



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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A note from the Acting Principal

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 5 already. We are all immensely proud of what the pupils are achieving and it is great to see that we are now back to our normal routines and practices including going on trips, camp night, singing extravaganzas and plays.

We are very much looking forward to term 6. All of the pupils will take part in a 'changes' project which focuses on the transition to the next stage in their learning whether it be changing key stage or moving onto secondary school. We ensure that the pupils are well equipped with strategies and tools to help them cope with change. We are also very much looking forward to our sports days next term where we are excited for you to join us.

Mrs Gordon-Weeks

Condition for learning and core value:

Next term we are focusing on **Leadership and Responsibility** with the core value **responsibility**.

Discuss at home what it means to be a responsible member of their family and the community.

Language to discuss at home:

Pride: Discuss what it means to take pride in something. Ask them what they are proud of in their life so far. Ask them whether they feel it is important to take pride in something.

Sporting update

Football: Our boys' football team have continued their success this term. On Monday they played against The Grange and won 2-1. Excellent skills, determination and team work were shown by all. We will hear soon as to whether we have reached the semi-finals!

Cricket: Last week, some of our year 6 children took part in a cricket festival. Mr Shaw was extremely pleased with the progress that was made throughout the day with all children improving skills through the day. These are great opportunities for children to compete against and work with other schools in the area. They certainly had fun!

Sports Days date and time reminders: We are really looking forward for our sports days. Please note that children are able to wear a t shirt in their Aspiration family colour; we will send a slip home after half term, reminding them which Aspiration Family they are in.

Monday 20th June: Year 1 Sports Day 9am, Year 2 Sports Day 10am, Year 5 Sports Day 1.45pm.

Tuesday 21st June: Year 3 Sports Day 9am, Year 4 Sports Day 10am, Year 6 Sports Day 1.45pm.

Wednesday 22nd June: Reception Sports Day 9am, Nursery Sports Day 10.45am/2.15pm.

Online safety

We are having an increasing amount of children having their own mobile phones. Although there are positives for, especially our older children, having phones as they walk home on their own, please can you ensure that you are monitoring conversations they are having online. We need to work together to remind them that they need to ensure their conversations are appropriate and that they are not sending texts that are offensive or unkind.

Healthy lives:

I thought this was an interesting picture to share - do we actually know what is in our food, especially its sugar and fat content? Please be mindful when making your child's packed lunch and choosing breakfast options. Healthy food options will help your child's levels of concentration through the day!



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Learning through experiences

Year 4 Camp Night: We have finally been able to put up the tents on the school field and take part in our camp night experience. On day one, pupils took part in a variety of activities including: designing crazy golf courses, orienteering, football rounders and team work challenges. On day two, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed forest school and a camp fire where they toasted marshmallows. Even though they looked a little blurry-eyed this morning, they have all said they have loved their camping experience.

Disney Extravaganza: It was so lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Disney musical extravaganza this week. The year 4 and 5 children performed their songs with great stamina and pride; it was great to see them all singing together sounding so professional. It was also good to see our soloists in action; they certainly showed confidence singing in front of a large audience.

Year 5 Story museum: Year 5 had a wonderful visit to the Story Museum in Oxford. As part of the Discover Arts Award, they visited the museum to see how, through its immersive exhibitions and gallery spaces, stories are brought to life. The museum celebrates stories in all forms and explore their enduring power to teach and delight. Pupils had the opportunity to ask the museum curators questions which will go towards their Discover arts award submission. We will complete the work for submission next term and hope that all students will gain this prestigious starting award on what we hope, will be their Arts Award journey.

Jubilee Street Party: We have had such fun at our Platinum Jubilee street party! The children dressed up in red, white and blue and all had their lunch together outside, street party style. It was great to see them laughing, chatting and eating some wonderful food that you provided. We would like to thank you for all of your food contributions – it is due to your support that we can run these fun events for the children. We hope that you enjoy any other celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and enjoy your extra day off.



Exciting news:

I am delighted to inform you that Katy has had her baby boy! They are both doing really well and resting at home.

Mrs Hope has left to have her baby. We look forward to hearing her news shortly – I will keep you posted!

Key information, dates and reminders

- All pupils in **Nursery – Year 6** return to school on **Monday 6th June 2022**
- **Reminder** that 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.
- 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.
- **Friday 10th June:** Years 3-6 will complete an Enterprise event and can bring in small change to buy items they have created.
- **Friday 17th June:** PTFA 'special man in your life' event for Father's day (sign up information will come out later). Year have their trip to Warwick Castle on this day however they will be able to choose a gift the day before so they do not miss out on this event.
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- **Tuesday 21st June:** Year 3 Sports Day 9am, Year 4 Sports Day 10am, Year 6 Sports Day 1.45pm. Parents are invited to watch these.
- **Wednesday 22nd June:** Reception Sports Day 9am, Nursery Sports Day 10.45am/2.15pm. Parents are invited to watch these.
- **Friday 24th June: INSET day – school closed for all**
- **Tuesday 12th July:** Year 6 performance to parents in the hall at 5pm.
- **Wednesday 13th July:** PTFA summer fair after school.
- **Wednesday 20th July:** last day in current classes, Reception Graduation for parents to attend (more information to follow), Reports come out to parents.
- **Thursday 21st July:** Transition day – pupils move to their new classes
- **Friday 22nd July:** transition day 2, Year 6 Graduation for parents and all pupils finish at 1.45pm (no after school club this day).

Dates for 2021/2022

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.

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.