

# Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School



**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Sept 2019**

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you managed to make the most of the lovely weather.

We were pleased to see the children back at the beginning of September. They all arrived looking very smart and in good spirits. You will be pleased to know that they are quickly settling into their new classes/year groups and our youngest new children are already learning our school routines.

We have an action packed schedule over the coming terms, details of which are on the attached sheet of Diary Dates.

## Our Christian Value for this term: Friendship

The children will be exploring the value of friendship by learning how to encourage and support one another. We will talk about making time for our friends and learning to listen. The children will be bringing home a paper copy of the value sheet so you can further explore friendship at home.

## Welcome to New Pupils

Welcome to all our new children in Beech class as they start their exciting school journey – Yuma, Emily, Libby, Max, Alan, Lewis, Keegan, Amelia, Daisy, Freddie, Louisa, Tate, Oliver, Ella, Catherine, Kaiden, Janice and Noah. Mrs Gray and Mrs Haydon would like to thank our new parents for their support in ensuring the children make a smooth transition into school. Photos of the children enjoying their first days at school can be viewed on the Beech Class webpage.

We also welcome Daisy & Febe into Elm class, Maddie into Rowan class, Nevvy into Willow class and we welcome back Carolina in Oak class, Joseph in Birch class and Valentine in Rowan class.

## School Open Day

If you know of anyone who is looking for a primary school place, please let them know about our Open Day on Friday 18th October. We warmly invite families to come along and view our school between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

## Jeans 4 Genes

Year 6 pupils decided they would like to continue to support this charity. Thank you to everyone who generously donated. We raised £126.10.

## ParentPay Communications

As a one off we are sending out the first school newsletter this year by paper copy.

In a bid to be as environmentally aware as we can, all school communications, except those requiring a response from parents will only be sent out electronically. Please check that you are signed up to ParentPay and that your email address is up to date and correct. Please update the school with any changes to your email addresses and ensure that you keep your ParentPay email address up to date as the school is unable to update/amend this for you.

If you have a Hotmail account, please check that communications from school are not going into junk/clutter/spam folders.

We always strive to ensure parents are receiving communications from school. Therefore please do let us know if you are not receiving information from ParentPay and/or if you require a second account set up on ParentPay.

If you don't have access to email please let the office know so that we can send you a paper copy of all communications.

## Oak Class Topic – Dinosaur Planet

Oak Class have been on a fossil and Dinosaur hunt. They enjoyed using soft brushes and tweezers to carefully excavate the fossils and bones from the sand. They also went in search of Dinosaurs hiding around our school and looked at features to identify them.



## Elm Class

Elm class have been exploring their new topic of 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' through trying foods from around the world, making and tasting fruit smoothies and carrying out different science investigations looking into melting and mixing.



## Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent

As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary aged children. This will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at our school and as last year, the consent will need to be completed electronically.

Don't forget to register your child for the flu vaccination at:-

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school.

## ALDI Kit For Schools



We are taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion and would be delighted to receive any Team GB stickers.

## Brinkworth Bash

Well done and congratulations to all those children who successfully completed the Brinkworth Bash on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September:-

Abel, Archie, Alex B, Josh, Penny, Samuel C, Fynn, Henry, Natasha, Faye, Martha, Francesca, Bethan, Lara, Nathan, Claudia, Riley, Emily and Fintan.

## Sporting Achievements

As it is going to be an Olympic academic year, we would love to see evidence of sporting achievements outside of school. If you have any pictures, certificates or newspaper clippings, we would be happy to display them in school and share these achievements in our celebration assemblies.

## Don't Forget – Special Menu Day

There's a special French day coming up on 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like your child to have a hot school dinner that day, please remember to place your order on ParentPay **by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Upper School Trip to REME

*"We had an amazing time at the REME Museum. We had to build dodgem cars out of lego and make them move with electricity!*

*We also got to explore the museum and do a backpack challenge. The free tour was the best because we played a WW2 game and we saw the guns that were used in the battle."*

By Penny and Olley



## 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 (3½ 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.

## No Smoking

Can we please politely remind anyone visiting either school site that we are "No Smoking" – this includes vaping. Thank you.



