

# Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Sept 2018

### Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have all had a super summer and made the most of the lovely weather that we had. The children have all settled back in to the routine of school very quickly and are already working hard and enthusiastically.

### Staff – Starters & Leavers

There have been a couple of staff changes this summer. At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Mrs Evans-Wylie, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Fletcher. We wish them all well in their new ventures.

We would like to welcome Mrs Gordon, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Stone who join us part time as Teachers in Rowan, Elm and Beech classes respectively.

### Welcome to New Pupils

Welcome to all our new children in Beech class as they start their exciting school journey – Fintan, Isla, Lois, Josephine, Poppy, Evie, Luke, Michael, Lara, Darcy, Ethan, Francis, Harry, Cody, Vasco, Elsie-Joe, Faye, Bessie, Bethan, Dylan and Carolina. All the children have settled well and we know they will have lots of fun in their first year. Mrs Gray would like to say a huge thank you to all new parents for their support in ensuring the children make a smooth transition into school.

We also welcome Valentine and Joseph into Elm and Oak classes.

### Our Christian Value...

Each term we focus on a different Christian Value. We discuss the meaning, use and benefits of the Value in assemblies and class reflection time and encourage its use around school. We look at what the word means, different words meaning the same and why it is important in our lives. Parents may find it useful to know which Value we are focusing on each term, in order to discuss at home.

Our Christian Value for this term is **Thankfulness**.

### Open Day

We welcome prospective parents into school on our Open Day on Friday 9th November 2018. This will be a perfect opportunity to look around both school sites, meet our staff and pupils and see what lovely facilities we have on offer at our spacious sites within beautiful rural North Wiltshire.

### Baby Announcement

We would like to congratulate Mrs Lane and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Poppy.

### Notices

#### Start of day at Upper School

Upper School children should arrive no earlier than 8.30am, unless travelling by school bus or taxi.

#### Start of day at Lower School

If you would like to take advantage of the Lower School "Drop and Go" service, please arrive from 8.30am and leave your child with the Early Morning Supervisor. If you wish to stay with your child until the whistle blows at 8.50am, please arrive no earlier than 8.45am.

#### Adventure Playground Equipment – Upper School

Due to Health and Safety Regulations, children **should not** be allowed to play on the Adventure Playground Equipment at Upper School. Please ensure your children **do not** climb and play on this equipment at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### Break Time Healthy Snack

Fresh and dried fruit and vegetables are provided free of charge to all primary school children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Children in years **3, 4, 5 & 6**, should **ONLY** bring fresh or dried fruit and vegetables into school for their mid-morning break and no other snacks or treats please.

#### School Uniform & Hair Accessories

Please ensure your child has proper shoes (black or brown – sensible and safe for children to run around in - No boots) and a full PE kit in school. If ear rings are worn, they must be studs only please. Please ensure that shoulder length and long hair is tied back with discreet hair accessories in the school colours only.

#### Change of Hometown Arrangements

Should you change the usual hometown arrangements for your child, please contact the school offices to let us know. This will avoid frantic phone calls to parents at the end of the school day.

### Hot School Lunches

Don't forget to order a lovely hot school lunch for your child, freshly made every day on site. Please place your orders on the ParentPay system on Mondays for the following week.

### **Parking – Dropping Off & Picking Up**

Please can we remind you to park with care and consideration at drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask that you do not drive over pavements in order to turn around as this poses a huge health and safety risk to our children and other pedestrians. We request that you are also mindful of neighbouring properties and avoid parking across driveways or in such a way that it causes an inconvenience to other road users and our neighbours. Please also **DO NOT** park or stop in the busy bays to drop off children or pick up children, at any time of the day. The speed limit at both sites is 30mph.

### **Medical Information**

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or needs an inhaler, please ensure an inhaler is handed into the school office and that a Medical Consent Form has been completed. Thank you.

### **Illness**

Would you please telephone the appropriate site **before 9.00am every day**, if your child is going to be absent. (A message may be left on the answer phone). This ensures that each teacher knows who is supposed to be in school that day and helps them to know that all their children have arrived safely.

