

Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Nov 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful time over the half term with your children. We are now beginning to prepare for the festive season and information is being sent out. We know how busy this time of year is for everyone.

The school disco at the end of last term and the film night last week were a huge success and our thanks again go to the BEDSA Team for organising everything.

We would like to welcome Mrs Gordon to Rowan class and Mrs Griffiths to Birch class. Mrs Cross will not be in school until January as she has had an operation to her foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our Christian Value for this term is Trust.

Working Party – Saturday 6th October 2018

A huge thank you to all those parents, families and children who turned out in spite of the rainy weather to help tidy up the grounds at Upper School. It has made such a difference and it is super to see the new grass beginning to grow.



BEDSA Textile Recycling

October's collection raised a fantastic **£360!** Thank you so much to all who donated. We really appreciate your support and our next School collection will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2019.

We are also delighted to announce that you can now drop-off your bags of unwanted reusable clothing all year round by arranging a donation directly with our Recycler at your own convenience! See our 'BEDSA Everyday Fundraising' poster for further details and please ask any questions via bedsacontact@gmail.com.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for your generous support of Jeans for Genes day. We raised a total of £146.91.

Mosaics

We are delighted with our two beautiful mosaics and would like to say a big THANK YOU to BEDSA for funding the project. The mosaics were designed by our children and every child and member of staff contributed to making them. They are now proudly displayed at the entrances to both school buildings.



Open Day

We welcomed many prospective parents into school on our Open Day on Friday 9th November 2018.

Y5/Y6 Trip to The Big Pit

My favourite part was descending down the deep, dark coal mine (90 metres down). We laid our eyes on incredible things. There was a machine that rang if you put a piece of metal on it. Underground we inspected all of the lovely stables for the pit ponies.

By Ollie



My favourite part of the trip was 'King Coal' where it showed you how they made tunnels with TNT. It was like a walk around a movie in a hill (it was built through a hill). They also showed you the tools they used down the mine. They used picks and shovels to mine down the mine.

Christmas Productions

Lower School

Tuesday 11th December – 9.30am

Wednesday 12th December – 1.30pm

Upper School

Tuesday 18th December – 9.30am & 1.30pm

Due to restricted space in both the Lower School hall and Brinkworth church, seats are unfortunately limited to two per family. Pre-school siblings are welcome to attend but need to sit on an adult's lap for the performance. Tickets will be issued for the Lower School productions, but not for the performances in Brinkworth church. Should we have any spare tickets for the Lower School performances, we will be running a reserve list on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Allergies

We have children in school who have severe allergic reactions 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 (including hummus) 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.

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 park on or 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.

School Uniform Reminder

We believe school uniform and a smart appearance promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school. We ask parents to support the school uniform policy as follows:

Skirts / pinafore dresses in grey (an appropriate length and fit for school wear)

Shorts / trousers - grey tailored (shorts should be knee length)

Shirts / polo shirts - pale blue or white

Sweatshirts / cardigans - navy blue

Blue and white striped or gingham dresses for the summer

Socks – **WHITE, GREY OR BLACK**

Tights – white or grey

Shoes / sandals – black or brown – sensible and safe for children to run around in (No boots)

PE Kit

T shirts - navy blue (with school logo) or white –

NOT FOOTBALL SHIRTS. (T shirts in house colours of red, blue, yellow and green are worn on Sports Day)

Shorts - navy blue

PE shoes - trainers or plimsolls

Please ensure that shoulder length and long hair is tied back with discreet hair accessories in the school colours only.

Jewellery - No jewellery except stud earrings, which will need to be taken out or covered up for PE lessons.

All school uniform should be clearly named with labels.

Applying for Primary School

If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2019, 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 2019.**

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.

Emergency Closure

We hope that the weather will be mild this winter and we won't see much 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 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.

BEDSA
Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association

Useful everyday 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
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 and enter our code. It costs you nothing and means we get a little something.

BEDSA CLOTHES RECYCLING
TO ARRANGE A DROP-OFF OR COLLECTION with our Recycler
CALL Becky Wade 07590 666689
EMAIL brinkworthbaglady@gmail.com
QUESTIONS hedsacontact@gmail.com
We love raising funds from your bags of reusable unwanted clothing and we don't want to miss out in between collection dates.
ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO BEDSA and Brinkworth Pre-School

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 get their first box for free (only £1 P&P) and will raise £5 for our school.
<https://toucanbox.com/water?code=5CH455E&school=brinkpsn158b08>

easyfundraising
feel good shopping
An easy way to raise funds for BEDSA is to collect free donations when you shop online. Join up via: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brinkworthearldanbybedsa

Second Hand Uniform:
Logo'd jumpers and cardigans for £3.
Contact bedsacontact@gmail.com to check stock.

Get in touch
facebook.com/bedsapage bedsacontact@gmail.com

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

School Website

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

DIARY DATES 2018/2019

NOVEMBER 2018

Tue 27 Beech Class Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Wed 28 Y5/Y6 Friendly Netball Match – Lea & Garsdon Primary School
Thu 29 Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

DECEMBER 2018

Wed 5 Y5/Y6 Netball Festival – Malmesbury – 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Fri 7 Willow Class Assembly – 9.30am
BEDSA Christmas Event – to be confirmed
Tue 11 Lower School Christmas Production – Lower School Hall – 9.30am to 10.30am
Wed 12 Lower School Christmas Production – Lower School Hall – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
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
Tue	18	Upper School Christmas Production – Brinkworth Church – 9.30am to 10.30am Upper School Christmas Production – Brinkworth Church – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Wed	19	Whole School Day at Lower School & Christmas Dinner
Thu	20	Beech Class – Come and Play – 9.00am
Fri	21	End of Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 24th December 2018– 4th 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 18th February 2019 – 22nd 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

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) Parents Evening - 5pm to 7pm
Thu	28	Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 5pm

APRIL 2019

Tue	2	BEDSA Recycling
Fri	5	End of Term 4

EASTER HOLIDAYS 8th April 2019 – 22nd 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 27th May 2019 – 31st 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
Thu	13	NextGen Class Photographs
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