



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope all of your families continue to be well at this unusual time we find ourselves in. I am writing to you all today to provide a number of updates as we head towards the end of term.

## **STAFFING UPDATES:**

Firstly, as you are already aware, Mrs Lester is leaving us at the end of term to take up the post of Headteacher at Tickenham Primary School. I can now confirm that Mrs Philpott will also be leaving us at the end of August to begin an exciting new chapter in her life. In addition, we have two Learning Support Assistants leaving in the summer; Mrs Brien and Mrs Thyer. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking these people for everything they have done for Banwell over the years and wish them well for the future.

In agreement with the Governors, we are postponing recruitment of a new Deputy Headteacher and SENCO until January 2020 due to the current COVID-19 situation.

We have now appointed a teacher to replace Mrs Philpott. Mr Henry Lowe will be joining us in September 2020. Some of you may remember him as a student teacher last year, working in Year 2 alongside Mrs Philpott, so I am delighted that we have been able to secure him as a teacher at Banwell from September.

Mrs Parker and Mr Fuller have been successfully appointed as full time Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) to work with our children in Key Stage 2 in receipt of top up funding. Mrs Bradbury will also continue to work in this role. These LSAs will work closely with the Class Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Learning Mentor to support the children.

## **CLASS STRUCTURE SEPTEMBER 2020**

I would like to share the new class structure for September with everyone. Where possible, in light of the disrupted year that the children have had due to COVID-19, I have tried to keep some continuity with the classes (eg, having a familiar adult move with them). Where this hasn't been possible it has been because I have wanted to keep a member of staff who is experienced in working with the age group with the class.



YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Reception	Mrs Isgrove / Mrs Kent	Mrs Swire
Year 1	Mrs Browett / Miss Gibbs	Mrs Gardiner
Year 2	Miss Rose	Mrs Venn
Year 3	Mr Summers	Mrs Lynam
Year 4	Mr Lowe	Mrs Hackeson
Year 5	Mrs Gould / Mr Venn	Mrs Rac
Year 6	Mrs Nicholson	Mrs Jenkinson

### **INSET DAYS**

As notified earlier in the year, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July are inset days. School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

### **LAST WEEK OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

I am very aware that we have lots of children that we have not seen for a number of months now. As we head towards the end of what has been a very unusual school year I am keen to provide an opportunity for **ALL** children to have the chance to come into school to say goodbye to their current teaching teams and to meet their new ones. I am therefore really pleased to say that we have scheduled end of term, socially distanced picnics on the field for every class.

DATE	CURRENT YEAR GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	Food
Thursday 16 <sup>TH</sup> July	YR	9.00am	10.15am	Breakfast picnic
Thursday 16 <sup>TH</sup> July	Y1	10.30am	11.45pm	Breakfast picnic
Thursday 16 <sup>TH</sup> July	Y2	12.00pm	1.30pm	Packed lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>TH</sup> July	Y5	1.45pm	3.15pm	Afternoon tea
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3	9.00am	10.30am	Breakfast picnic
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4	10.45am	12.15pm	Packed lunch
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6	12.30pm	2.00pm	Afternoon tea



To enable this to happen for all children, **the school term for the children currently in school (Year R, Year 1, Year 6, Key worker & Vulnerable children) will end on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. We will then invite each class in on a specific day and at a specific time for their picnic. Please see dates and times below:

Children will need to bring a picnic and drink from home. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch please let the office know by email as soon as possible and no later than 3pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Children do not need to wear school uniform on this day.

It is vital that timings are strictly adhered to please. This is to ensure we can manage the social distancing and only have one class in school at a time. Please could the children line up on the marked lines on the school drive (staff will be there to assist) ready to be let into school via the main gate at the specified time. We would ask that only one parents brings / picks up each child to minimise the number of people on the drive. If older children are allowed to walk home afterwards please let us know. All children will be asked to use hand sanitiser when they leave their parent at the school gate. The children will leave via the gravel path at the side of the Old Hall so please could parents wait on the grass when it is time for the children to leave. We would politely ask that everyone leaves the school site promptly so that the next group are able to arrive in line with our social distancing. **Please could we ask that you let the school office know if your child will be attending the end of term picnic for their class so that we know who to expect.**

We really hope that the weather will allow these events to take place. If the weather does not allow for the picnics to happen, we will hold a Zoom meeting for each class at the designated time instead. The office team will send an invite out for these meetings so that all parents have them, just in case.

I hope that everyone understands the importance of every child having the opportunity to return to school, albeit for a brief amount of time, before we finish the school year.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes,  
Claire



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Headteacher

