



NEWSLETTER

Term 1

14th September 2018



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer with your families and are looking forward to the school year that lies ahead. We would like to give a special welcome to the new families that have joined us this term and to Mr Fraulo who has joined our Year 4 class as a School Direct student teacher.

We have already packed lots into the first fortnight back. Years 3 and 4 had an American themed wow day and Years 5 and 6 walked to the woods and visited the bone caves. Year 6 have spent the week on camp at Knapp House in Devon and it sounds like they are having an amazing time! Our reception children are already in school full time and have settled in very well.

The start of the year is always a good time to check that your child's name is in everything that they bring to school, not just clothes but lunchboxes too please; we have lots of double ups. We will also be sending home data collection sheets at the start of next week. Please take a couple of minutes to check them as it is vital that we hold the correct contact details for all parents in case of an emergency involving your child.

We had a very successful inset day on 3rd September where we focused our learning around the book "When the Adult Changes, Everything Changes" by Paul Dix. This book has challenged my thinking both in my professional role and as a parent; it's well worth a read. Following the inset day we will be making some subtle changes to our behaviour policy. This will be shared with you when we have finalised it. One of the immediate changes is that we will no longer be having Golden Time across the school. This is because it is not effective as an incentive to help all children make the right choices. Other rewards and incentives are in place which will be much more immediate.

Finally can I remind all parents that if there is anything that you would like to discuss with us in school, please come and let us know. We are always here to listen and help if we can. Teachers are out in the playground from 8.45am if it's a quick word but if more time is needed please arrange a mutually convenient time to come in and meet them. Mrs Arnold, Mrs Lester and myself are also happy to meet with you if needed. There are regular Coffee and Catch Up sessions which offer a more informal time to just network with other parents over a coffee.

Have a lovely weekend,
Claire Pocock
Headteacher

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 1:

Tuesday 4th September 2018 to Thursday 25th October 2018

INSET Day - Friday 26th October 2018

Term 2:

Monday 5th November 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018

Term 3:

Monday 7th January 2019 to Thursday 14th February 2019

INSET Day - Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4:

Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

INSET Day - Monday 22nd July 2019

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School Applications

Applications are now open for school places for September 2019 for both Reception and Year 7 places.

Details on how to apply can be found on our website and on North Somerset Council's website.

If you have a child in your family who will be starting school in September 2019 and would like a tour of Banwell Primary, please contact the school office to discuss.

There are several open evenings organised for secondary schools, details of which have been emailed to our Year 6 parents.

Diary Dates

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| 27th September | – <i>Individual Photos</i> |
| 4th October | – <i>Coffee and Catch Up 9am</i> |
| 25th October | – <i>Last day of Term 1</i> |
| 26th October | – <i>INSET day</i> |
| 5th November | – <i>First day of Term 2</i> |