to receive such great feedback from visitors and members of the public about the behaviour of our children.

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for the local foodbank, as part of our harvest celebration. I know they were incredibly grateful to receive our donation.

Over the next two weeks we would like as many people as possible to support our Shoe Box Appeal, a project being run by our local church which we are obviously keen to support. There are more details coming out with the newsletter today. Please could all boxes come in to school by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October so that they are ready for us to take to the church at the start of term 2. Please also remember the Guy Fawkes competition that our children have been invited to take part in.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Friends PTA AGM this week. Lisa Griffiths, who has done a fantastic job of being Chair, has decided to step down. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for her tireless work and wish her well for the future. Bianca Hamilton has now taken on the role of Chair. I know she will do a great job too!

We have said a fond farewell to Mrs Donna Weeks this week. She has taken up an exciting new position that we wish her well with. We have recruited Mrs Clare Harbour to work alongside Mrs Kelly Oxley-Reed as administrative assistants at the school. We look forward to welcoming Clare to the Banwell team.

Our houses have now been named; Red House is now London, Green House is now Prague, Blue House is now Rome, and Yellow House is now Tokyo. Well done to the children for choosing such great capital cities!

Finally, could I just take this opportunity to just give several reminders:

- At the start of the school day the playground is supervised from 8.40am onwards. Children should therefore not arrive on the school grounds before this time (unless they are at Breakfast Club). If it is raining at the start of the school day I will invite the children to go straight into their classrooms at 8.40am. Children should not go into their classrooms until they are given permission.
- I have had a reported near miss this week which involved a child running straight out of the gate from the playground on to the school drive and into the path of car. Fortunately the driver reacted quickly and the child was unhurt. However we must all continue to reinforce the road safety message to our children and ensure that children are closely supervised at the end of the school day.
- It is always lovely to see ex Banwell pupils who are now at Churchill Academy. Could I please just ask parents to remind their older children that, whilst we are happy that they are to here to pick up younger siblings with their parents, they should not be playing any sort of ball games on the playground and should behave in a respectful manner at all times when on the school site.

Thank you for your co-operation, and have a lovely weekend!

Claire Pocock  
Headteacher

## Data Collection Forms

Please can you ensure you return your completed data collection sheets and permission forms to the office as soon as possible.

It is vital that we have this information on file for your child.

Thank you!

## Build a Guy Competition

If you are taking part in this competition at home, please remember to bring your guy into school by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October so it can be displayed with all the other guys we are making in our year groups!

## Shoebox Appeal

As in previous years, Banwell Primary will be taking part in the Shoebox Appeal.

Attached to this newsletter is a checklist of things to include in your box. Please tick the items you have included and stick it to the top of your filled, wrapped box.

Completed boxes need to be brought to school by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks!

## Tours of School

We have been running tours of the school for prospective Reception 2017 parents.

There is one remaining tour on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30. If you know anyone who would like to come and have a look around with a view to their child starting in September 2017 please ask them to contact the school office.

Tours at other times can be arranged on request.

## FRIENDS P.T.A.

We are pleased to announce that Bianca Hamilton is now our new Chairperson, and her husband Steve is taking over the role of Secretary.

We hope you will join us in congratulating Bianca on her new role, and welcoming Steve onboard!

## School Photographs

We'd like to remind you that individual photographs will be taken in school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken during school time, but if your child has younger siblings and you would like them to have photos taken together, please bring them to the Old Hall at 8.30am.



## Music Lessons

There is still 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!

## Diary Dates:

13<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photographs  
21<sup>st</sup> October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> October – First day of Term 2

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

6<sup>th</sup> December – Coffee and Catch up

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December – Rec & KS1 Nativity

8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service

9<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas dinner

16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 2

# CHECKLIST 2016

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):

Please do try to include the following items highlighted in the top box.

- ☐ **Toothbrush and Toothpaste**
- ☐ **Hat/scarf,gloves**
- ☐ **Soap**
- ☐ **Small Toy** for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls
- ☐ **Sweets** (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best Before' date March 2017 No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.

### Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)

- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Face cloth/ Moist wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturising Cream
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Sanitary Products
- ☐ Shaving foam/Razors

### Clothes

- ☐ Underwear Socks/Tights

### Miscellaneous

- ☐ New Make-up.....
- ☐ Sewing Equipment .....

- ☐ Household Candles
- ☐ Screwdrivers/Pliers
- ☐ Kitchen Utensils

### Stationery

- ☐ Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- ☐ Notepads/Colouring books
- ☐ Rulers/Rubbers

### Other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc

- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....

PLEASE TICK THE BOX NEXT TO WHO THE BOX IS FOR

Please specify the age of the girl or boy you have filled this box for:

- ☐ Elderly Woman
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Teenage Girl - age .....
- ☐ Girl - age .....
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Teenage Boy - age .....
- ☐ Boy - age .....

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