



Dashwood Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,



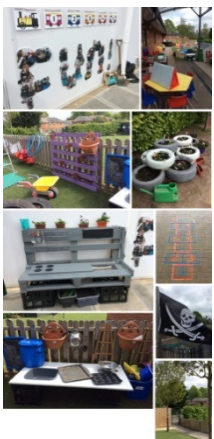
Wow this term has flown by! We have certainly had a busy term learning how to be healthy, developing our Early Years and Key Stage One outside areas and journeying through famous musicals in Key Stage Two. We have all had a very wet end to term 5 by challenging ourselves on our obstacle course. All of the children from nursery to year 6 faced many fears by crawling through tunnels, balancing on benches and diving over gym balls into a paddling pool of water to find the correct coloured ball for your Aspiration Family. Even Cherry class, our two year olds, took part in their very own obstacle course in their outside area. Thank you very much to all those people who have brought in a tombola prize for our Summer Fayre.



SATS- well done

A huge well done to years 2 and 6 for confidently completing their SATs tests. They all took them really seriously and worked really hard- we are so proud of you all!

Gardening Day



On Saturday 8th May a team of teachers, parents, carers, members of the community and children transformed the outside areas in Early Years and Key Stage one outside area. Parents came armed with tools, pressure washers and wood and began building mud kitchens, water runs, and mini garden areas. Both areas look amazing and are now an even more engaging area for the children to learn in. A huge thank you to all of those people who attended; there was a lovely community atmosphere and everyone worked really hard to make difference in only a few hours – we even made it into the local paper



Healthy Schools Fayre

What a very healthy school we are! It was fantastic to see the hall buzzing with parents, carers and children at our Healthy Schools Fayre. We hope you gathered lots of information including: how to keep fit; what to do if you are feeling stressed; how to avoid eating and drinking too much sugar; tips about keeping safe on the internet; ways to build happy friendships and ideas for a healthy packed lunch. The children, led by the Aspirations Councillors, worked very hard to research and present their findings in a variety of ways for all of us to learn from. We hope you found it useful!



Year 3,4 and 5 Musical Extravaganza



Wow! What a spectacular performance by our year 3,4 and 5 children- what voices they all have! It really took the audience by surprise as they passionately opened with 'We will Rock You'. Each class then performed their individual numbers perfectly, ensuring their actions and their solos were sung professionally. A true favourite from the 80s, 'Fame', was then performed at the end of the show accompanied by a team of dancers- well done to all the children- all those hours of rehearsals produced a polished performance.



2 Year old Nursery Places for September



We are pleased to announce that Cherry class (our 2 year old nursery) will be opening for morning and afternoon sessions from September. We offer places for those who are eligible for the free 15 hours as well as paid places. If you are not sure whether your child is eligible for a free place, come and fill in an application form and we can check.

How confident are you that your child knows how to use the road safely?

Why not take some time this half term to talk to your child about road safety. Talk to them about safe places to cross the road and let them practice this when you are out and about with them.

Just a reminder, can you please refrain from parking in residential areas or on double yellow lines. This is for your child's safety.

Up and coming whole school events

Saturday 10th June Family Fun Day at Banbury Academy Campus 12pm-4pm. This event will include: fairground ride, a clip and climb wall, arts and crafts and live music. Most events are free and we are looking forward to a singing performance by some of our pupils.



Tuesday 27th June Plum, Apple, Peach and Pear class Sports Days. Plum Class (10.45am/2.15pm). Apple, Peach and Pear class will be at 9am.

Friday 30th June Key Stage 2 Sports Day at 9am and Key Stage 1 at 1.45pm.

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st Transition to new classes. Pupils will be working in their new classes with their new teachers ready for next year so it is really important that the children are in school on both of those days.

Thursday 6th July Summer Fayre from 3.10pm- 4.30pm. There will be many exciting events including: sponge the teacher, face painting and inflatables. Thank you to those who have already donated a tombola prize; in order to help support the event we are going to hold a second non-school uniform day on Friday 16th June and are asking that pupils bring in a jar filled with items such as sweets, lollipops or marbles.

We hope you have a very safe and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June.

Mr Pearson, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Gordon-Weeks

2016-17

Please find below the term dates for this academic year.

Term 6 Monday 5 June 2017 – Friday 21 July 2017

INSET DAY: Monday 26 June 2017 – School closed to pupils

2017-18 - Proposed dates

Term 1

Tuesday 5 September - Friday 20 October 2017

NB: Reception and Nursery will be given start dates separately.

INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 2

Monday 30 October – Tuesday 19 December 2017

INSET DAY: Friday 17 November 2017 – School closed to pupils

Term 3

Thursday 4 January – Friday 9 February

NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly.

Term 4

Tuesday 20 February – Thursday 29 March

Monday 19 February INSET Day - (Closed to pupils)

Term 5

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May

Monday 7 May – May Day Bank Holiday (Closed to pupils)

NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly.

Term 6

Tuesday 5 June – Wednesday 25 July

Monday 4 June INSET Day – (Closed to pupils)

Friday 29 June INSET Day – (Closed to pupils)