

Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Mar 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming to the end of two short but incredibly busy terms and with the spring weather beginning to shine on us, we hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 16th April.

The Summer Terms will be, as always, busy ones. Please see the attached Diary Dates for full details of activities, events and upcoming TD days.

Bristol Standard



We are pleased to announce that the Beech Class Team have successfully achieved the Bristol Standard for a second year!

Our Christian Value...

Our Christian Value for this term has been forgiveness - learning to forgive others and learning to put the past behind us, wipe the slate clean and turning over a new leaf.

Baby Announcement

We would like congratulate Mr Foster and his wife on the birth of their second son, Simon who was born on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Budding Gymnasts!

Well done to our team of budding gymnasts who took part in the Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Festival at the Activity Zone last term. Some real talent and skills were on show from our two teams of six during the event.

Congratulations to:-

Rosie – 3rd in Girls Beginner's Sequence

Louis – 2nd in Boys Beginner's Sequence

Thomas E – 2nd in Boys Advanced Sequence



Drum Demonstration

Upper School were treated to a fantastic demonstration of drumming skills during assembly in February. Well done to Fraser and Rosie for showing us their talent!



BEDSA Funded New Equipment – Beech Class

Beech Class are very pleased with the new BEDSA funded resources for their classroom. The new dolls have been enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to the BEDSA team.



Lost Property

Lost property at both sites has built up considerably. We have been unable to reunite much of it to children as most of it is unnamed. **Please do come into school to reclaim lost items. Any unnamed items left in lost property at the end of term will be given to BEDSA to resell or to clothes recycling.**

BEDSA Funding

BEDSA have also subsidised the cost of several recent class trips to We The Curious (Beech & Birch classes) and Bristol Suspension Bridge (Elm class) by helping with the transport costs. Thank you again to the BEDSA team.



Birch class went on a trip to We The Curious science centre and did a digestive system workshop. We also went to the planetarium to watch We Are Aliens. Then we explored a virtual reality test in the lab. It was a great trip. By Mary.

Photos of recent trips are available on the class pages and gallery section of the school website.

Mother's Day Week – Lunches

We were pleased to be able to invite mothers, grandmothers and female relatives into school to join their children for a hot cooked lunch this week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the week and visiting relatives were sent home with a special "Mother's Day cupcake"!



Stella Taylor who writes for the Gazette & Herald also joined us at the Lower School site on Monday and reported that the school lunch she enjoyed, was one of the nicest school lunches she has ever had.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bull and Mrs Deane for making this week a special occasion for our children and their families.

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.

Braeside

Birch Class enjoyed an action packed few days on their residential trip to Braeside this month. A full gallery of pictures will be available on the website shortly.



BEDSA Textile Recycling

A big BEDSA thank you to everyone who donated to the recent recycling collection. Together we raised a fantastic £275!

We'll be doing it again for our next collection on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

Thank you so much for your support.

BEDSA Committee

Fancy joining BEDSA? We are going to need a new Treasurer soon so we are looking for someone to join our friendly committee and undertake some banking, bookkeeping and simple accounting duties. If you are interested or know anyone who could help, we would really like to hear from you. Please email bedsacontact@gmail.com or come and have a chat with us in the playground.

It would also be 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.brinkwortheardanbys.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@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Online Game ROBLOX



You may already be aware of the online game, ROBLOX, and the possible safety concerns surrounding it. However, if you are not, then a quick look at the links below will be of use.

The concerns are that there is open chat and opportunities for adults to be in direct contact with children and that inappropriate images can be generated by game players. There appears to be ways to put 'safety locks', access restrictions and limit expense, but it is unlikely that children will choose to do this on their own. Please be vigilant and check what your children may have access to.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/police-issue-strong-warning-parents-14227360>

Easter Holiday Camp



Bookings for Easter Holiday Camp are now being taken and this time Advanced Sports

will be offering sessions all week (5 days). The camp will again be held at the fantastic new state of the art 3G sports facility in Royal Wootton Bassett, which has proven to be a massive success for our previous courses.

PLEASE NOTE: Holiday Camps are always oversubscribed, therefore bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.

All bookings/payments should now be made via the new **Secure Payment Page**:

<https://www.advancedsportscoaching.co.uk/wiltshire-football-academy/holiday-clubs/>

Leave of Absence During Term Time

Requests for leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her.

Persistent Absence - From the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year, the government have reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. This would mean, according to the government, that a child missing seven sessions (3 ½ days) in a term, up to 38 sessions (19 days) in an academic year, will be considered to have persistent absence.

At Brinkworth Earl Danby's, we are keen to work with pupils and parents to ensure pupils' attendance is good (95%+) to enable pupils to make maximum progress and achieve their potential.

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DIARY DATES 2017/2018

MARCH 2018

Tue	20	Travelling Book Fair (20.03.18-26.03.18) – Upper and Lower School Parents Evening – Upper School (for all parents) – 4pm to 7pm
Wed	21	Parents Evening – Upper School (for all parents) – 3.30pm to 6.30pm Y6 Athelstan House Talk – 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Fri	23	BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall
Mon	26	Y6 Trip to Athelstan House, Malmesbury – 9.15am to 3.15pm Y5 Trip to STEAM, Swindon – 9.00am to 3.00pm
Wed	28	Whole School Day at Upper School
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

Tue	8	KS1 SATS Week
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
Tue	19-20	Y6 – Bikeability Course 1 - tbc
Thu	21	Y6 Athletics Festival – 1pm to 4pm - tbc NextGen Class Photos
Fri	22	Sports Day
Mon	25	Y6 Junior Good Citizen, Potterne – 11.15am to 3.00pm
Wed	27-28	Y6 – Bikeability Course 2 – tbc
Fri	29	Reserve Sports Day

JULY 2018

Tue	3	Malmesbury School – Y6 Induction Day
Wed	4	Malmesbury School – Y6 Induction Day Summer Reading Challenge Assemblies – Upper & Lower School
Thu	12	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Y6 Induction Day
Fri	13	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Y6 Induction Day
Mon	16	Start of Science Week
Tue	17	WOMAD – Malmesbury Abbey – 6pm to 7.30pm
Fri	20	School BBQ – Lower School – 5pm to 8pm - tbc
Tue	24	Leaver's Service, St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brinkworth End of Term 6
Wed	25	TD Day – Children not in school

These dates are provisional and may be subject to change