### **Use of the School Bus/Taxi Service**

If your child is entitled to use the school bus/taxi service and has been issued with a bus/taxi pass, we would strongly encourage them to do so, as this greatly helps reduce traffic congestion in the villages at drop-off and pick-up times.

### **Working Party – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Working on the premise that “many hands make light work” we are appealing for some volunteers on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Upper School. The morning will run from 9am until 12pm and involve gardening, landscaping and general maintenance tasks. Any offers of help will be very much appreciated. In return, we will supply drinks and biscuits! Please contact the Upper School office if you can spare a few hours to help out.

### **Allergies**

We have children in school who have an allergic reaction to nuts and sesame. As you are aware, this could be potentially very serious indeed for the child if he/she came into contact with nuts and sesame. As a precaution, we are therefore requesting you **DO NOT** send your child to school with any nut or sesame based foods in order to avoid a possibly dangerous situation. We do realise that many foods contain traces of nuts and we are not asking that you stop using these. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **PE Kit**

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school. It is best to ensure they have their kit in every day, just in case PE lessons need to be rescheduled. If your child does not have a PE kit in school they will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

### **Class – Visit from a Dentist**

*The first thing we did was listen to the dentist telling us about our mouth. Then he gave us all a tablet that could tell you if you were brushing your teeth well. After that we brushed our teeth and it felt quite weird because the whole class did it at the same time! The dentist showed us how to brush our teeth which I thought was quite ticklish.* By Ruby.



### **New Running Track at Upper School**

The new running track at Upper School was successfully installed over the summer holidays and just needs a bit of tidying up at the edges. It is already being used and enjoyed by all our pupils. We'd like to thank BEDSA for helping to fund this fantastic new resource, which will become invaluable in the winter months when the school playing field is out of action. Eventually we hope to provide a similar facility at our Lower School site.



### Brinkworth Show – Handwriting Success

Congratulations to all our children who entered a piece in this year's Handwriting Class at the Brinkworth Show.

The successful winners in each category were:

*Brinkworth Show Cup for Pre-School and Reception children:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Fred C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Abigail J
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daisy G

*Miss M. A. Brown Cup for KS1 children:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lola B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alex H

*Jean Lambe Memorial Cup for KS2 children:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Alec G
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dorothy B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Penny D

Well done to all our children who took part and did well in other classes at the Brinkworth Show.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Malmesbury Library had **382** children sign up to the Reading Challenge this summer with **254** children completing the 6 book challenge. Staff and Volunteers listened to over **1700** book reviews.

**24** children from our school completed the challenge which is exactly the same as last year!

The finishers were:-

Sam & Martha C, Penny & Henry D, Annabelle & Will P, Tiannah S, Abigail J, Rupert D, Jessica H, Thomas & Emily E, Harlan & Elias K, Josephine & Charlotte R, Natasha & Matthew P, Bede & Abel C, Harry & Evie H, Megan & Dylan W

The children really enjoyed their summer reading with most saying that they thought the challenge improved their reading skills either a little or a lot.

Well done to all who took part.

### Extra Curricular Activities at Upper School

We have been able to offer both after school netball and a lunch time gardening club at the Upper School site in the past. However, we have been supported by parents whose children have now moved on to secondary school. We do rely on the generosity of parents to run these clubs, so if you would like to assist on a Monday lunchtime (12.30pm to 1.00pm) for our gardening club, we would be delighted to welcome you into school. Please contact the Upper School office. Tel: 01666 510406

[admin@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

We would also like to thank Mrs Evans for agreeing to continue running the after school netball club and Mrs McEvoy who will be assisting her this year.

### 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.

### Applying for Primary & Secondary School

If you have a child in Year 6 who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2018, you must apply for a secondary school place. If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2018, you must apply for a primary school place.

