

Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Jan 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all.

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a good start to 2018. May we take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely presents, cards and good wishes we received at the end of last term.

Our Christian Value for this term is **Courage**. It is about having the courage to step out of our comfort zone, face a challenge and overcome fears. Home learning sheets will be sent home shortly for you to share with your children.

We would like to welcome Abi Larcombe and Tom Ridgway as new parent governors.

TOPS Activity Festival Y3/Y4

A group of children from years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their morning of activities supervised by pupils from Malmesbury Secondary School.



Children in Need

We raised an impressive £317.08 for Children In Need, through cake sales and wearing something spotty. Thank you for your generous support.

Packed Lunches

Rubbish and leftover food from packed lunches will be sent home with your child, so that you can see what they are eating and what they are leaving. Obviously any yoghurt or liquid waste can be disposed of at school.

Oak Class – Cricket Workshop

Oak class took part in a cricket workshop at the sports Dome in Chippenham in November. They practised various cricket skills, including fielding, batting and bowling.



Rowan Class – Ancient Greek

Rowan class have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and their battle formation called the phalanx. We designed and made Greek shields and re-enacted a battle. It was lots of fun!



Poppy Appeal

We raised a total of £157.17. Again, thank you for your generous support.

Lost Property

Lost property at both sites built up considerably at the end of last term. We have been unable to reunite much of it to children as most of it is unnamed. Please do feel free to come into school to reclaim lost items.

Y5/Y6 Netball Tournament – Nov 2017

Despite the rain and atrocious wind, we had a fantastic time and a mighty good workout.

Team B came joint 3rd after drawing in semi-finals.

Team A came seventh.

We are proud of all of our netballers and extend our thanks to their coach, Mrs Jenny Evans.



Beech Class - Come & Play

Parents, grandparents and relatives joined Beech Class in December for a morning of creative festive activities.



Christmas Dinner

We enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December at both sites, with most children opting for roast turkey with all the trimmings. A big thank you to Mrs Bull and Mrs Deane for putting on such a Fantastic Festive Feast!



Elm Class Making Mince Pies

'We cut the shapes out and put the mincemeat on, then we cut a smaller bit and put that on top. They were very nice!' Pierson and Eddie.



Whole School Day

On Friday December 15th the whole school came together at the Lower School site to enjoy Christmas activities in the morning and watch a performance of "The Wizard of Oz" in the afternoon. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff.

It also coincided with Christmas Jumper Day and we'd like to thank you for your support in raising £129.50 for Save the Children.



Further photos of Christmas and other recent events can be found in the gallery section on the school website. [Gallery 2017](#).

Dodgeball Match

Thank you to Advanced Sports Coaching for organising a dodgeball match against Lethbridge Primary School at the end of last term. Our team played in good spirit and all the good work our pupils had put in helped them attain an impressive win of 52-30.

Carols Around the Tree

Our Christmas celebrations culminated in Carols Around the Tree on Friday 15th December 2017. Thank you to the children from both Upper and Lower School for making this such an enjoyable occasion, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Emergency Closure

We hope that the weather will be mild and we won't see too much more snow. It may be pretty but it makes getting to school or work very difficult! We do not take the decision to close the school lightly as we would much rather the children were in school and we also know that it can be very inconvenient for parents. However, we shall always base our decision on the safety of everyone. Snow may be worse in other areas away from the villages and many children come to school by bus, staff may not be able to make it in, or we may not be able to make the school grounds safe due to snow or ice.

We would hope to make a decision the evening before a closure and would post this on the Homepage of our website. However, this is not always possible and we may have to make a decision to close in the morning. In this case, we would have the information on our website by 7.30am. The best place for up-to-date information is our school website, but we will also inform local radio stations in the event of a closure.

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Heart FM radio (97.20 & 102.2 FM)

BBC Wiltshire (103.6FM, 104.3FM)

BEDSA Committee

Fancy joining BEDSA?! It would be so great if we had a few more parents to come on board to help with ideas, events and fundraising. We meet about 4-6 times a year (in the pub!) and you can get involved in as much or as little as you like. Drop us a line bedsacontact@gmail.com or message us on facebook: www.facebook.com/bedsapage

BEDSA Fundraising

Don't forget to take advantage of some of BEDSA's fundraising ideas when ordering heating oil and buying clothes labels.



