



# BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Serving the communities of Brinkworth and Dauntsey

Winter 2015

## Dear Parents & Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 2 and Christmas Festivities are well and truly under way. The Lower School Nativity play was a joy to watch and the children sang and danced beautifully.

The Upper School Production of Straw and Order will take place in St Michael's Church, Brinkworth on Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm, so we look forward to that with anticipation.

## Christmas Post Boxes

Internal Christmas Post Boxes are up and running at both Upper and Lower School.

This is a great opportunity for your child to practise their neatest handwriting! Please remind them to address envelopes clearly with their friend's first name, surname and class, to ensure the cards end up in the right place.

## Carols Around The Tree

Enthusiastic singers from both Upper and Lower School are looking forward to taking part in Carols Around The Tree on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Thank you to Mrs Pontefract for her hard work in putting this together.

Please come along and join in the festivities with them at St Michael's Church, Brinkworth at 6.30pm.

## BEDSA Advent Fayre

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Advent Fayre such a success, especially the BEDSA team, for organising it, the local individuals and businesses who donated prizes and of course all of you for coming along on the night. There were plenty of activities for the children, tombolas and shopping opportunities for the grown ups. Cakes and sweet treats were in abundance and there were lots of prizes to be won.

Everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. It was a real social event as well as a fundraiser. BEDSA are delighted to announce that all the jollity and festive fun raised £955 to support school activities. This is a fantastic achievement and thank you again to everyone who came along and spent their pennies/pounds!

## Little Foxes Bus

A big thank you to Little Foxes for their support of our activities with generously donating their mini bus free of charge. This term it was used to transport a group of Y3/Y4 pupils to Malmesbury School for the TOPS activity festival.

## Children in Need

Thank you for your generous support on Children in Need day. We raised a fantastic £355.76 across both sites with non-uniform, cakes sales and fun and games.

## School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted in as the School Council:-

Willow – Holly and Cree

Rowan – Sebastian and Neasa

Birch – Jessica and Charlie

Hazel – Jude and Mia

Elm – Fynn and Emma

Oak – Penny and Rupert

## HOWZAT!

Holly, Phoebe, Maddie, Isobel and Aimee from year 6 and Holly and Bethany from year 5 took part in "Chance to Shine, Girls Only Kwik Cricket Festival," in Chippenham on 29th September. They played well as a team, scoring runs, taking wickets and a couple of brilliant catches (Holly S and Isobel). They won 2 of their 3 matches and lost the other by just 1 run!

This was a festival of play rather than a tournament, however they did receive an "Ashes" replica for being the team to score the most runs altogether during the morning!!

We look forward to an outdoor festival in the summer!



## Football Festival

*The day started with Brinkworth A & B teams coming into school very excited. Brinkworth A's first game was against Luckington. It was very tight, end to end stuff, but ended in a draw. In our next match, against Sherston, we won 3-1. We charged off the pitch with glory in our blood. We were now officially ready to play our next game. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0 to St Joseph's. This was not what we had hoped*

for. Our next games were against Malmesbury and Hullavington. Sadly we lost 5-0 to Malmesbury. Our worst defeat yet! However, we told ourselves not to dwell on our defeat and we came out on top with a 3-0 win against Hullavington. We were against St Joseph's again in the final for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place, but would we win? It was a close game. Someone needed to score otherwise it would go to penalties. Out of nowhere in the last minute Bryn scored a wonder goal from inside his own half. We went crazy. It was 1-0 with minutes to go to the whistle. We won the game and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

By Jacques

Brinkworth B team played St Joseph's in the first match and the score was 1-0 to us. Our second match was against St Joseph's other team and the score was 0-0. We were starting to get concerned about getting to the final. Our next game was against Malmesbury. That game was really hard. We had a few opportunities, but missed them all. The score was 3-0 to them. We needed to up our game. The suspense was killing us, would we make it to the final or not. Our last match was against Crudwell and we won 1-0, but we didn't score! That goal was a home goal. WE WERE IN THE FINALS! We were against Malmesbury and last time we played them, they hammered us 3-0. In the final we drew 0-0 and it went to penalties. We lost by one point. It was a good day and we came second. Maybe next time Brinkworth will win.

By Matty



### Netball Festival

Congratulations to Brinkworth Team A, who came a brilliant 3rd overall after a tenacious and nail-biting semi-final at the recent Netball Festival at Malmesbury Netball courts.



### Cross County

We were delighted to have taken 38 children from years 3 to 6 to the Malmesbury Cluster Cross Country festival on 4th November. For some of the younger pupils this was their first opportunity to participate in a cluster event. We are proud of all the pupils who took part, for their enthusiasm and support for one another.