## Police Notice

Police notice for parents who drive to the school with their children.

“Wiltshire Police receive repeated requests to deal with poor, inconsiderate or dangerous parking by parents during the ‘school run’.

We are working with your school to reduce the issues that are caused by inconsiderate parking at school drop off and collection times.

Following the end of term, Wiltshire Police CPT officers will look to continue to conduct school patrols during the new school year to engage with and provide visible policing to the users of our schools at their busiest time, this will include enforcement of parking that is an issue.

Wiltshire Police, having given due warning by this communication, will enforce parking offences and this may include a fine and/or points on a driving licence. This may occur without further warning and may include our partners at Parking enforcement. Please do not be caught out.

To avoid this, please park considerately and follow the below rules :

Do Not park on any double yellow lines

Do Not park in a dangerous position (i.e near bends where vehicles are forced onto oncoming traffic)

Do Not park within 10 metres of any junction

Do Not cause an obstruction, including rights of nearby residents and their properties

Do Not drive or park on a pavement or verge, regardless of whether you may be obstructing the path or not

Take a parking space further away and enjoy a little extra walk with your child to school

Inconsiderate parking causes frustration, anger and danger to children, please do not do it.

Take the time to plan your school parking to allow for these considerations.

Wiltshire Police may use any results on facebook site to assist in ‘getting the message across’ please park sensibly and do not get caught out.”

*Kind regards, Wiltshire North CPT.*

## 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.



## School Website

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

## Applying for Primary & Secondary School

If you have a child in Year 6 who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2020, you must apply for a secondary school place. If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2020, 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.**

## 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 Earldanbys 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](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.

**BEDSA CLOTHES RECYCLING**

**SCHOOL COLLECTIONS IN April and October**

**TOO LONG TO WAIT? We also welcome donations all year round!**

We love raising funds from your bags of reusable unwanted clothing and we don't want to miss out in between collection dates.

**TO ARRANGE A DROP-OFF OR COLLECTION with our Recycler**

**CALL**  
Becky Wade  
07590 066689

**EMAIL**  
[brinkworthba@plaidy@gmail.com](mailto:brinkworthba@plaidy@gmail.com)

**QUESTIONS**  
[bedsacontact@gmail.com](mailto:bedsacontact@gmail.com)

The Brinkworth Recycling Project

**ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO**  
  
and Brinkworth's 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.

Feel free to share this with your friends and family too.

<https://youcanbox.com/taster?code=SCH45SE&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/brinkworthearldanbys](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brinkworthearldanbys)

**Second Hand Uniform:**  
Logo'd jumpers and cardigans for £3.  
Contact [bedsacontact@gmail.com](mailto:bedsacontact@gmail.com) to check stock.

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TICKET & SUPPORT  
YOUR SCHOOL**



New Year, New Resolution – Buy a lottery ticket to support our school!

- Cash Prizes to be WON every week!
- Match all 6 numbers & WIN £25,000!
- Tickets cost £1 each, per week & 40% of ticket sales goes to our school.
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm & results posted online.
- Joining is easy, just visit our web page to support us now.

To start supporting, visit:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Search for:

**Brinkworth Earl Danb**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

\*Terms and Conditions apply. See website



**Passenger Assistant opportunities available at Wiltshire Council**

Wiltshire Council are currently recruiting Passenger Assistants to join both their casual bank and on a permanent basis across schools in Wiltshire.

You will be supporting vulnerable children or adults travelling on Wiltshire Council contracted transport to and from school or their respective social day care services.

Working in conjunction with the driver you will ensure that the passengers in your care have a safe and enjoyable journey.

