



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Principal

Firstly I would like to thank you all, especially the staff, for your support over the last term whilst I have been unwell. I have missed you all but kept up to date from Mrs Gordon-Weeks. I was hoping to have started to return into school this week especially, but unfortunately I have caught Covid so had to stay working from home. Thankfully I am not too unwell and recovering so I will look forward to seeing you all in the New Year for a fresh start!

This term has seen some wonderful Christmas and artistic outcomes from the Christmas door challenge to producing wonderful pieces of artwork. Whilst Covid is very much at the forefront of what we do, it by no means has taken over our educational activities and it has been amazing to be able to go ahead with clubs, trips and plays to parents. The pupils have worked incredibly hard and we are all so proud of the work they have achieved.

Have a wonderful break when it arrives on Friday and for those who celebrate- Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Rogers

Condition for learning and core value:

This week we are focusing on **Sense of Accomplishment** with the core value **Pride**.

Ask your child what they are most proud of this term. Is it a piece of work they did, moving up reading levels or even supporting a charity event?

Language to discuss at home:

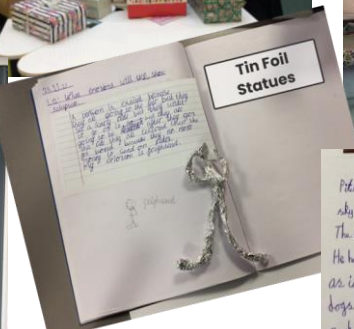
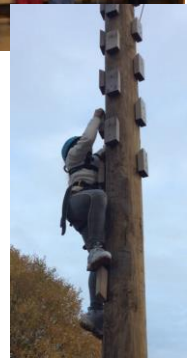
Tolerance: does your family talk about being tolerant towards others and respectful? Discuss the true meaning of this word at home.

Learning at home tip:

Try to encourage your child to use Lexia/read a book a few times a week over the holidays to help keep them grounded and calm in amongst all the excitement.

Learning through experiences

Here is a celebration of just some of our many events/trips/charity fundraisers we are all so proud to have accomplished this term! This includes donating shoe boxes full of treats, raising money for Children In Need, wearing odd socks for our wellbeing and anti-bullying week, singing to the care homes, visiting churches, going on residential, supporting our vital workers in uniform, creating art, a Timestable Rockstars competition and let's not forget the wonderful plays in EYFS and Year 1. All these alongside our Christmas events including the PTFA stalls, decorating doors and a Christmas lunch! Wow! Such a lot to be proud of this term and a couple more yet to come this week. Well done to every single child for being so amazing!



The park
With birds, hazy clouds cover the bright blue sky
while chimes quietly ring on the bench.
The wind blows wildly through the empty trees
He hears the squeaking of a chain on a bike
as it struggles up the hill. Repeatedly the
dogs bark as they flash around the foggy
park. Charles feels empty. All alone.
Ryan

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that Miss Rocher and Miss Williams have both welcomed lovely baby girls into the world and are all doing really well.

Online safety

WhatsApp should not be used by Primary aged pupils and it is a parents' responsibility, as you know, to check everything a pupil does and says online. Please monitor your child's devices daily.

Wellbeing tip

Christmas can be a stressful time for many. Here are some great tips to support your wellbeing over this period: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas>

Health and Safety

Please ensure you read our latest update on the Covid pandemic (<https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/news/letters-to-parents/whole-school-letters/>) and keep up to date with the latest government guidelines as they change. Please continue to wear masks when talking to staff but we also highly recommend you wear them at all times when on site just to protect everyone as it can get very busy around the drop off and pick up times.

Over the holidays, always ensure your child is well supervised by adults and are not playing outside on their own or without an adult present.

Please make sure you always park safely around the school and never park on double yellow lines or pull up on pavements.

Key information, dates and reminders

- **PTFA Christmas events:** The final tombola **Christmas Fayre**, is taking place **outside** in the playground, after school from **3.10 – 3.45pm** on **Thursday 16th December**. Please wear a mask whilst attending this event.
- **Clubs:** If you signed up for your child to attend a club next term, you should now have received a text telling you which club they are in, the start date and where to collect them from. Clubs start the week beginning 10th January. We still have a few places available so please talk to the office if you would like to sign your child up but didn't.
- **Last day of term:** The last day of this term is **Friday 17th December** and pupils can come to **school dressed in their party/winter/Christmas gear**. You do not need to buy anything specific for this. Please ensure all clothing is appropriate for school and the weather though bearing in mind that the rooms are well ventilated and pupils do run around at break times so no high heels etc. We finish school at the usual time. Please note: there will be **no Acer afterschool club on Friday 17th December**.
- We will return to school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022** for those in Reception – Year 6 and Nursery pupils have been given their start dates separately due to home visits for new pupils.
- Please ensure you have checked any latest guidelines if you are **planning to go away in the holidays** as it is important you are back in time for pupils to take any PCR tests needed and return to school on the correct date.
- Reminder: **taking holidays** or going away in **term time** is not appropriate other than in exceptional circumstances when an odd day may be granted. Going away could result in a fine so please ensure you are mindful of the dates our terms are.

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.

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Term 1

INSET DAYS: Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September (no children in school)

Monday 5 September – Friday 21 October 2022

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

Term 2

Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December 2022

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: there will be no After School Club on Friday 16 December

Term 3

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February 2023

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

Term 4

Tuesday 20 February – Friday 31 March 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: there will be no After School Club on Friday 31 March

Term 5

Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May 2023

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

Monday 1 May 2022: *May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

Term 6

Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

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

Transition days will take place on Wednesday 19- Friday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.