



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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## 120 Year Anniversary

Dear Parents/carers,

I am delighted to write to you with more information about our forthcoming 120 year anniversary event. As a school, Dashwood has been running for 120 years this year! This is an amazing achievement. A small team of staff are working on making this event fun and exciting for all the pupils, parents, staff and community and we would like to invite you!

To celebrate this momentous event, we so far have planned:

- A week long **project** at the end of this term linked to **history** on how Dashwood has changed and adapted through the years;
- **History lessons** based on what it was like to live in 1902 when Dashwood opened and a **dress up day** for **all pupils** to wear **clothes** from the **Victorian era** on **March 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**;
- **Maths** projects linked to the number 120;
- A whole school **art project** linked to the school's history;
- Working with an **artist** to create a large piece of work to be displayed for years to come in the school;
- **Visits** from ex-staff and pupils to talk about careers and what Dashwood was like back in the day;
- **Planting a tree** (symbolising our mission statement of 'Growing together; succeeding together' and our logo) to remember the event for years to come;
- **A big celebration** on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022!**

## What will our celebration day look like?

- ❖ On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we will turn the school into a **museum** and open it up to you as our school community and beyond – inviting ex-staff, pupils and parents to come along and share in the celebrations.
- ❖ To enable this day to go smoothly, **we will be closing the school at 1.45pm** to all pupils and then giving you the opportunity to return on a timed slot and go round the museum.
- ❖ We are hoping the museum will consist of **work** the pupils have created, **archived** material such as old photos, work, registers etc, a **shop** to purchase memorabilia, **performances** from pupils, an **art gallery**, video footage and much more!
- ❖ In order to safely manage the numbers of people who may want to attend the celebration, we are asking you to **sign up** for a **free ticket** at a time slot to suit you. Each slot will accommodate up to 100 people and will enable you to go round each room safely in small groups and end in the hall to watch the performances and speeches. You can sign up for a slot at: <https://forms.gle/TPc2wj8T9fgdcUEv5>
- ❖ As there will be many people likely to attend that day, all clubs, including After School Club and Hotshots will be cancelled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> March only.



We hope you are able to come along to celebrate the event but if you are not, we will sell the memorabilia afterwards (more information to follow about this nearer the time) and pictures/videos will be posted online.

If you know of anyone who could get involved by sending through photos, work or even coming and talking to the pupils, please spread the word and get them to contact the school office via phone or email.

With all the difficult and challenging times we have all been through in the past two years, we are looking forward to this wonderful and exciting next few months and especially to the celebration day itself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AERogers". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large 'A' and 'R'.

**Mrs Amy Rogers**  
**Principal**