



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## The Year of 'The Curriculum'

### A note from the Principal

Term 4 is in full swing focusing on science and our Condition for Learning 'Curiosity and Creativity'. This links to our value of imagination. In my assemblies so far, we have been looking at careers that pupils might be interested in as they get older and how important school is to achieving their goals. Later this year, we will be holding a careers week where pupils can sign up to attend sessions led by experts to experience what it would be like to work in those roles. If you work in a setting which could support this and provide a free half or full days' worth of workshops, please let us know!

*Mrs Amy Rogers*

### World Book Day

We had the best day dressed up in our favourite characters from Julia Donaldson or David Walliams books. The pupils made book marks and completed reviews for others to read, as well as visiting the library bus which Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Moise had expertly decorated! Thank you to everyone who supported the event through dressing up, donating books and providing money to purchase books. We raised £117 towards new books for the library bus! Dashwood really does have a love for reading!



### Wow events

From chocolate tasting to using VR machines, the pupils have kick-started their learning this term demonstrating great curiosity and creativity! With a science focus, pupils in all year groups will become mini scientists and complete experiments to enter into our end of term Science Fair! More information will follow later in the term about this.



### Health and Safeguarding

Parking: we are receiving an increasing number of complaints from local residents around the safety concerns of parking at the start and end of the day. We absolutely do not want any of the children to be harmed or have their lives put in danger. At present, many people park on double yellow lines and across resident's driveways during these times. This creates animosity but also means that emergency service vehicles cannot get through. As a result, we have requested that the PCSO's help us to manage this and have advised residents to do the same. Please help us to keep your child safe by refraining from parking on double yellow lines. We appreciate that parking is limited in the area so strongly encourage walking, scooting or cycling to school as it is a healthy way to keep your child active and ensures they start the day in a positive way. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### Homework support

If you would like your child to receive extra tuition or if they need homework, the local mosque offers sessions on a weekly basis (homework club on a Thursday evening is free for all to attend). You can find their number on: <http://www.banburymasjid.org.uk/> In school, KS2 pupils are able to attend our daily games club located in Ash club each lunchtime to get help with homework should they need it.

## We are all unique

As a school which is forward thinking around mental wellbeing and support, we celebrate the fact that we are all unique in our own way. This means we teach tolerance and respect for others. We are an inclusive school who is very proud to have pupils who are from a range of backgrounds, have a range of beliefs and also support a range of special educational needs. We are really proud of the way the pupils interact with each other and collaborate to offer each other support. The Year 4 pupils have a residential coming up and we know that they will all encourage each other to 'find their brave'. At home, help support your child to accept others by modelling great tolerance and talking to them about how they can encourage others to be the best they can be.

## Easter events

During the last week of term, we are looking forward to a number of Easter related events including the Easter crafts for parents/carers to do with your child, Easter hat parades in EYFS and also our Easter Egg competition. Pupils and staff can decorate an egg in any theme they would like and enter it into Mrs Roger's Easter Egg Extravaganza competition to win a prize. All entries will receive a mini prize then the winners will get something special. We hope pupils and staff will enter to demonstrate how creative they are! Look out for posters around the school with more information.

## Staff news

This term we welcomed Mrs Santon, who is teaching in Redwood class, back from maternity leave. We also said goodbye to Alex Bond from Reception who had an exciting opportunity present itself at her son's school. We wish her good luck in her new role. We are in the process of interviewing to replace her role but have staff supporting Reception in the meantime.

## Important Dates and reminders

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 residential trip

20<sup>th</sup> March: PTFA market event for Mother's Day (see posters in school – you should sign up for this event via the school office)

24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March (or the 25<sup>th</sup> for Pear, Maple and Beech classes): Parents evening – sign up on our online system or contact the school office to book a slot. *Please note that Youth Club and internal led clubs will not run on these days for pupil's safety. Thank you*

30<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April: Parent/Carer and pupil Easter craft session (more information to follow in the next two weeks)

31<sup>st</sup> March: Entries into the Easter Egg competition are due in

1<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Hat Parades for EYFS pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> April: PTFA coffee morning

Break up for the Easter holidays

20<sup>th</sup> April: Pupils in Reception to Year 6 return to school. (Please note that Nursery pupils return from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April due to home visits taking place)

## Term Dates for 2020/2021

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 25 February – Friday 3 April 2020

**INSET DAY: Monday 24 February** (no children in school)

**NB:** there will be no After School Club on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



### **Term 5**

Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May 2020

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

*Monday 4 May 2020: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

### **Term 6**

Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2020

**INSET DAY: Friday 26 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Monday 20 July** (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

## **Dates for 2020/2021**

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020

**INSET DAY: Tuesday 1 September** (no children in school)

*NB EYFS pupils will start later due to home visits - date to be confirmed*

### **Term 2**

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020

**INSET DAY: November-** Date to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

### **Term 3**

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 1 April 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 22 February** (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Thursday 1 April*

### **Term 5**

Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

*Monday 3 May 2021: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

### **Term 6**

Tuesday 8 June – Wednesday 21 July 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 7 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Late June – date** to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 21 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

*Transition days are likely to take place on Monday 19-Wednesday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.*