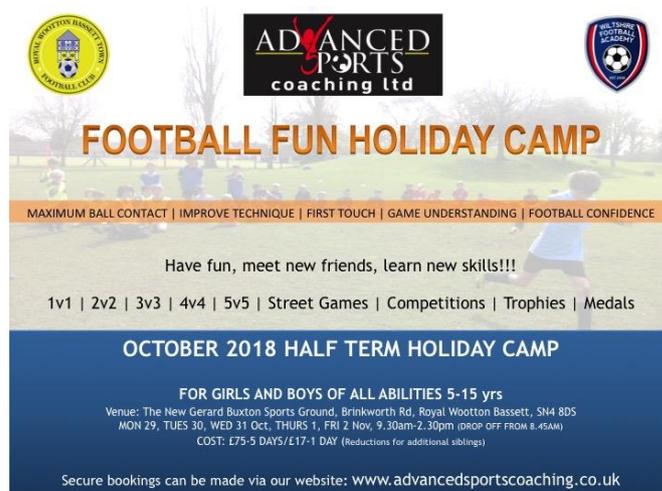
Applications can be made online at:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://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 secondary applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

The deadline for primary applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

### Half Term Holiday Camp



The poster features logos for Wiltshire Football Association, Advanced Sports Coaching Ltd, and Wiltshire Football Academy. The main title is 'FOOTBALL FUN HOLIDAY CAMP'. Below the title, it lists benefits: 'MAXIMUM BALL CONTACT | IMPROVE TECHNIQUE | FIRST TOUCH | GAME UNDERSTANDING | FOOTBALL CONFIDENCE'. A central message says 'Have fun, meet new friends, learn new skills!!!'. It lists activities: '1v1 | 2v2 | 3v3 | 4v4 | 5v5 | Street Games | Competitions | Trophies | Medals'. The event is for 'OCTOBER 2018 HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP' for 'GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES 5-15 yrs'. The venue is 'The New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Brinkworth Rd, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8DS'. Dates are 'MON 29, TUES 30, WED 31 Oct, THURS 1, FRI 2 Nov, 9.30am-2.30pm (DROP OFF FROM 8.45AM)'. The cost is '£75-5 DAYS/£17-1 DAY (Reductions for additional siblings)'. A note at the bottom says 'Secure bookings can be made via our website: [www.advancedsportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.advancedsportscoaching.co.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](mailto:governors@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

## BEDSA Fundraising

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



Useful every day fundraising



### Label clothes without stitching!

Label Planet is 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](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

Please quote 35318 with your order.



### Boiler Juice.com

THE SMART WAY TO BUY CHEAPER HEATING OIL. If your home heating is powered by oil you'll probably know of Boiler Juice, the website where you can source the cheapest local fuel. If you enter our code 34874 when you make a purchase you'll be raising money for us! Boiler Juice donate funds to us for every 100 litres ordered. So next time you order oil please visit [www.boilerjuice.com](http://www.boilerjuice.com) and enter our code. It costs you nothing and means we get a little something.



### 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. We will share details ahead of each collection.

### Second hand uniform

Contact [bedsacontact@gmail.com](mailto:bedsacontact@gmail.com) to check our latest stock of second hand uniform. Logo'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. Anyone who subscribes using our code or the link below will not only get their first box for free (only £1 P&P) but will also raise £5 for our school.

Please feel free to share this with your friends and family. Visit <https://toucanbox.com/tester?code=5CH455E&school=brinkworthearldanbys>



### Help out when you check out!

Collect FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Join, shop and raise here: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brinkworthearldanbybedsa](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brinkworthearldanbybedsa)

### Get in touch

[facebook.com/bedsapage](https://facebook.com/bedsapage) [bedsacontact@gmail.com](mailto:bedsacontact@gmail.com)

## Music Lessons

In addition to whole-class curriculum music lessons, pupils have the opportunity of learning an instrument with a visiting specialist teacher.

Lessons are available in:

Woodwind, brass, strings, piano/keyboard, guitar and voice – provided by Swindon Music Cooperative  
Drums - provided by Rob Cooper

Lessons can be provided in small groups or individually.

Financial assistance may be available for pupils entitled to free school meals and those eligible for Pupil Premium and the school does have some instruments available to loan.

