



NEWSLETTER



Term 3
12th January 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy new year to everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break together. The new term has started well with all classes beginning new projects – please keep a look out for the project letter and map which should be coming out today from the teachers.

Our Ofsted report from December has now been published so I hope you have all had a chance to look through it. We believe that it has captured where we are as a school very accurately and are really pleased with all the strengths that it has mentioned. The Weston Mercury has published a lovely report about it in their paper this week too. Thanks must go to the whole school community for their ongoing support and commitment to Banwell School.

A few reminders:

- **Breakfast / After School Club.** Unfortunately we have had a number of families recently who have booked their children in to these clubs but they have not attended, and the school office has not been notified. The implications of this are that we have had to turn children away due to being at capacity and that too much food has been prepared, which then has to be wasted. If you have booked your child in and there is a change of plan please notify the school office as soon as possible so that you are not charged. If you have a regular booking at present but are unsure of which days you have booked, please check with the office. If this continues we will have no option but to start charging for booked places if we are not notified of cancellation in advance.
- **Drinking Water.** Just to clarify that the children should only be bringing water to drink during the school day. Juice / squash / flavoured water is not allowed.
- **Bag sizes.** We have noticed that some children are bringing an awful lot of things to school. This means that their bags are huge and heavy and frequently fall off the school pegs. At times this causes trip hazards. Please could you help us to keep the school safe and tidy by ensuring that children only bring the bare minimum to school.
- **Older Siblings at Churchill.** Please could I ask parents of children who walk through our school site at the end of the day to ask them to do so courteously. Unfortunately, particularly on a Friday when Churchill children get home early, there have been some incidents of disrespectful behaviour towards adults and pupils which I am sure you will agree is unacceptable. We would also ask that they wait stood back from the main “buzzy” school gate so that visitors can still enter and exit clearly.

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

Have a great weekend

Claire Pocock
Headteacher

*Please note the change to one of our upcoming INSET days:
We will now be closed for staff training on Friday 9th February
instead of Monday 9th April.*

Diary Dates

8th February – *Coffee and Catch Up 9am*

9th February – *INSET day*

12th – 16th February – *Half Term*

19th February – *First day of Term 4*

20th February – *Pancake Race – more details to follow soon*

8th March – *Coffee and Catch Up 9am*

13th March – *Parents' Evening*

14th March – *Parents' Evening*

23rd March – *Last day of Term 4*

9th April – *First day of Term 5*

PIZZA!



Please note that there will be a change to the menu on Thursday 18th January.

Instead of lasagne, we will be serving pizza. Pasta will also be available for those who don't like pizza.

Banwell Primary needs you!

We are looking for a new Parent Governor...

Details are on the website and copies of the nomination forms are available from the school office.



The Big Battery Hunt!

Please remember to keep saving your batteries, and bringing them into school!

All participating schools and students will be entered into a draw for prizes including;

- 3-year MyMaths subscriptions for schools
- educational trips for students and teachers to a sustainability centre
- iPads for winning students
- Duracell Bunnies for selected runners up.



These Year 2 children read

EVERY DAY last week

Liam * Emily W

