



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Growing together; succeeding together

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Dear Parents and Carers of _____, (Please note letters went out with class or pupil names on earlier this term)

We have had a challenging yet amazing year where we have all pulled together and ensured the pupils have had the best possible experiences we can offer. As we move towards the end of the year, we have a number of events taking place including transition days where the pupils will be moving into their new classes. As it is a busy time of the year, I have tried to place as much information as possible onto one letter. This letter outlines key events and dates you need to know (as per the class and school newsletters) and it also explains who our staff and classes are for next year.

As you are aware, we recently surveyed parents to find out how we should cover start/end times when restrictions can be lifted (from September 2021 at the earliest). The majority of votes went for a shorter staggered session similar to what we are doing now so times are detailed with the class information below. As mentioned in the survey, if you have more than one child, you are able to choose the earliest or latest time slots. All gates will be locked at 8.55am and 3pm so please be on time for your slots.

I am really pleased to announce that we have two new members of staff joining us in September: Miss Laura Clayton and Miss Kate Neal. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ella Cox and Mrs Ruth Higgins in July who are moving onto pastures new. We wish them both good luck for the future and thank them for their hard work over the year.

As you know, we are always looking at ways to support pupils through transition and prepare them for their future education. As a part of this, we like to re-class the pupils regularly to give them the opportunity to develop new friendships and learn from others as well as prepare for their secondary journeys. For this reason, pupils in Reception, Year 2, 4 and 5 have been re-classed this year. As the year has been so disruptive, we have ensured that every year group has at least one member of staff they know either moving with them or having got to know them this year already.

Below shows the staffing for each class next year (please note that teaching assistants often work across classes):

Year Group	Class	Start/ end times from September	Staff	Class	Start/ end times from September	Staff
Nursery	Cherry class	8.30-11.30 or 12-3	Mrs Sarah O'Neil and Mr Neil Brookes	Plum class	8.30-11.30 or 12-3 or 8.55-2.55 for all day places	Miss Laura Clayton and Mrs Nadine Philips
Reception	Peach class	8.45am – 2.50pm	Miss Alice Cavender, Miss Leah Jakeman and Miss Tracy Gunn	Pear class	8.50am – 2.55pm	Mrs Stephanie Kane, Miss Kate Neal, Miss Laura Black and Mrs Becky Clear
Year 1	Holly class	8.45am – 2.50pm	Miss Brown and Mrs Kerry Lally	Hazel class	8.50am – 2.55pm	Mrs Santon and Mrs Houlihan
Year 2	Redwood class	8.45am – 2.50pm	Mrs Simmons and Mrs Shepherd	Maple class	8.55am – 3pm	Miss Whale and Mrs Alvarez



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Year 3	Silver Birch class	8.55am – 3pm	Mr Shaw and Miss Menham	Ash class	8.45am – 2.50pm	Miss Shaw and Miss Drew
Year 4	Rowan class	8.50am – 2.55pm	Miss Rocher and Mr Bennett	Aspen class	8.55am – 3pm	Mrs Taylor
Year 5	Sycamore class	8.45am – 2.50pm	Miss Gooch, Mrs Chew and Miss Moise	Beech class	8.50am – 2.55pm	Miss Williams and Mrs Khan
Year 6	Oak class	8.55am – 3pm	Mrs Hope, Mrs Gordon-Weeks and Miss Galloway	Chestnut class	8.50am – 2.55pm	Mrs Bunn, Mrs Gordon-Weeks and Miss Brain

Your child will be in _____ class next year.

Dates for your diary over the next few weeks include:

- Friday 16th July: **last day in current classes**. Pupils will have class parties this day and receive their school end of year reports (these may be sent out earlier in the week if possible).
- Friday 16th July: **Reception graduation** for parents/carers – see individual letters for details.
- Monday 19th-Wednesday 21th July: all pupils will move to their **new classes**. They will be dropped off **in their new classes and picked up from there too**. You will keep the same drop off and pick up times as you do now. Chestnut pupils will be dropped off and collected from the hall and Oak class from Pear class in the Reception class. If you are unsure where this is, please ask a member of staff or your child. Year 6 pupils have a special timetable of amazing experiences to end their final few days at Dashwood based on their requests.
- Tuesday 20th July: Last day for **nursery pupils moving up to Reception** next year.
- Wednesday 21st July: **Year 6 graduation** to parents/carers – see individual letters for details.
- Wednesday 21st July will be the last day of the year and **school finishes at early for all pupils**. Class newsletters and homework projects will go home that day. Staggered time slots are as follows:
 - 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.

Pupils in Years 1-6 will return to school on **Monday 6th September 2021** for the start of the new academic year. Pupils in Early Years will be given their start date separately.

I hope that you have a great final few weeks of the year and look forward to a fresh start next year where we are really hoping there will possibly be less restrictions on us as a school.

Kind regards,

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