



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1

NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back to their new classes and they all seem very settled already. Year 6 have had an amazing week at camp and we can't wait to hear about their adventures when they return today. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the families who are new to the Banwell School community. We have been wowed by our new reception children and are looking forward to them starting full time next week. We encourage all children to be independent and take responsibility for their belongings so would ask all parents to say goodbye in the playground from next week please.

We are also welcoming some new members of staff to the Banwell team. Mrs Louise Court and Mr Mark Fuller are Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) who will be working in our reception class and Mrs Katherine Howarth is a LSA working in a variety of classes across the school.

You should all have received a project map and introduction letter highlighting the learning that your child will be enjoying over the coming weeks. We hope that you have found this information useful. Please let us know if you have any areas of expertise in any of the projects that you might be able to share with us in school.

You will hopefully notice that your child comes home wearing a special sticker today. All children who keep their entire golden time will be awarded with a sticker so that parents are aware they have made excellent choices and demonstrated expected behaviour all week.

I am delighted to announce that we have three new parent governors at Banwell. Trish Bengtsson, Louise Henry and Helen Williams will be joining our very strong governing body and I am looking forward to working with them.

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of cars using the school driveway and parking on site. I appreciate that this is a minority of parents and thank everyone who respects our request and parks either in the car park opposite the school or on a side street. To ensure the safety of all of our children and pre-school children we must insist that no parents come up the driveway in their vehicles at any time. Parking is provided for staff only due to limited space. We will be monitoring this from Monday and if this minority of parents continue to ignore our request we will have no alternative than to close the gate. If you have a specific reason why you believe that you need to use the drive please speak to me.

Have a great weekend

Claire Pocock

Headteacher

## Diary Dates

25<sup>th</sup> September – *All About Years 5&6*

26<sup>th</sup> September – *All About Years 3&4*

27<sup>th</sup> September – *All About Years 1&2*

3<sup>rd</sup> October – *Individual and Sibling Photos*

12<sup>th</sup> October – *Coffee and Catch Up 9am*

19<sup>th</sup> October – *Last day of Term 2*

20<sup>th</sup> October – *INSET day*

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October – *Half term break*

30<sup>th</sup> October – *First day of Term 2*

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

20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January– *Christmas holidays*

4<sup>th</sup> January – *First day of Term 3*

## School Applications

Applications are now open for school places for September 2018 for both Reception and for Year 7 places.

Details on how to apply can be found on our website.

There are several open evenings organised for secondary schools, flyers for which have been displayed in the community notices noticeboard in the school entrance.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

North Somerset Council has replaced the old free school meal paper application forms with a new online checker. You will be able to apply online at home and get an instant result. The system will generate a letter that you can print off and give to the office to show eligibility.

The new online checker can be found here:

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm)

**You will need to reapply every school holiday (6 times per year)** and eligibility will last for the whole school term. Each child in your family will need to be checked individually as the online checker creates a system code for each child.

If you require assistance with your application please speak to a member of the office team.

## Threadworms

We have been informed of a case of Threadworms in our school, please visit the NHS website for information on treatment and prevention.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Headlice

Please can we remind you to continue checking your child's hair weekly for headlice as we have already had several cases this term.

Thank you