You will need to be patient, understanding and have the ability to empathise with vulnerable children and adults, who may have a physical disability, learning difficulties and/or display challenging behaviour.

For more information and to apply please visit <http://jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/> or alternatively email [Patricia.Newton@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Patricia.Newton@Wiltshire.gov.uk) for further information.

All applicants will be subject to a DBS clearance in order to comply with Wiltshire Council's Safer Recruitment Procedures.

**DIARY DATES 2019/2020**

**OCTOBER 2019**

Tue	1	BEDSA Recycling
Fri	4	Harvest Festival – St Michael & All Angels Church, Brinkworth – 2.00pm
Fri	11	SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Mon	14	Parents Evening at Lower School for all parents – 4.00pm-7.00pm
Wed	16	Parents Evening at Lower School for all parents – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Fri	18	BEDSA Disco
Mon	21	Life Education Bus – Upper School
Tue	22	Life Education Bus – Lower School
Tue	22	End of Term 1
Wed	23	<b>TD Day – Children not in school</b>

**HALF TERM 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

**NOVEMBER 2019**

Mon	4	Start of Term 2
Tue	5	Start of Birch Class Swimming Lessons
Thu	7	Flu Vaccinations
Fri	15	NextGen Individual Photographs – Upper and Lower School Coffee & Cake with Terry Jones, Parent Support Advisor, Lower School – 2.00pm-3.00pm – Talking about Behaviour Management Film Club – Upper and Lower School

**DECEMBER 2019**

Fri	13	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – Wyvern Theatre, Swindon – 12.00pm to 5.00pm Carols Around the Tree – St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brinkworth – 6.30pm
Wed	18	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day – Whole School Day at LS
Fri	20	End of Term 2

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019– 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

**JANUARY 2020**

Mon	6	Start of Term 3
Wed	15	Deadline for Primary School applications
Tue	28	Maths Information Parents Evening - tbc

#### **FEBRUARY 2020**

Fri	7	Film Club – Upper and Lower School
Tue	11	Safer Internet Day
Fri	14	End of Term 3

#### **HALF TERM 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>TD Day – Children not in School</b>
Tue	25	Start of Term 4

#### **MARCH 2020**

Thu	5	World Book Day
Mon	16	Mother's Day Lunches – all week
Fri	20	BEDSA Disco
Mon	23	Parents Evening at Upper School for all parents – 4.00pm-7.00pm
Tue	24	Travelling Book Fair – Upper & Lower School (24.03.20-31.03.20)
Wed	25	Parents Evening at Upper School for all parents – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Tue	31	Easter Service – Whole School Day at Upper School

#### **APRIL 2020**

Wed	1	Year 4 Residential Trip to Braeside (01.04.20-03.04.20)
Fri	3	End of Term 4

#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Mon	20	Start of Term 5
Tue	21	BEDSA Recycling

#### **MAY 20120**

<b>Fri</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Early Spring Bank Holiday</b>
Fri	15	BEDSA Disco
Mon	18	Year 6 Residential Trip to the Eden Project (18.05.20-22.05.20)
Fri	22	End of Term 5

#### **HALF TERM 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

#### **JUNE 2020**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TD Day – Children not in School</b>
Tue	2	Start of Term 6
Tue	9	Start of Willow Class Swimming/Self Rescue Lessons
Mon	15	Father's Day Lunches – all week
Wed	17	New Reception Starters – Parents Information Evening

#### **JULY 2020**

Fri	3	Sports Day
Tue	7	Brinkworth Earl Danby's - Transfer Day
		Malmesbury Secondary School – Induction Day
Wed	8	Malmesbury Secondary School – Induction Day
Thu	9	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Induction Day
Fri	10	Royal Wootton Bassett Academy – Induction Day
		Reserve Sports Day
Fri	17	BEDSA BBQ - tbc
Tue	21	Leaver's Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Brinkworth
		End of Term 6
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>TD Day – Children not in school</b>

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