



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## A note from the Acting Principal

We are already over half way through term 6 - time flies when you are having fun! This term has seen many exciting events; year 1 visited Warwick Castle; reception went to Cotswold Animal Park; year 4 and 5 participated in a science session at the Space Studio and year 6 have started the rehearsals for their end of year performance. It is all go at Dashwood as always!

As we approach the end of term, it is important that the pupils are here every day, in their **full** school uniform. If the pupils feel smart, they work smart. We must work together to ensure that we all follow our uniform policy; pupils feel a real sense of belonging when they are dressed smartly, in their correct uniform. Our value this term is 'being responsible' so we are working with the pupils to ensure they take responsibility for their belongings.

Mrs Gordon-Weeks

## **Condition for learning and core value:**

This term we have been talking about being a responsible learner. We have talked about what helps us to learn and strategies to help us if we are stuck!

These strategies may help at home when pupils are doing their homework:

- underline/highlight key words,
- ask an adult to explain it,
- re read the question out loud and
- draw the problem.

## **Exciting news!**

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Hope have had their baby girls! They are all doing really well and are at home resting and starting their family life together. Wishing them all lots of luck and best wishes.

## **Sporting update**

**Sports Day:** What a wonderful sporting week we had! It was great to see the pupils competing in teams and against one another to earn points for their Aspiration family. The children were all amazing and it was great to welcome parents, carers, friends and families back too. There were plenty of School Games values being shown throughout the events and stickers and certificates were given out for those showing passion, determination and teamwork. Congratulations to all of the winning teams and houses for each year group and a massive well done to Green House for winning overall, earning 85 points for the score board and the trophy for this year!



**Swimming:** I am delighted to say that we have our most successful year in the swimming pool this year! We have had so many pupils achieving their 5m, 10m, 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and now 400m. We are so proud of them for working so hard. It is essential that pupils learn to swim; living by a canal and river highlights the importance of being confident in water in order to save yourself if needed.

**Commonwealth Games:** We have been inspiring children to participate in sport by doing some challenges linked to Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games to earn house points and promoting the games values of humanity, equality and destiny. They have also been completing some activities linked to Birmingham Commonwealth 2022 in their thinking zones.

## Learning through experiences

**Being safe on the roads:** Year 5 have taken part in a virtual pedestrian safety experience this week. The pupils have learned how to cross the street through a VR headset. They had to take part in a series of tasks and identify the risks as they spotted them.

**Greatworth Hall:** Beech Class had a wonderful second trip to Greatworth Farm. Pupils enjoyed a cooking session with farm produce learning about where the ingredients came from (some even grew on the farm). Linked to the Year 5 Design and Technology curriculum, pupils made a savoury dish of cheese and chive scones. Pupils also had an opportunity to learn about all the equipment used at the farm, the animals and crops. This gave them a chance to learn about the way that the farm makes profit but also the challenges that the farming industry also faces.

**Year 1 Warwick Castle:** Year 1 pupils had a great time exploring Warwick Castle as part of their castles project. They enjoyed the Zog Playground, the tour around the inside of the castle and watching the birds of prey show. A highlight of our day was when the peacocks came and tried to steal their lunches! As always, all the pupils did us proud and were very engaged in all activities they took part in.

**Cotswold Animal Park:** Reception had a fantastic day looking at lots of different animals.

**STEM at the Space Studio:** Dashwood students from years 4 and 5 did us proud when they visited Futures Institute at Wykham Park Academy for a day of STEM activities. They were able to test their scientific knowledge by designing and building bridges, researching wearable technologies and representing viruses through origami. A great day was had by all and congratulations to the winning Dashwood Team of Lacey, Naill, Tulisa and Laurie.

**Planting in the Park Jubilee Celebration:** I am delighted to announce that we got the GOLD award for best centre piece at this year's planting in the park event. What an achievement – a special well done to Miss Rees for organising this and thinking of a very unique and sustainable idea!



## Transition Days- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:

In order for the pupils to leave school for the summer feeling happy and excited for the new term in September, we hold our transition days on the **last two days of term 6**. The pupils will spend two whole days taking part in transition activities including: 'getting to know me activities,' team building activities and spending time getting to know their new teacher. The pupils really enjoy these days and leave for the holiday feeling less anxious about the new term. **Please ensure that your child is in school for these days.**

Even though it will be sad to say goodbye to their current teacher, they will be also very excited about finding out whose class they will be in next year. We will be sending information about their new classes on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. Your child will spend their **last day in their current class on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**; this will be the same day as they receive their end of year report.

### Key information, dates and reminders

- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Wear something colourful day! Pupils can come to school in non-school uniform on this day: The theme is 'Wear something colourful!' Please bring in a tombola prize if you can for the tombola on this day for the PTFA Summer Fayre. There will be a trolley outside for you to put your donation.
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Your child will find out whose class they will be in next year.
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 performance to Year 6 parents in the hall at 5pm.
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** PTFA summer fair after school. This event will start at 3.15pm.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 end of year trip to Cotswold Water Park.
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Standing In The Gap workshop for new to reception at 1.30pm in the hall
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** last day in current classes, Reception Graduation for parents to attend – Pear Class at 2pm and Peach Class at 2.30pm. Reports sent out to parents.
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** **Transition day 1** – pupils move to their new classes. New reception parents meeting and stay and play session at 10am. 'What's new and different' meeting for parents of children moving from year 5 to 6 at 2.15pm in the hall.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** **Transition day 2**, Year 6 Graduation for parents at 9am in the hall and all pupils finish at 1.45pm (**no after school club this day**).

## Dates for 2021/2022

### Term 6

**Last day of term:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. School will finish at 1.45pm on this day. *Please note there will be no After School Club on the last day of school.*

*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.*