Useful every day fundraising



Label clothes without stitching!

Label Planet are seriously great for busy parents and those that don't sew. They produce self-adhesive name labels called stikins that simply stick on and then stay on wash after wash...after wash! And for every order you place Label Planet will donate 30% of the order value to BEDSA. www.stikins.co.uk

Please quote 35318 with your order.



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Textile Recycling

Help raise funds for our school by donating your unwanted, clean and reusable items of clothing at one of our three recycling collections per year. More details will follow just before the next date.

Second hand uniform

Contact bedsacontact@gmail.com to check our latest stock of second hand uniform. Log'd jumpers and cardigans for £3.



Feeling crafty?

Really fun crafty company providing all the materials for an exciting activity for your child. Boxes come personally addressed through the post. All activities are developed by educational experts and come with an illustrated, easy to follow instruction booklet. AND ToucanBox will donate £1 back to BEDSA for each box claimed! Please feel free to share this with your friends and family. Visit www.toucanBox.com/taster to find out more. Our unique code is 3ch9f82a3.

Get in touch

facebook.com/bedsapage bedsacontact@gmail.com

School Website

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Governors' Email Address

Should you wish to contact the school's governing body, please use the following email address, which has been set up for this purpose:

governors@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Applying for Primary & Secondary School

If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2018, you must apply for a primary school place.

Applications can be made online at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk or please ask at the school office for an application form. All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

The deadline for primary applications is **15th January 2018**.

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DIARY DATES 2017/2018

JANUARY 2018

Mon 22 KS2 Gym Festival – 2pm to 5pm - tbc

FEBRUARY 2018

Fri 9 End of Term 3

HALF TERM 12th February 2018 – 16th February 2018

Mon 19 **TD Day – Children not in School**

Tue 20 Start of Term 4

Start of Swimming Lessons for Y3 children – The Activity Zone, Malmesbury – 9.20am

Thu 22 Y5/Y6 Hockey Festival – 1.30pm to 3.30pm - tbc

Tue 27 BEDSA Textile Recycling

MARCH 2018

Thu 1 World Book Day

Fri 2 Film Club – Upper and Lower School

Mon 12 Year 4 Residential Trip to Braeside (12.03.18-14.03.18)

Thu 15 Y3/Y4 Football Festival – 1.30pm to 4.30pm - tbc

Mon 19 Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Cross Country Festival – 3pm to 5.15pm - tbc

Tue 20 Travelling Book Fair (20.03.18-26.03.18) – Upper and Lower School

Fri 23 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall

Thu 29 End of Term 4

EASTER HOLIDAYS 30th MARCH 2018 – 13th APRIL 2018

APRIL 2018

Mon 16 Start of Term 5

Mon 23 Network Rail Safety Assemblies – Upper and Lower School

Mon 30 Y1/Y2 & Y3/Y4 Orienteering Festival - 1.30pm to 2.30pm - tbc

MAY 2018

Mon 14 KS2 SATS Week

Fri 18 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall

Mon 21 Year 6 Residential Trip to Eden Project (21.05.18-25.05.18)

Fri 25 End of Term 5

HALF TERM 28th May 2018 – 1st June 2018

JUNE 2018

Mon 4 **TD Day – Children not in School**

Tue 5 Start of Term 6

Fri 8 Y5/Y6 Cricket Festival – 12pm to 4.30pm - tbc

Tue 19 BEDSA Textile Recycling

Wed 20-21 Y6 – Bikeability Course 1

Thu 21 Y6 Athletics Festival – 1pm to 4pm - tbc

NextGen Class Photos

Wed 27-28 Y6 – Bikeability Course 2

JULY 2018

Tue 3 Malmesbury School – Y6 Induction Day

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Thu 12 Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Y6 Induction Day

Fri 13 Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Y6 Induction Day

Fri 20 School BBQ – Lower School – 5pm to 8pm - tbc

Tue 24 Leaver's Service

End of Term 6

Wed 25 **TD Day – Children not in school**