



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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A note from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 6! It has been wonderful seeing you all return to the sunshine and for what I cannot believe is our final term of the year.

I am trialling a new format for my newsletters this term and would love to hear your feedback. The idea is to make sure the newsletters are engaging and useful to you as a parent/carer. If you think anything further could be added, please let me know.

We have an exciting term planned with lots of events. We are awaiting the updated government guidelines linked to Covid restrictions and will keep you posted on any changes as and when they occur. In the meantime, thank you for continuing to follow our usual procedures including wearing face coverings and social distancing.

Mrs Amy Rogers

Learning at school

The term has started with a bang! All year groups have completed activities to get them focused on the terms activities alongside completing some mini assessments to help us shape what we are planning for them to learn going forwards. Year 1 pupils came into school ready for their castles topic dressed as knights and royalty, Year 5 interviewed Year 6 pupils for marketing purposes and Year 6 have been learning all about Shakespeare's impact on the English language.



Pupils in Years 3-5 have taken Leadership and Responsibility to new heights! They designed, created and sold products at our Enterprise Fair. They had a wonderful time demonstrating their skills and what they have learnt about how to be responsible with money. Well done everyone!

Wellbeing tip

For upper key stage 2 pupils, you could try downloading a free, great app to support their mental health called Think Ninja. This is brilliant for transition support into secondary school.



Condition for learning and core value:

This terms focus is **Leadership and Responsibility** with the core value – **trust**. We have discussed their rights and responsibilities and how we as adults trust them to achieve and be a good citizen. This links to the British Value of mutual respect and tolerance.

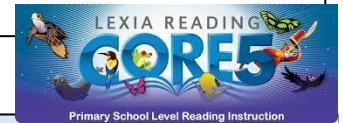
Language to discuss at home:

In this section, we will place a few words we are using in school for you to discuss and use at home. The language we are using in assembly next week is:

Respectful Relationships

Learning at home tip:

Years 1-6 all have access to Lexia. Please make sure your child accesses this programme for at least **an hour a week**.



Online safety tips – Emotional safety when using online platforms (for adults and pupils)

The National Online Safety site offer a free app and website full of training, support and tips:

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app> One we recently learned about was emotional safety. Ask yourself and/or your child:

- How do you feel before using social media/games/platforms?
- How do you feel afterwards?
- Is the change positive or negative?

If your response is negative, consider limiting access, changing which sites you/they use and asking for support.



Health and Safety

It is very **sunny** at the moment which is lovely so we are not complaining! With the sun though comes the need for sun safety. Please ensure your child has the following items in school:

- a water bottle with water in (not juice);
- a sun hat;
- wearing sun cream (if you don't have the all-day sun cream, pupils could bring in their own but please ensure they can apply it themselves, it stays in their bags and is named).

Please make sure you **come on site to drop children off** and do not leave them at the gate unless they are in Year 6 and walk to/from school on their own usually. Until they are in the school building they are not registered with us.

Key information and reminders

- Clubs start next week for all the classes in Years 1-6 that didn't have access last term. We hope to see many of the pupils attending these free clubs to support their wellbeing and socialising. Please check with class staff if you are unsure about this.
- Uniform: Please make sure your child is wearing **full uniform** now and have a black and white PE kit in school daily (football kits and t-shirts with large logos are not part of the school uniform policy).
- **Sports days**: as you know, we are still awaiting the guidance around having parents on site for events but the children will still take part in sports day regardless. As we are running it in year groups, we will not be linking with our usual Aspiration Families. Instead, pupils will wear their normal PE kits for the event and have the chance to earn stickers at activities in small groups.
- Transition days: in July, you will receive a letter stating which class your child is moving into and who their teacher will be. This will also include information about our transition days at the end of the term.
- Tests for Covid: Please remember Lateral Flow Tests 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.)
- Changes to restrictions: we are awaiting further guidance on the country's policies so until we hear otherwise, please stick to our usual procedures. Once we have more flexibility, we will start to look at what we can relax but we are planning on taking a cautious approach so we do not put any staff, parent or child at risk and also so we help to keep consistency for the final few weeks of term.

Dates for 2020/2021

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.