



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 4th October 2019



Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who came along to the Friends PTA AGM yesterday. It was really encouraging to see such a proactive group who are really keen to raise funds for the children in school. Congratulations to Antonia Robinson-Cole who was voted in as the new Chair and to Ingrid Loh who has taken on the role of Vice Chair, alongside her position as Secretary. Helen Shephard continues to be the Treasurer and I know that there are a large number of people who, whilst not on the committee, would like to be "friends of Friends". This means that they have said that they are keen to help at events throughout the year. With the critical financial situation in all schools at the moment it has never been more important for us to look at ways to raise additional funds for our children.

Following on from the above I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Jo Arnold for completing her amazing wing walk last week. She has been such a role model for the children and we look forward to sharing her video in assembly on Monday. A fantastic profit has been raised for the school so far, at least £800! (confirmed total will be announced next week). If you would still like to make a donation please contact the school office or Jo to find out the best way to do so. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

As part of the projects that we learn about in school we always try to arrange a wow day to really evoke the children's curiosity and learning for the subject. On Wednesday this week we had four classes out on trips and they have all come back buzzing about what they have seen and experienced. This obviously has a cost implication and I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of parents who understand this and pay before deadlines or speak to us if there is a financial difficulty. The office does not have the capacity to chase for outstanding payments for trips which is why a clear deadline is set. Please could I ask that parents either pay or speak to us before the deadline that has been set as on that day we will need to make a decision as to whether the visit can go ahead. Regrettably if we have not had enough financial support trips will have to be cancelled. Trips normally happen near the start of projects so are likely to happen at the start of term 1 (September), term 3 (January) and term 5 (April). I hope this is helpful to know. If you are in receipt of certain benefits and think you may be entitled to pupil premium, which would mean all trips would be half price, please contact the office. This can be checked very quickly.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind all parents about the appropriate use of social media. We teach the children about responsible behaviour online and would always encourage them to be kind and respectful when using the internet. It is really important as adults that we are modelling this behaviour too. Please could I remind all parents that if there is anything they are unhappy about it is most helpful to raise it directly with school. That way we can work together to find a solution. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Finally Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We would like to recognise this in school by inviting everyone to wear something yellow for the day. This might be a t shirt or just a pair of socks or a hairband. We will continue to do activities on a daily basis in school to promote mental well-being.

Have a great weekend
Claire Pocock
Headteacher

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Is your child or a child you know due to start school in September 2020?

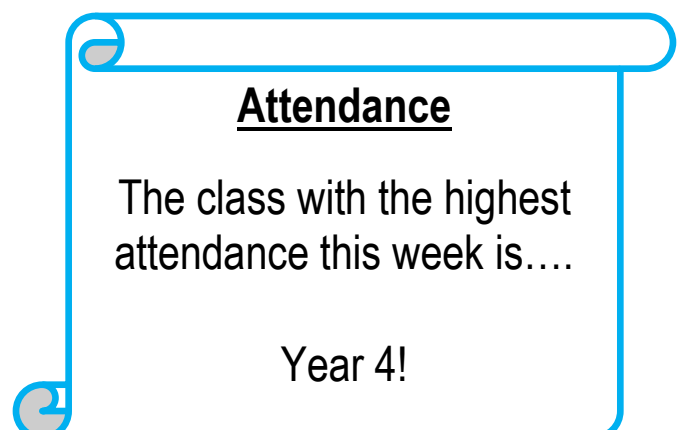
We would love to welcome you and your child to one of our open morning 'Stay and Play' sessions at Banwell Primary School!

Our Early Years Team will be available to answer any questions you might have, so please come along to either of the following dates:

Monday 14th October 9.30am to 10.30am
or

Thursday 17th October 9.30am to 10.30am

Please contact the school office on 01934 822498 or office@banwellprimary.co.uk to book your place



We would like to make you aware that as of 4th November 2019 the cost of a school dinner will increase slightly.

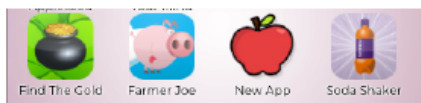
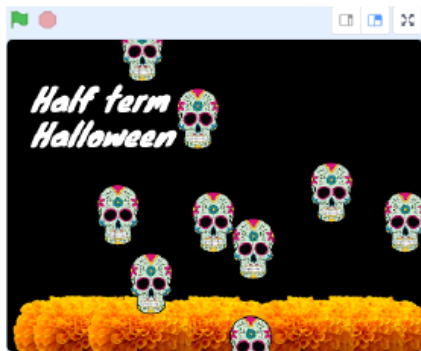
The new cost will be £2.10 per meal.

Please have a look at the information below for details of a coding workshop during October half term in Portishead.



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October half term coding workshops for kids:

Wednesday 30th October 2019

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Diary Dates

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