



# BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News Letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Autumn 2015

Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break, in spite of the rather wet and windy weather, and that you are looking forward to the start of the new academic year. We have an action packed schedule over the coming terms, details of which are on the attached sheet of Diary Dates.

We would like to welcome our new children to Brinkworth Earl Danby's and hope they settle in well and have a positive time with us.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Diment who is teaching in Rowan class and Mrs Allen who is working with Oak class.

It is lovely to see the children smartly dressed in uniform for start of the school year and thank you to those parents who have clearly named their child's clothing. This has made returning items left behind, so much easier!

We are delighted with the Lower School kitchen and will now be able to enjoy much improved facilities at our Dauntsey site. The kitchen is already proving a real success with everyone who uses it.

Thank you to Ben Hyde and Stuart Walker of Best Homes and their team including Keith (a former pupil of the school) on the build and fittings, the plumbers and electricians, George Jackson of Catertech for help and advice in supplying the kitchen equipment and thank you to everyone involved for getting the work completed for the children to come back on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

There were many other building projects undertaken during the summer break – fencing and a new flat roof at Lower School and new hall and classroom windows at Upper School. Everyone has been very busy and accommodating to get everything working.

### THANK YOU

We would like to say a very big Thank You for all the lovely gifts and comments received at the end of last term. Your kind thoughts are what make this such a worthwhile job.

### Handwriting Success!

Congratulations to the winners of the Handwriting Competition at the Brinkworth Produce and Handicraft Show. There were three categories; under 5 years, 5-8 years and 8-11 years. All three categories were won by Brinkworth Earl Danby's children. Well done to the following children:

#### The Brinkworth Show Cup

Best Handwriting – 5 years and under – Victoria, Thomas E, Gracie

#### The Miss M A Brown Cup

Best Specimen Handwriting - 6-8 years – Eloise, Natasha, Evie

#### The Jean Lambe Memorial Trophy

Best Specimen Handwriting - 9-11 years – Phoebe, Daisy, Matthew

### Extra Curricular Activities

After School Clubs at both sites have started this week and in addition to whole-class curriculum music lessons, pupils have the opportunity of learning an instrument or having vocal lessons with a visiting specialist teacher.

Lessons are available in:

Woodwind, brass, strings, piano/keyboard, guitar and voice – provided by Swindon Music Cooperative. Some lessons are already fully booked at the current time.

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 the school does have some instruments available to loan.

Application forms are available from the school office and further information is available on the school website at:

[http://1222354937.web4.sitemove.co.uk/page\\_viewer.asp?page=After+School%2FExtra-Curricular+Activities&pid=41](http://1222354937.web4.sitemove.co.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=After+School%2FExtra-Curricular+Activities&pid=41)

## WOMAD

*In July ten of our pupils from year 5 and 6 went to Malmesbury Secondary School to practise with Tomorrow's Warriors for Womad. The options that you could do were singing or dancing.*

*The singers went to practise in the music room with a band member and the dancers went to the dance studio with a dance teacher and practised two dances.*

*On 14<sup>th</sup> July our Womad team went to Malmesbury Abbey. We practised during the day and then went back at 6.30pm to show our parents how good we were.*

*On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the day of Womad came and we went on stage to perform to our parents and families. When it was over we went to our parents and got food!*

*By Lily, Ruby and Amalie.*

## Contacting the School

Should you wish to contact your child's teacher or relay an important message to them, please remember you can use the class e:mail addresses, which are checked daily.

### Beech:

[beech@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:beech@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

**Oak:** [oak@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:oak@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

**Elm:** [elm@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:elm@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

**Hazel:** [hazel@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:hazel@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

**Birch:** [birch@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:birch@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

### Rowan:

[rowan@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

### Willow:

[willow@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:willow@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

Please continue to phone or e:mail the **school offices** with information about alternative after school collection arrangements for your child and to inform us if your child is unwell.

Upper School – Tel: 01666 510406

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

Lower School – Tel: 01666 510311

[lowerschool@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lowerschool@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk)

If your child is going to be off school due to illness can we please remind you to phone or e:mail the offices before school starts. 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.

Also, a polite reminder that children suffering from sickness or diarrhoea should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last attack. This helps prevent the spread of such bugs.

## 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.

## Notices

### Start of day at Upper School

Upper School children should arrive no earlier than 8.30am, unless travelling by 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 the start and end of the school day without the supervision of a member of the school's staff. 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.

Upper School children (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.

## Use of the School Bus Service

If your child is entitled to use the school bus service and has been issued with a bus pass, we would strongly encourage them to do so, as this greatly helps reduce congestion outside both school sites at the beginning and end of the school day.

### Upper School Gardening Club

A special Thank You to Mrs Nelson for her time and commitment to the Upper School gardening club. Although Mrs Nelson no longer has children in school, she has very kindly agreed to continue running the club until Harvest Festival. We are therefore looking for a green fingered volunteer to help run this club, either during a lunch time or after school. If you would like to take on this challenge, we would love to welcome you into school, please contact Ali Hayes in the school office.

### Medical Information

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or needs an inhaler, please ensure they have an inhaler in school with them every day and that a Medical Consent Form has been completed. Thank you.

