



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Growing together; succeeding together

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A note from the Principal

Happy New Year! I trust that you managed to have a relaxing and wonderful break over the Christmas period. It has been so wonderful to see you all returning this term with smiles and excitement to learn.

Thank you so much for the warm welcome I have received upon returning back from sick leave. It has been such a pleasure to see you all and I have really enjoyed catching up with many of you at the gates.

On 23rd March 2022, we will be celebrating **120 years of Dashwood** as a school! My assembly at the start of term focused on the history of the school and it was exciting to learn about how things have developed and changed over the years. We have a media campaign starting soon and are planning loads of great activities and events on the lead up to the big day. We will be inviting you all as current Dashwood families and ex pupils, staff and parents to join us on the 23rd for an event to remember. Save the date for now and we will be in touch soon with the finer details.

Mrs Rogers

Condition for learning and core value:

This term we are focusing on **Heroes** with the core value **Respect**.

Discuss at home how the words and actions you choose demonstrate respect and how we can all be real life heroes to others by helping them and being good role models.

Language to discuss at home:

Homophobia: later this month we will be discussing homophobia and ensuring that our core value, and the British value of respect and tolerance, are shown at all times.

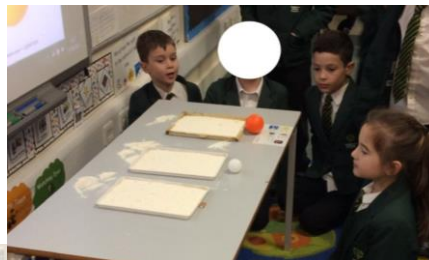
Learning at home tip:

When you come across a new word in books or on TV, share these with your child so they can expand their vocabulary too.

Learning through experiences

This term has started well with sports trips already in place, free after school clubs up and running and learning already in full swing. This term, all year groups have a focus on history ranging from local history of our school to WWII, the Romans and beyond! As always, pupils have completed their Wow events to excite them about what learning is to come and discussed what they already know about history and what they will need to know to be successful in their work.

We have also celebrated successes in Celebration Assemblies this term. Well done to anyone who received a certificate for learning, excellent attendance and our extra special Peace Prize! We cannot wait to see everyone's homework projects which are due in on Friday 21st January. We can celebrate those then too.



significant? Mozart

is a significant individual.

Date of birth: 21 January 1756

Date of death: 5 December 1791

Mozart is significant because he was a unforgettable musical genius and was the most popular composer.

My drawing of Mozart

Interesting fact: Mozart began learning music at the age of 3 years old.

Online safety

There are new games/sites popping up all the time and it can be hard to keep track of them. One of the latest ones we have heard about that is inappropriate for pupils in primary age as it is very scary is Poppy Playtime. This involves a scary character called Huggy Wuggy. Please ensure you always monitor what your child is looking at home.

Wellbeing tip

Turn off the news and devices!
Have at least an hour a day (preferably before bed) where your whole household turns off devices and switches off any news/social media.

Health and Safety

It is with regret, I am talking once again about **parking** around the school. I have had numerous complaints about people parking on double yellow lines, blocking pathways and also being disrespectful towards each other. We teach the pupils to show respect at all times and it is vital that parents/carers model this for the pupils. On Thursday, a fire engine was prevented from moving down Merton Street safely and quickly due to inconsiderate and illegal parking. This matter has been reported to the police and the local council. We are asking once again for police to come and monitor the situation. There are spaces that are safe to park only a few streets away from the school but more importantly, we strongly encourage you to walk/scoot/cycle to school to help your child with a healthy lifestyle. Doing this in a morning and the end of the day can help both yours and their wellbeing.

Lunchboxes – please remember our policy for lunchboxes to be healthy. They should have no more than one unhealthy snack and all nuts (including chocolate spread) are not allowed. Chocolate spread sandwiches are not a healthy option for pupils as there is lots of sugar in the spread. You can find some great lunchbox ideas at: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Covid Update

From Monday 17 January, if you are self-isolating with COVID-19 you will have the option to reduce your isolation period after 5 full days if you test **negative** with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both **day 5 and day 6** and you **do not** have a **temperature**. For example, if you test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, you can return to school on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day (24 hours apart). All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of your tests is positive, you should continue to self-isolate until you get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days **or** until you have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Key information, dates and reminders

- **Last day of term:** The last day of this term is **Friday 18th February 2022**.
- All pupils return to school on **Tuesday 1st March 2022** as Monday 28th February is an INSET day for staff.
- 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.
- Save the date: **23rd March** will be our **120 year anniversary** event – more information to follow.
- **Beginning of a Uniform consultation:** over the few months we are consulting about our uniform overall. **This week**, we are consulting on the potential to move towards PE uniform days. This would mean on the days the pupils have PE, they wear their PE kit all day and do not get changed or wear the traditional uniform at all. They will still be expected to look smart in their kits, wearing the PE kit we have in place now but with a few small changes – PE shoes will have to be all black (trainers or plimsoles) and not have additional colours, black jumpers will be expected rather than hoodies to ensure health and safety. The colours would stay the same – black and white meaning most kit can still be used. Kits will not need to have the logo on but we will work with Cross Embroidery to create a smart tracksuit which could be purchased in time if parents would want to. Some of the main reasons for this change are: to save time getting changed, save the loss of uniform when pupils are getting changed and to ensure pupils always have their kits. If parents are in favour of this, we will look to start it after half term. Have your say about this at: <https://forms.gle/CPKTZAPncwZLnaPg9>
- **Homework projects** are due in **Friday 21st January**.

Dates for 2021/2022

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.