Many thanks to the parents who came along to help and support us.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Through the fantastic support of parents and children at our Book Fair recently, we used our share of profits to purchase a variety of titles for all year groups for children to read for pleasure and to enrich our reading comprehension resources. There are also whole class picture books and fabulous new releases to dig into in our class libraries.

### Extra Funding for Schools

Parents, please let us know if you are service personnel before the annual school census on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**. The Service Pupil Premium is provided by the Department for Education for additional (mainly pastoral) support for service children. The premium is currently £300 per Service pupil.

### Upper School Gardening Club – Volunteer Needed

We have some keen horticulturists at our Upper School site and are currently looking for a green fingered volunteer to help run the gardening 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. Tel: 01666 510406.

### Semi Final Rugby World Cup 2015 - South Africa - New Zealand

*“Back in October 2014, I entered a national singing competition where I had to sing the English National Anthem. After all the auditions, Landrover chose 96 children to be Mascots for the Rugby World Cup.*

*My day was so exciting, starting with a tour of the stadium and seeing the tunnel where the players run onto the pitch. Luckily, I got to have a chat with Lewis Moody and Sir Clive Woodward before the game.*

*I had a rehearsal before the game to show me what I had to do, and then I was interviewed by Clare Balding, an amazing TV Presenter. When I was doing the interview, it was very scary because there was a whole crowd of people listening to me.*

*20 minutes before the game I was taken back to the tunnel to meet the South African players and then, although very nervous, ran out on the pitch with Flourie de Preez (Captain) and found my spot to wait for him to return to sing the National Anthems in front of 80,090 people.*

Before the day, I spent a couple of hours rehearsing the last verse of the South African Anthem and took pride in singing along.

It was such an epic experience. The atmosphere was brilliant and the crowd were immense and it was so so exciting. I was really nervous before running out with the players but when I was standing smiling on the pitch all the nerves went away.

My favourite part about that day was probably walking out with the South African Captain and singing the national anthem.

I was so lucky to be able to walk out with some of the South Africa's Titans at Twickenham on Saturday 24th October 2015."

By Maddy B



### 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)

### Severe Weather Conditions

Should the school be closed due to severe weather conditions, please check the Message Box on the home page of our website or listen to BBC Radio Wiltshire or Heart FM – Wiltshire. We will also send you a message via our Schoolcomms system.

### Reminders

PE Kit - Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school every day including a pair of daps/trainers.

School Shoes – If your child is wearing boots into school, please ensure they also have a pair of shoes to wear in school during the school day.

### Catering Servery Assistant 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*



**We wish you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous New Year.**

### Newsletter – Paper or Electronic Copy

In order to save paper and be more environmentally friendly and to speed up communications to parents, we generally try to send as much information to you via email (Schoolcomms) as possible. However, there are occasions where we need a response from you, in which case we will send home a paper copy.

Newsletters in future will only be sent out via email (Schoolcomms) unless you have requested a paper copy. If you would like to receive a paper copy of newsletter in the future, please complete and return the slip below.

If you are happy to continue receiving electronic copies, **please do nothing.**

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### Newsletter – Paper Copy

**PLEASE ONLY RETURN THIS SLIP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY.**

I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Child's Name..... Class .....

Signed..... Dated.....

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DIARY DATES 2015/2016**

**JANUARY 2016**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>TD Day – Children not in school</b>
Tue	5	Start of Term 3 for Children
Mon	11	Start of Y3 Swimming Lessons
Mon	18	Start of Space Week
Wed	27	Parents' Maths Evening – Upper School – 6.30pm

**FEBRUARY 2016**

Tue	9	Safer Internet Day
Fri	12	End of Term 3
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	
Mon	22	Start of Term 4
		Start of Y2 Swimming Lessons
Mon	29	Y5/Y6 Quick Sticks Hockey – to be confirmed

**MARCH 2016**

Thu	10	Y3/Y4 Football Festival – Malmesbury Red Bull – to be confirmed
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

**EASTER HOLIDAYS 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 – 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**APRIL 2016**

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

**MAY 2016**

Wed	4	Y1/Y2 & Y3/Y4 Orienteering Festival – Malmesbury – to be confirmed
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
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016</b>	

**JUNE 2016**

Mon	6	Start of Term 6
Wed	8	Y6 Bikeability
Thu	9	Y6 Bikeability
Fri	10	Y5/Y6 Mixed Cricket Festival – to be confirmed
		BEDSA Evening Event
Mon	13	Start of Sports Focus Week - Olympics
Fri	17	Sports Day
Fri	24	Reserve Sports Days
Mon	27	Y6 Athletics – Malmesbury – 1pm to 5pm
Thu	30	BEDSA Recycling

**JULY 2016**

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