



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1

13<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and a special warm welcome to all of the new families who have now joined Banwell. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer together and are ready for the year ahead.

It has been an absolute pleasure spending time with the children this week as they get to know their new classrooms and teachers. We have started the year with two focus weeks to ensure that the children are really well set up for the coming months:

- Last week we focused on establishing excellence. This included thinking about the work that we do in school, how we move around the school site and how we show our 7 core values. The staff and children have set very high expectations and will be upholding these as the term progresses.
- This week has all been about well-being. It is so important for everyone to have good mental well-being so we have invested the time this week in sharing and enjoying ways to look after ourselves. Each day has had a different focus and from next week we will be trialling having 2 daily 15 minute well-being sessions across the school.

As part of establishing excellence and to support our behaviour policy we now use the language of “expected behaviour” and “above & beyond” behaviour in school. Expected behaviour is recognised through praise, conversation & emails with parents, stickers, wow cards, class points, sharing with other adults in school...etc. In our weekly celebration assembly we now recognise behaviours that are above and beyond. We have replaced our gold cards with shining star awards and also celebrate those children showing our core values. I also have decided to give Headteacher awards each week in the form of a badge. Children given these special badges can wear them all week after receiving them before returning them on Friday ready to be given to other children. Classes with the most class points and highest attendance are also recognised. The children have already wowed so many of us this week!

Finally, please can I take this opportunity to give a couple of reminders:

- Fruit or vegetables (eg, carrot sticks) only should be brought in for a mid-morning snack. Fruit bars / wingers...etc are not allowed as they are often high in sugars and as a healthy school we want to encourage our children to be having fruit & vegetables only at breaktime.
- All children need a water bottle in school. It should be taken home daily to be washed and brought back in with fresh water each day.
- A named PE kit must be in school at all times.
- A small pocket sized toy may be brought in by KS1 only. However, we have many activities to occupy the children in school so there is no need to send these children with toys, unless it is felt necessary.

Have a lovely weekend – it looks like we may get a final burst of summer!

Kind regards  
Claire Pocock  
Headteacher

Class points winners this week are...  
**YEAR 5!**

## 100% Attendance

Week of 03/09

Week of 09/09

Reception

Year 2

Year 2

Year 4

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

# Menu Change

Please see below for details of an upcoming menu change:

Sadie takes a trip around

03 October 2019

## BRITAIN

*Choose a main meal...*

Florence Nightingale's Fish Fingers  
or  
Queen Elizabeth's Royal Quom Dippers  
Served with Charles Dickens' Chips

*on the side...*

Big Ben Baked Beans  
Paddington Station Peas

*for dessert...*

Shakespeare's Strawberry Jelly & Vanilla Ice cream

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will offer the menu that was originally planned for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



Chartwells

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

WE STILL HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

GYMNASTICS – MONDAYS – YEARS 1, 2 & 3  
MULTISPORTS – WEDNESDAYS – YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6  
TENNIS – FRIDAYS – YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

PLEASE SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART ANY OF THESE CLUBS

## OLD SCHOOL DISCO

☺ Strictly for grown-ups ☺

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 til late

Banwell School Sports Hall

£3.00 ticket

70's/80's/90's Music

Cheap bar & tuck shop

School uniform optional, but encouraged!

Tickets available from Fran (822919) or Michelle (823177)

Raising funds for Friends of Banwell School and 1<sup>st</sup> Banwell Scout Group

### Diary Dates

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October                   | – Last day of Term 1                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October                   | – INSET day (school closed to pupils)         |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov | – Half Term (school closed to pupils)         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November                   | – First day of Term 2                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                  | – Parents Eve (details to follow)             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November                  | – Parents Eve (details to follow)             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December                  | – Last day of Term 2                          |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan | – Christmas Holiday (school closed to pupils) |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January                    | – First day of Term 3                         |

# Time to start school

Parents of children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to apply for 2020 school places now

Applications open on 12 September 2019  
and close at 11.59pm on 15 January 2020



You can apply online at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

A Parent's Guide to Starting School will be available on the website from 12 September 2019.

School Admissions Team  
North Somerset Council  
Town Hall  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1UJ

Tel: 01275 884 078

Email: [admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk)

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



**Reception staff will be organising some open days for prospective parents, to take place in October. Dates and times to be released shortly.**