



# NEWSLETTER



Term 4  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic week in school with so much going on! The children have worked really well together during our science week and have enjoyed activities around World Book Day too. Last night it was a privilege to watch some of our Y5 children take part in the Youth Speaks competition organised by Wrington Vale Rotary Club. What talented children we have!

Thank you to those parents who used the holiday club that we had running over the February break. It appears that this was a real success and that the children had a great time! I am currently looking to see if something similar can be provided over Easter and will let you know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to next week as we will be having some outdoor gym equipment installed in our playground. The children have helped us to select the pieces of equipment that they would like. The installation will be taking place during school time next week but we have been assured that the areas being worked on will be cordoned off appropriately.

Thank you to everyone who has used our online booking system to select a time for the upcoming parents evening. It seems to have worked really well. If you have not yet booked your slot please do so via the school website, using the login provided to you previously. If you need any assistance with this please speak to the school office.

I am sure that you are aware of the funding crisis that schools are currently facing – it is in the news again today. Unfortunately this is affecting us at Banwell too. We are working very hard with our governors to ensure that we continue our excellent provision for the children with this significantly reduced income. I have outlined a couple of things related to this that I would like to make parents aware of below:

- From term 5 there will be a slight increase to the cost of our extended schools provision. This is to support increasing food and staffing costs. The new costs will be as follows:

Breakfast Club	£4.00
Breakfast Club Pupil Premium rate	£1.75
Playpals Stay and Play	£4.50
Playpals Full Session	£9.50

- Can I please remind parents about the importance of paying for school trips by the deadlines set. We have to ensure that any planned school trips are financially viable which is why we put a deadline for payment. This allows us to make a decision about whether the visit can go ahead without school having to subsidise. We have recently had to cancel a trip due to not receiving enough payments in time which is obviously a real shame for the children. The school office do not have the capacity to chase for payments so please could I urge everyone to pay in plenty of time so that we are able to make that informed decision, hopefully without disappointing the children.

Have a lovely weekend!

Claire Pocock

Headteacher

15<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> March  
20<sup>th</sup> March  
28<sup>th</sup> March  
29<sup>th</sup> March  
5<sup>th</sup> April  
8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
23<sup>rd</sup> April

### Diary Dates

- Red Nose Day
- Parents eve 4.30-7.30
- Parents eve 3.30-5.30
- Coffee and Catch-Up 9am
- Class Photos
- Last day of Term 4
- Easter holiday – school closed
- First day of Term 5

Please could you  
return your  
completed Coffee  
and Catch Up  
questionnaires by  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you



Please remember that we will still collect batteries for the Big Battery Hunt right up until Easter. Please bring all batteries to Mrs Arnold so she can count them – the more we collect the better chance of winning a prize!



To celebrate Red Nose Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March we would like to invite all children to wear non-uniform and donate £1 towards Comic Relief.



### **Governor Chat**

With Jo Arnold  
Co-opted Governor

*I have worked at Banwell Primary School for 11 years, and have just completed my first year as a school governor. As a member of staff, I get to help support the children on a daily basis, ensuring they have a place which is happy, safe and the best learning environment possible.*

*Watching the children embrace and uphold the schools ethos and core values is wonderful, and I feel privileged to be part of it. Becoming a school governor has only added to this, and has given me the opportunity to further support the management and running of the school.*

*I am governor link for PE and Sports, which allows me to liaise with relevant school staff and monitor our PE provision. This is indeed a pleasure, as the school team are passionate about the children's fitness, and are always finding new and exciting ways of delivering PE programmes. I am also part of a working party, set up to source and apply for additional funding streams for the school. This is a challenging, but exciting role which should benefit Banwell School children for many years to come. Watch this space.*

*I would encourage anyone with a passion for improving our children's education and wellbeing, to consider becoming a school governor. You would need to be dedicated and committed, but the rewards are priceless. I am happy to talk to anyone if you would like to know more about my role as governor, and can be found on the playground, or phone the office and ask to speak to me.*