Application forms are available on the school [website](#) or can be obtained from the school offices.

## School Website

[www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

## BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S SCHOOL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES 2018/2019

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Mon 24 Mosaic Project – Lower School (also continuing on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September)  
Wed 26 Y5/Y6 Football Festival – Malmesbury Red Bull – 1.30pm to 4.30pm  
Fri 28 Harvest Festival – St Michael & All Angels Church, Brinkworth

### OCTOBER 2018

Mon 1 Mosaic Project – Upper School (also continuing on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October)  
Tue 2 BEDSA Recycling  
Fri 5 NextGen Individual Photographs – Upper and Lower School  
Sat 6 Working Party at Upper School – 9.00am to 12.00pm  
Mon 8 Life Education Bus – Lower School  
Tue 9 Life Education Bus – Upper School  
Mon 15 Parents Evening at Lower School for all parents – 4.00pm to 7.00pm  
Wed 17 Parents Evening at Lower School for all parents – 3.30pm to 6.00pm  
Fri 19 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall for all children  
Tue 23 End of Term 1

Wed 24 **TD Day – Children not in school**

**HALF TERM 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

### NOVEMBER 2018

Mon 5 Start of Term 2  
Wed 7 Y5/Y6 Trip to the Big Pit  
Thu 8 Start of Y4 Swimming Lessons  
Fri 9 Open Day for Prospective Parents  
Y3/Y4 Top Activity Festival – Malmesbury – 9.15am to 10.45am  
Mon 12 Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6 Cross Country Festival – Malmesbury School Field – 3pm to 5.15pm  
Fri 16 Film Night – Upper and Lower School  
Wed 21 Y5/Y6 Netball Festival – Malmesbury – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Thu 29 Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

#### **DECEMBER 2018**

Fri 7 BEDSA Christmas Event – to be confirmed

Fri 14 Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – Wyvern Theatre, Swindon – 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Fri 14 Carols Around the Tree – St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brinkworth – 6.30pm

Fri 21 End of Term 2

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018– 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **JANUARY 2019**

Mon 7 Start of Term 3

Thu 10 Start of Y3 Swimming Lessons

Wed 30 All Years Gym Festival – Malmesbury – 12.30pm to 3.30pm

#### **FEBRUARY 2019**

Fri 8 Film Night – Upper and Lower School

Fri 15 End of Term 3

#### **HALF TERM 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**Mon 25 TD Day – Children not in School**

Tue 26 Start of Term 4

Wed 27 Y5/Y6 Hockey Festival – Malmesbury Hard Courts – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

#### **MARCH 2019**

Tue 5 BEDSA Recycling

Thu 14 Y3/Y4 Football Festival – Malmesbury Red Bull – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Mon 18 Year 4 Residential Trip to Braeside (18.03.19-20.03.19) – to be confirmed

Fri 22 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall for all children

Tue 26 Travelling Book Fair – Upper & Lower School (26.03.19-02.04.19)

#### **APRIL 2019**

Fri 5 End of Term 4

#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

Tue 23 Start of Term 5

Thu 25 Y1/Y2 & Y3/Y4 Orienteering Festival – Malmesbury School Field – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

#### **MAY 2019**

Fri 17 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall for all children

Mon 20 Year 6 Residential Trip to Eden Project (20.05.19-24.05.19)

Fri 24 End of Term 5

#### **HALF TERM 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

#### **JUNE 2019**

**Mon 3 TD Day – Children not in School**

Tue 4 Start of Term 6

Fri 7 Y5/Y6 Mixed Cricket Festival – Malmesbury Cricket Club – 10.00am to 3.00pm

Tue 11 BEDSA Recycling

Thu 20 Y6 Athletics Festival – Malmesbury School Field – 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Fri 28 Sports Day

#### **JULY 2019**

Fri 5 Reserve Sports Day

Fri 19 School BBQ – to be confirmed

Wed 24 Leaver's Service, St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brinkworth

End of Term 6

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

*These dates are provisional and may be subject to change*