



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## A note from the Principal

We have had a wonderful end to the term with so many exciting events and activities. This term has really seen a change in our school practices – it has been wonderful to get everything up and running again. Writing this newsletter based on the last few weeks alone has really made me reflect on the amazing times we've had.

Thank you for supporting all the events that have taken place this term. I am really looking forward to what the next term has in store for us! (Hopefully with a continuation of this lovely sunny weather.) Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

*Mrs Rogers*

## Condition for learning and core value:

This term we are focusing on **Curiosity and Creativity** with the core value **Imagination**.

Discuss at home what it means to be curious and how asking questions helps us all to learn and acquire new knowledge.

## Language to discuss at home:

**Confidence:** talk about what makes them confident and how they can develop this by thinking they can do anything they put their mind to with practise and support.

## Learning through experiences

We have had a wonderful final few weeks in school and have kept the enthusiasm going with Dashwood's Got Talent auditions, Easter Egg competitions, a Cinderella style Year 2 play, Easter Hat parades and more. We saw over 75 pupils in years 3-6 audition for Dashwood's Got Talent and they were all fantastic! Each child showed bravery and Confidence to Take Action. 12 pupils have gone through to the final next term. In terms of our Easter Egg Competition, we had almost 100 entries! Wow! They were all so creative and had different themes. Every child who entered both competitions won a prize but the larger prizes for the egg competition went to Chanel, Etta, Oliver and Mishall – a special congratulations to them. Pupils in EYFS were brilliant in their Easter Hat Parades. They looked amazing in their hats. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported these events but most importantly, thank you to the pupils who have been wonderful as always.



### Online safety

We are still hearing about pupils playing games which are for adults and using Snapchat and WhatsApp to communicate. Please do not allow your child to use these Apps or play games which are not age appropriate. The issues they create online spill into school and cause great anxiety as well as friendship issues.

### Change in start/end times

Reminder – from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, all classes from Reception to Year 6 start at **8.50am** (doors opening at **8.45am**). End times will be **2.55pm** for **EYFS** and **Year 1** and **3pm** for **all other years**.

### Sporting update

Term 3 saw the Dashwood sports teams participating in a range of events with other local schools. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended an indoor cricket festival and an orienteering event aimed at developing their skills and teamwork. For Year 3 and 4 pupils there was a handball competition where they did amazing with the boys finishing in third place and the girls in second!

Throughout Term 4 we continued to provide opportunities for our pupils to compete with other schools. Our Year 5/6 football teams have completed their first league matches and showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship in both their win and draw against the teams from St Mary's. The most recent match was the girls football team who played Harriers Banbury Academy and won 5-1! We have also taken pupils to sports hall athletics and a five-a-side football tournament where they finished in first and second!

We have had the Youth Activators in during Term 4 to run weekly sessions with some of our Early Years pupils working on their gross motor skills and getting active within the school setting. They will also be returning in Term 5 to deliver the FAST programme afterschool on Tuesdays. The aim of the FAST programme is to make it easier and accessible for families to enjoy physical activity and sport together.

In Term 5 and 6 we are looking forward to more exciting upcoming events such as the Key Stage 1 multi-skills festivals, cricket, rounders and quadkids athletics as well as our internal Sports Days.



### Key information, dates and reminders

- All pupils in **Reception – Year 6** return to school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** (Nursery pupils return later due to home visits – please check with staff).
- **Reminder** that the staggered starts and end finish now. From **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, all pupils (other than Nursery) start school between **8.45 and 8.50am** with the gates locking at 8.52am. Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 finish school at **2.55pm** and all other years finish at **3pm**. The gates will not open in the afternoon until 2.53pm. Thank you
- We will be hosting a **book fair** from **28<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May!** It will be open each night after school, outside the hall for you to buy books. Any books bought through the fair earns the school commission to buy new books so it is a great opportunity all round.
- Reminder – there is **no school** for all pupils on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** due to the additional bank holiday.
- Please **check the school dates** carefully as **holidays are not permitted** in school time. It is especially vital that pupils attend the final week so they can complete their end of year activities and start their new classes in transition days.

## Dates for 2021/2022

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.