### Uniform

Please can we remind you of our school uniform. This is:

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

Shorts/ trousers – grey tailored

Shirts/ polo shirts – pale blue or white

Blue and white striped or gingham dresses

Socks - white, grey, or black

Tights – white or grey

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

Please can we remind you that long hair needs to be tied back.

In response to several enquiries and an increasing difficulty in purchasing some items, navy blue skirts and trousers will be phased out. However, if you have already purchased these items these items, will of course be acceptable.

### 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.

### Nut Allergies

We have children in school who have an allergic reaction to nuts. As you are aware, this could be potentially very serious indeed for the child if he/she came into contact with nuts or was touched by anybody who had held a nut or been in contact with any nut products. As a precaution, we are therefore requesting you DO NOT send your child to school with any nut 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.

### Applying for Primary & Secondary School

If you have a child in Year 6 who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2016, you must apply for a secondary school place. If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2016, 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 2015.**

The deadline for primary applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

### Parent Governor Vacancy

There is one vacancy for a parent governor to serve on the governing body of this school. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils to nominate themselves to fill these places. Details of what you will need to do to be nominated can be obtained from the school office or the school website .

### Governor's 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)

### Job Vacancy

*The Creative Kitchen are delighted to be providing a catering service to Brinkworth Earl Danby's Primary School We are looking to recruit **CATERING SERVERY ASSISTANTS** to help with the daily kitchen duties and service of the meals to the pupils*

#### *Hours of Work:*

*10 Hours (11:30 - 13:30) per week*

*Monday to Friday - £7.00 per hour*

*(Term Time Only)*

*Uniform and Full Training Provided*

*If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact our offices on 02087514088 for an application form*



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## DIARY DATES 2015/2016

### SEPTEMBER 2015

Tue	1	TD Day – Children not in school
Wed	2	TD Day – Children not in school
Thu	3	Start of Term 1 for Children
Mon	7	Start of Y5 Swimming Lessons
Thu	24	NextGen Individual and Sibling Photographs – Upper School
Fri	25	NextGen Individual and Sibling Photographs – Lower School
Tue	29	Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket – Chippenham Sports Dome

### OCTOBER 2015

Fri	2	Harvest Festival – St Michael's Church, Brinkworth – 2pm – Provisional
Mon	5	Y3/Y4 TOPS Activity Festival – Malmesbury – 9.15am to 10.45am
Wed	14	Parents' Evening – Lower School Hall – 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Thu	15	Parents' Evening – Lower School Hall - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Fri	16	BEDSA Disco - Lower School Hall
Mon	19	Start of Book Focus Week
Wed	21	End of Term 1

### HALF TERM 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### NOVEMBER 2015

Mon	2	Start of Term 2 Start of Y4 Swimming Lessons
Wed	4	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Cross Country Festival – Malmesbury – 3.00pm to 5.15pm
Fri	6	BEDSA Recycling
Thu	12	Y3/Y4 Trip to The Egg, Bath
Fri	13	Kindness Day – Children In Need
Mon	16	Start of Anti Bullying Week Y5/6 Football Festival – Red Bull, Malmesbury – 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Fri	20	BEDSA Christmas Fayre
Mon	23	Start Road Safety Week
Thu	26	Y5/6 Netball Festival – Malmesbury Netball Courts – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

### DECEMBER 2015

Wed	9	Lower School Christmas Production – 2.00pm
Thu	10	Lower School Christmas Production – 9.30am
Tue	15	Upper School Christmas Production – St Michael's Church - 9.30am and 2.00pm
Wed	16	KS2 Trip to Pantomime – Wyvern Theatre
Thu	17	Christmas Lunch – Upper and Lower School
Fri	18	End of Term 2 Carols Around The Tree – St Michael's Church

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016

### JANUARY 2016

Mon	4	TD Day – Children not in school
Tue	5	Start of Term 3 for Children
Mon	11	Start of Y3 Swimming Lessons

## **FEBRUARY 2016**

Tue 9 Safer Internet Day  
Fri 12 End of Term 3

## **HALF TERM 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Mon 22 Start of Term 4  
Start of Y2 Swimming Lessons

## **MARCH 2016**

Fri 11 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall  
Mon 14 BEDSA Recycling  
Wed 16 Parents Evening – Lower School Hall – 4pm to 6pm  
Thu 17 Parents Evening – Lower School Hall – 4pm to 6pm  
Thu 24 End of Term 4

## **APRIL 2016**

**Mon 11 TD Day – Children not in school**  
Tue 12 Start of Term 5 for Children  
Wed 13 Start of Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside Education Centre

## **MAY 2016**

Mon 9 Start of SATS week  
Fri 13 BEDSA Disco – Lower School Hall  
Mon 16 Start of Money Focus Week  
Mon 23 Start of Y6 Residential Trip to Eden Project Adventure Central, Cornwall  
Fri 27 End of Term 5

## **HALF TERM 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

## **JUNE 2016**

Mon 6 Start of Term 6  
Mon 13 Start of Sports Focus Week - Olympics  
Fri 17 Sports Day  
Fri 24 Reserve Sports Days  
Thu 30 BEDSA Recycling

## **JULY 2016**

Wed 6 Transition Day  
Thu 21 Leaver's Service  
End of Term 6  
Fri 22 **TD Day – Children not in school**

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