



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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A note from the Principal

I know that it has been a really challenging year and really appreciate the support and hard work from you as our Dashwood Community. We are trying really hard to work within all guidelines but still offer the pupils the best possible end of year activities that we can. I have loved seeing the pupils smiling faces this week as they have got to take part in sports days, virtual reality sessions, forest school, clubs and many more. It is always a pleasure to work at Dashwood.

Please remember, if you are ever concerned or have a query about anything in school, you can always talk to a member of staff at drop off/pick up times or call and we will get back to.

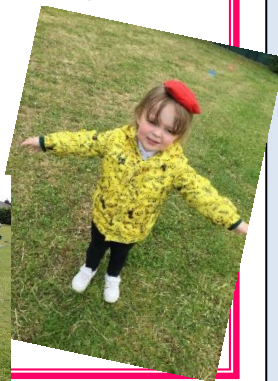
Mrs Amy Rogers



Sports Days

As you know, the government did not lift restrictions this week which meant that you are not allowed to have more than 30 people in a group gather outside and social distancing must be guaranteed which made having spectators in very challenging. With this in mind, having listened to the advice from OCC and public health England and spoken to other schools for ideas from them, we were pleased that we could still go ahead with sports day for the children (something we could not offer last year) even if it had to be very different. Unfortunately, we could not guarantee social distancing and groups of 30 or have the capacity to offer track and trace to enable parents to watch but this did not stop the children from loving their events.

The children had an amazing time which is the most important thing. They were confident and showed brilliant skills. Well done to every year group – you were super stars!



Condition for learning and core value:

This terms focus is **Leadership and Responsibility** with the core value – **trust**.

We are also looking at **Confidence to Take Action** which links with **resilience**.

Language to discuss at home:

At home, discuss words which are **appropriate** to use. You may also want to talk about words which are inappropriate, giving them a safe place to ask you if they are unsure what any words mean.

Learning at home tip:

Reading: reading to your child every night at home can increase their concentration, sleep patterns, vocabulary, love for reading, imagination and also help them feel close to you.



Online safety tips

Keeping up with the latest advice can be very challenging but there is a free app which can support you in this:
<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

It is important that age restrictions are stuck to in order to keep your child safe from home. Here are a few reminders to help you make decisions:

- Tik Tok – 13 years and up
- WhatsApp – 16 years and up
- Facebook and Twitter – 13 years and up
- Fortnite – 12 years and up
- Roblox – 7 years and up
- Minecraft – 7 years and up
- GTA – 18 years and up
- Call of Duty – 18 years and up

You can find out more information about age restrictions online at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/age-content-ratings-apps-games/>

Wellbeing tip

Build positive routines

This means having a set routine for bedtime and times to calm before bed. Getting up at a set time also helps.

Health and Safety

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe in relation to the Covid situation. Numbers are rising in the local area and are actually much higher than they were last June when we only had half the children in school. For this reason, OCC and public health England have advised schools to ensure we try and follow the same procedures that we did last June when considering events. We appreciate this is very frustrating at times but we will always put the health and safety of the pupils and staff first. With this in mind, please ensure that you continue to follow all the appropriate guidelines outside of school and make sure that should anyone in your household develop symptoms, they get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test) and you isolate until the results come in. Thank you for continuing to support this.

Grimsbury Circular Route



A great idea to develop health and wellbeing – there is a local walk you can get involved with in the Grimsbury area:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a1c9fa4abcaf4a7a8f45174be83dc1bb>

Key information and reminders

- **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.
- **Graduation events for Reception and Year 6:** we are working really hard to try and consider all options available for graduations. Currently, OCC and public health advice is that we should not hold events with parent's onsite inside. We will definitely hold the events though so the children do not miss out but these may need to be virtual with parents invited online. We will write to you with more information next week once we have sought further advice. Please know, we are doing our best in the most challenging circumstances but will always put the children first.
- **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.)
- **Finishing on the last day of term:** as the staggered times are continuing for the rest of this term, we do not want to go from having a smooth transition into school to everyone arriving at the same time and not being able to social distance. Therefore, we are asking that you collect our children on the **last day of term (21st July)** at the following times:
 - If your normal slot is 2.30/2.35 please come at 1.30pm
 - If your normal slot is 2.40/2.45 please come at 1.35pm
 - If your normal slot is 2.50/2.55, please come at 1.40pm
 - If your normal slot is 2.58/3pm please come at 1.45pm.

Thank you.

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.