



NEWSLETTER



Term 5
20th April 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer terms and I hope you all had a lovely Easter with your families!

Our new projects have all started well with lots of exciting learning taking place. New project information should be with you in the coming days which will let you know a bit more about what we will be doing in school.

It was a pleasure to attend the North Somerset Dance Festival last Wednesday evening to watch our children taking part. They were an absolute credit to the school in both their performance and behaviour whilst out of school, which I have been told by several people, was outstanding. I'm already looking forward to next year's performance!

As you may be aware reception places for September 2018 have now been allocated. We have some spaces for September so if you know of anyone who has not got their chosen school please encourage them to come and have and look round at Banwell!

Finally can I just remind everyone that children in Key Stage 2 (Y3 upwards) should not be bringing any toys into school. We have noticed an increasing number of toys coming in. Children in Key Stage 1 may bring a small, pocket sized toy but if they don't need to then please leave their toys at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Have a lovely weekend – let's hope the lovely weather continues!

Claire Pocock

**Friends of Banwell and New Creation
are running a Quiz, Curry and Chips
night on Saturday 12th May in the
Sports Hall.
Tickets available from Friends or
School Office for £7**

Online Safety
*The online safety section of our website
has great links for you to learn more
about keeping your child safe online, and
there is also the latest issue of Digital
Parenting available for you to download.*

Diary Dates

- 24th April – Year 5 & 6 Crook Peak Walk
- 3rd May - Year 4 Sparking Science
- 7th May – Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 17th May – Friends Disco (Details to follow)
- 25th May – Last day of Term 5
- 26th May – 3rd June – Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 4th June – First day of Term 6
- 14th & 15th June – Year 3 & 4 Camp
- 28th June – KS2 Production
- 5th July – Sports Day
- 20th July – Last day of Term 6



These children read regularly over the last two weeks

Reception

- * Cayden * Freya * Kitty *
- * Jospheh * Penny *
- * Reuben * Roodie * Megan *

Year 1

- * Casey *

Year 2

- * Dexter * Lilly *
- * Noah G * Liam *



At the end of last term the Reception/KS1 and KS2 finalists in the South West Science Challenge took their vehicles and hedgehogs that they designed and made during our recent Science Week to the Victoria Rooms in Bristol to compete against other North Somerset and Bristol schools. We were thrilled to receive the award and trophy for 'Best Design'.

The judges were very impressed with the addition of a working light on the KS2 design as hedgehogs are nocturnal animals, and would be able to drive their vehicles safely along the hedgehog corridors and gaps between fences in the dark.

We would like to thank all of the finalists for their exemplary behaviour during the final and the support and encouragement that they showed to each other throughout, they are a credit to their classes and families. A clip of the final can be viewed on the BBC Springwatch website:

[Springwatch](#)



Governor Chat

With Trish

Sims-Bengtsson

(Mum to William Y3)

I've been a Parent Governor now since September and it's been fascinating learning the ropes.

I've had training in how to understand the school performance data, and learned all about the role and how to support (and challenge!) the school.

I've been busy meeting with the Pupil Support Team lately, so I can understand how school helps our children with Special Needs with their learning, emotions and social skills. I didn't realise before what a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes and how these staff are both the heart and backbone of our school. They are so keen to get parents and carers more involved with school and we have been thinking about how to achieve this. Coffee and Catch up is a great first step because it gives parents a chance to chat and meet every month over a cuppa and a cake! You can bring up any worries you have - there's always someone to listen, or just enjoy a few minutes sit down! It would be lovely if you shared ideas of how you'd like to join in more with school too.

What would encourage you to be more involved? What would you enjoy doing? Please have a think! Hopefully all of the other Governors will write a bit about what they see and do as well - so that you can get to know us better.