



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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The Year of 'The Curriculum'

A note from the Principal

As you know, our **Condition for Learning** this term has been **Spirit of Adventure**. We have really seen pupils challenge themselves and be brave to express their views and feelings. I have felt a huge sense of pride walking round classes and seeing everyone doing an amazing job at learning. It has been lovely to feel much more like normal school life this term.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all, including the amazing staff we have and wonderful pupils, have a very relaxing and enjoyable half term and return back with us on Tuesday 8th June ready to start the final term of the year.

Mrs Amy Rogers

Driving questions and their outcomes



This week has seen every year group working hard on their final outcomes to answer their driving question for the unit of learning they have been covering this term. We have seen such a variety of creative and educational projects develop this week. In Year 4 for example, pupils created wonderful persuasive videos to sell their very delicious looking chocolate bars. In Year 5, pupils have designed and built their own miniature versions of a field gun used in World War I and in Year 2 the pupils designed a puppet which they made using sewing techniques. Why not check your child's driving question from their newsletter and see how much they can answer it now – they have been working so hard!



Covid-19 and Lockdown Updates

- Please remember to continue to follow all the government **guidelines** which includes no mixing of more than 2 households or 6 people indoors.
- Please remember that there are very clear guidelines about **international travel** and any country in a yellow or red category is forbidden for travelling to for a holiday. If you were to travel to one of these countries you will be required to isolate on return which will impact on your child's education. You must inform the school if you do travel to a yellow or red category country.

STEP 3

NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY
At least 5 weeks after Step 2

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	LARGER EVENTS	TRAVEL
Indoor hospitality Indoor entertainment and attractions Organised indoor sport (adult) Remaining accommodation Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)	Maximum 30 people outdoors Indoors: Up to 6 people or a larger group from 2 households only (subject to review)	Most significant life events (30 people) Indoor events 1,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower) Outdoor events 4,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower) Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 people or 25% capacity (whichever is lower)	Domestic overnight stays International travel (subject to review)

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

Clubs



It has been wonderful to be able to offer extra curricular clubs this term. Those currently eligible to attend will have the first week back to school also and then it will be the turn of the next class. Please remember:

- Clubs will be either **creative, active or linked to outdoor learning** so we hope they can attend as it will be great for their wellbeing.
- All clubs will run **3-3.30pm** on your **given day** and pupils should be **collected** from their **classroom** as usual on those days.
- Pupils **do not have to attend** the club given but we would love them too!

Enterprise event

Our annual enterprise event had to be cancelled last year but we didn't want to miss another opportunity so we have developed a safer way of managing a slightly different version this year. Pupils in Year 3-5 will be making products to sell in our Enterprise Fair on Friday 11th June. Each class in Years 3-5 will be given a time slot to visit the fair and purchase items the pupils make to raise money for class resources. This event develops their money sense and is a great citizenship learning unit. We have created a risk assessment for the event to be Covid secure which includes no mixing of bubbles, those selling items with wear gloves and all pupils will sanitise their hands before attending the event. Pupils in Years 3-5 can therefore bring in some small change to buy items that day (every item will be 50p so we suggest £1-2 will be plenty of money). We cannot wait to hold this exciting event and know the pupils will really excel in their leadership and responsibility skills. Watch this space for photos next term!

Health and Safeguarding

- Please remember to follow the latest **government guidelines** for Covid safety.
- **Online safety** – remember to sign up for the free \App to support your child's safety online at: <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>
- We are so proud to say our **bike/scooter** rack is full up daily which means so many of you are cycling/scooting or even walking to school. This is amazing! Please keep this up to help keep your child healthy and in a positive mind-set on their arrival.
- Pupil **wellbeing** is a vital and integral part of our curriculum and something we discuss on a daily basis with pupils. Over the holidays, please ensure they eat healthy food, get lots of exercise and have down time to relax such as practicing slow breathing exercises or having a soak in a bath.
- **Oral hygiene** is becoming a greater part of the curriculum and something Oxfordshire County Council are really working with parents/carers on. We recently attended some training which gave some great tips and we will share these with you each half term. This terms tip is: to supervise all children under the age of 8 and ensure everyone brushes at a 45 degree angle, covering the surface of every tooth in circular motions for 2 minutes, twice a day.
- **Water bottles should contain water only – no juice please.** This supports positive oral hygiene too.



GIRLS CRICKET **FREE**

Wednesday
9 and 16 June
7-8pm

St Leonard's
School field

Age 7+

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Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Important Dates and reminders

- Free cricket event in the holidays – please see the leaflet to the left for details.
- Uniform: Please make sure your child is wearing **full uniform** now and have a black and white PE kit in school daily (football kits are not part of the school uniform policy). You can find out our full policy at: <https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/parent-information/uniform/>
- Reading: please make sure your child reads daily – ideally every other day and book and if they are in Years 1-6, they use Lexia every other day too. Reading develops language and a love for creative ideas. Also remember, no child is too old for a bedtime story being read by you every night!
- Events for term 6 - please remember to read our letter regarding our plans in Term 6 which is available online at: <https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/05/Letter-to-parents-about-events.pdf>
- We have sent out the following letter recently to remind you that all parents/carers can now take **lateral flow tests** twice a week:
<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/04/LFD-letter-to-parents-and-carers.pdf> Lateral flow tests help protect everyone around you as they help prevent the spread of Covid. **Please remember these should**

never be given to primary pupils. If your child or anyone in the household develops potential symptoms, your whole household must isolate and a PCR test should be booked at a test centre (a lateral flow test is only used when someone has no symptoms.)

Dates for 2020/2021

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)

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

Transition days will hopefully 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.

Dates for 2021/2022

Term 1

Monday 6 September – Friday 22 October 2021

INSET DAY: Thursday 2 September

INSET DAY: Friday 3 September (no children in school)

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

Term 2

Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December 2021

INSET DAY: Friday 26th November - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th December*

Term 3

Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February 2022

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

Term 4

Tuesday 1 March – Friday 8 April 2022

INSET DAY: Monday 28 February (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 8 April*

Term 5

Monday 25 April – Friday 27 May 2022

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

Monday 2 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAY: Friday 24th June (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 22 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Wednesday 20- Friday 22 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.