



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Vice-Principal

We have had a very busy two weeks in school. I am delighted to inform you that, due to your kindness and generosity, we have collected 30 Christmas boxes to donate to the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion's Christmas box appeal. They were full of essential items, gifts and sweets which will be really appreciated by many people over the festive period.

I was also very proud of all of our pupils as they marked Remembrance Day yesterday. We are making a whole school poppy display as a sign of respect; each class has chosen a different way of creating their poppy. Our head pupils are also representing Dashwood at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday, laying a wreath at People's Park.

I have had the pleasure of going on the Rock UK residential this week. The children have done us all proud, showing bravery, confidence and a spirit of adventure.

Mrs Sarah Gordon-Weeks

Condition for learning and core value:

Term 2's focus will be **Fun and Excitement** with the core value **Motivation**.

All year groups have begun their units of learning about Kings and Queens, with some fabulous learning taking place!

Language to discuss at home:



As COP26 has recently taken place, discuss the impact of **climate change**. It is our responsibility to live sustainable lives and support the way in which climate change is tackled within our country.

Learning at home tip

Homework is set by your child's teacher **every Friday**. By supporting them to complete it at home, you are demonstrating the importance of learning.

Learning through experiences

Oak and Chestnut classes (Year 6) have been on their residential to ROCK UK and have had an absolutely amazing time! The children all showed bravery, courage and resilience as they tackled the high ropes and King Swing as well as learning to canoe! The sun shone and the children revelled in the opportunity to spend much of their time outdoors tackling new challenges with their friends. It has been fantastic to see the children living this term's condition for learning: fun and excitement.



Dashwood's Aspirations Councillors

As the year is now of full swing, the Aspiration Councillors have been extremely busy! They have met to discuss breaks and lunchtimes; the school environment and units of learning. The Councillors have come up with some excellent suggestions to help improve the school, including the more effective use of our brown bins and the setting up of lunchtime clubs.

They have taken on their new roles with great responsibility and it is fantastic to see them around school wearing their yellow Aspirations Councillor badges with pride.



Key information, dates and reminders

- **Anti-bullying week:** For anti-bullying week, we will be having an odd socks day on **Monday 15th November**.
- **Children in need day:** On **Friday 19th November**, all children are invited to dress up in something spotty, donating 50p. They can also bring in any books that they have finished with to sell at the book sale.
- **Upcoming INSET day:** On Friday 26th November, the school will be **closed to all children** for an INSET day **for school staff only**.

Health and Safety

- **Darker evenings:** since the clocks have gone back, it is becoming increasingly darker, earlier. To ensure that the children remain safe on these dark evenings, it is essential that they are not out unsupervised.
- **Coats and warm clothes:** as weather has become cold and wet, please ensure your child has a **warm coat** to bring to school every day and plain black joggers and jumper for P.E sessions as they will continue to be outside.

Online safety and streaming services

1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children. The NSPCC offer a variety of online safety resources, from setting up parental controls to advice on online games and video apps. They can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe. The information and guides can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Wellbeing tip

As the days are becoming shorter and darker, it's more important than ever to get some vital Vitamin D by spending time outside. Spending time outdoors, especially in green spaces, is one of the fastest ways to improve your health and happiness. It's been shown to lower stress, blood pressure, heart rate and mental health.

Not only is this helpful for adults, but children too! By encouraging your children to be active with you outside, it helps them to develop healthy habits for their future.



Dates for 2021/2022

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 – **Thursday 26 May 2022**

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

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

Friday 27 May 2022: Additional 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.

Please note, there will be an additional day out of school linked to the additional bank holiday in June – this has been confirmed as Friday 27th May 2022.