



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have taken part in some great events over recent weeks, all of which contribute to developing their learning and personal development. Some of our Year 6 children took part in Youth Speaks, a debating event organised by the Rotary Club. The school were incredibly proud of all the children who took part but special recognition must be given to Maddie who was awarded Best Speaker. Our Year 3 & 4 children have taken part in Raise the Roof – a singing festival involving local schools and Year 1 & 2 have shown lots of courage when meeting various creatures brought into school by Edupet! It is always a real pleasure to see the excitement and curiosity that the children show with their learning.

Thank you to everybody who attended Parents Evening recently. It is always a really good opportunity to discuss your child's learning together, celebrate their achievement and discuss next steps. Thank you also to everyone who took the time to contribute to our new comments book. It was very encouraging to read such lovely, positive comments about Banwell School! The comments about what the school could do even better are very helpful too and contribute towards our commitment to being the very best school that we can be for your children. If you have a few moments spare please could you add your views to Parent View – the official Ofsted site that records parents' views about each school. I have included the link below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Today has seen the launch of our new "Top Table" at lunchtime as recognition of those children showing exemplary behaviour and demonstrating our core values at this time of the day. Every Friday we will award a Top Table certificate to one person in each class, they will also be able to invite a guest to join them. The Top Table will be in the same hall as everyone else but will be made to look a bit special, will have squash for the children to drink if they want to and will even have tomato ketchup!

This week seems like a good time to clarify the arrangements at the start of the day when it is raining. As always, children should not arrive before 8.40am (unless attending Breakfast Club) as the playground is not supervised. At 8.40 I will make the decision as to whether it is too wet to stay outside. If it is too wet the children will be told to go straight into their classrooms. Please could I ask that everybody waits in the main playground until the decision has been made. This is so that the class teams are able to set up for the day and also so that children aren't coming in to classrooms that are unsupervised. Can I also remind parents that it should only be children coming into the building at the start of the day. This reduces the congestion and wet feet in the corridors and cloakrooms at the busiest time of the day and also allows the children to be independent and responsible for their belongings. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

It has been noticed that some parents are coming in at the end of the day and using the children's toilets in the Sports Hall. In line with safeguarding procedures and best practise, children and adults must have separate designated toilets in school. Therefore if any adults need to use these facilities they must come in through the front office and use the staff toilets. As always, safeguarding our children is the highest priority.

Have a great weekend!

Claire Pocock

Headteacher

On Wednesday 2 November, Year 1 and Year 2 had a special visitor from Wessex Water. As part of our project of 'What's under the bed?', Sue came to talk to us about pipes that are underground. We found out what happens to the water that goes 'Down the Plughole' and how the water gets cleaned. We also found out why we should not put flushable wipes down the toilet!

Ask someone in Year 1 or Year 2 to find out why!



Christmas Jumper Day!

We'd like to invite all children to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Friday 9th December to make their Christmas dinner even more festive!

Please don't buy a Christmas jumper just for this day, if you do not already have one, you can decorate your jumper with some tinsel!

Please also remember to return your Christmas dinner slips to the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so!

Banwell Children's Centre has been in contact to ask us to remind parents to please park considerately in the village car park. They fully understand that parents need somewhere to park when picking up and dropping off, but they ask that you do not block the gate or other cars.

Thank you!



Friends of Banwell would like to invite you to volunteer at the Christmas fair on Monday 12th December 3:15-5:30.

We require help in setting up (from 9am), taking down (from 5:30) and hosting a table.

Please email: 1bee.hamilton@gmail.com mob: 07852597757

If no-one comes forward before December 5th, this event will be CANCELLED.

See fliers coming out for more details.

Thank you.

We raised £64.13 for the Poppy Appeal and £462.05 for Children in Need!

Thanks to those of you who donated and well done to Years 5 & 6 for their hard work organising games for the younger children!



BBC Children in Need

Come and join us on Tuesday 6th December for Coffee and Cake In the Community Room 9am – 10.30am

Thank you to those of you who made purchases at the Book Fair, we took £790 over the three days, which gives us £414 to spend on books in school!

Diary Dates

6th December – Coffee and Cake 9am – 10.30am

6th & 7th December – Rec & KS1 Nativity 2pm

8th December – KS2 Carol Service

9th December – Children's Christmas dinner

12th December – Friends Christmas Fair

16th December – Last day of Term 2

3rd January – First day of Term 3

5th January – Coffee and Cake 2pm

10th February – INSET day