



Newsletter

2023-2024

Issue 2 – 22nd September

Believe to achieve!

'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17

This term's value focus is Friendship

Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

We seem to have had all of the seasons in the last two weeks! After starting the term in a mini heatwave, we now find ourselves caught out by the wind and the rain. As the weather is so changeable at the moment, please make sure that children have their jumpers and coats with them every day, as if we can get outside for breaktimes we will.

With our Harvest celebration coming up next Thursday, I have learnt that the Malmesbury Foodbank have the following items as their priority at the moment, for those of you who are able to donate: soup, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes and pasta sauce. Thank you in advance for any donations that come in.

Education is an ever-changing phenomenon, it seems, and there are various initiatives launched every year, some of which schools must do, and some which they can choose to do. This year, we will be involved in a couple of initiatives, one of which is around cyber safety. To that end, we are looking to put together a working group consisting of a mix of school staff and parents, to work together to ensure that we are following the correct and appropriate procedures in school. If you are interested in getting together about once a term (six times a year) to join this group, please let me know. It will most likely be after school for an hour or so each time, days and dates to be decided by the group.

Finally, I need to remind you about my message in the previous newsletter about us being a nut-free school. There has been a child bringing nuts into school this week in their lunch box, and this could be very dangerous for the child with the allergy. Please do not send your child in with **any** type of nut in the future. If we do see any nuts in school from now on, we will take them away and clean the area down so that we can keep everyone safe. Thank you for your future cooperation with this matter.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Walch



UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 27th September

Early reading and phonics parent information evening

Thursday 28th September - confirmed

Whole school harvest festival morning

Friday 13th October

BEDSA Disco



Monday 16th October

BEDSA AGM, 8pm at LS

Tuesday 31st October

Deadline for Secondary School applications - for further information see details on page 5

The Value of Friendship

Being a friend to those you don't know has been the theme of this week in our preparations for our harvest festival - by giving a few items next week, we can make a difference to a family that we don't know and will never meet. What a great example of friendship in action.

On Monday, we thought about the qualities of a friend through the acronym FRIENDS - faithful, reliable, interested, enjoy, neighbourly, dependable and special.

Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last two weeks: Harry S, Alan, Dylan, Fred C, Jensen, Hollie, Connie, Zoe, Georgie, Eve, Daniel, Eva, Skylar, Levison, Rosemary, Elijah, Charlie W, Jesse, Amari, Darcy, Lottie, Ava, Isla D, Pippa M, Daisy T, Amelia M, Leah, Tate.
Well done, everyone!

Spotlight on ... the spotlight section



A new feature of the newsletter this year will be our 'spotlight' section. This is where I will give extra details about various aspects of school life. I have the first few planned out (attendance, wrap around care, curriculum, pupil premium, forces and more), but if there is anything that you would like included in this section, please email me on head@brinkwortheardandbys.wilts.sch.uk with the heading Spotlight, and I will do my best to accommodate your request. One of my favourite sayings is 'You don't know what you don't know', and so by having these regular spotlight sections, we can share valuable information and keep ourselves up to date on all things BEDS-related. Sometimes there will be a survey of questions to answer as well, either about the current spotlight or future ones, so that we can make sure that we are giving you the information that you need.



Beech class have settled in to school life really well!



They have thought about making healthy choices



and developed their fine motor skills whilst making yummy fruit skewers!

Dates for Brinkworth Church:

Messy Harvest Festival - all welcome - activities suitable for all ages.

Sunday 1st October 10.30 am in Brinkworth Church

With refreshments and crafts from 10.30 am followed by a short service of harvest celebration (approx 11 am) followed by an auction (for charity) of the fresh produce from the schools and church harvest donations.

Dates for the diary:

Messy Church - Sunday 5th Nov 10.30am - Brinkworth Village Hall

Messy Christingle - Sunday 3rd Dec 4pm in Brinkworth Church

Advance dates



We have updated this list a little from the original sent out. I'm so sorry to have missed off the Year 6 Leavers' Party! It is on there now, along with a couple of changes, all in red to make them easier to spot.

Wednesday 18th October - End of Term 1

Half Term - 19.10.23 to 27.10.23

Monday 30th October - TD Day - children not in school

Tuesday 31st October - Start of Term 2

Monday 6th November - Start of Rowan Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th November - Parents Evenings

Friday 17th November - Children In Need

Thursday 30th November - Barn Theatre trip, now confirmed

Thursday 30th November - Maths Information Evening for Parents - 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December - Lower Site Christmas Productions

Thursday 14th December - Upper Site Christmas Carol Service, 6pm at Brinkworth Church

Friday 15th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day - Whole School at Lower Site

Wednesday 20th December - End of Term 2

Christmas Holidays - 21.12.23-03.01.24

Thursday 4th January - Start of Term 3

Monday 15th January - Deadline for Primary School applications for September 2024

Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - End of Term 3

Half Term - 12.02.24-16.02.24

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4

Monday 19th February - Start of Birch Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February - Parents Evenings

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March - Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service - Whole School Day at Upper Site

Thursday 28th March - TD Day - Children not in school

Easter Holidays - 29.03.24-12.04.24

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 22nd May - NextGen Class Photographs

Friday 24th May - End of Term 5

Half Term - 27.05.24-31.05.24

Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Morfabay

Thursday 20th June - Induction Meeting for Parents of new Foundation Stage children

Friday 28th June - Sports Day

Thursday 4th July - Brinkworth Earl Danby's Summer Fete - 6-8pm

Friday 5th July - TD Day - Children not in school

Thursday 11th July - Shuffle Up Day

Friday 12th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July - End of Year Leavers Production - afternoon & evening performances

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Church Service - all of school at US in the morning

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term 6

BEDSA - bedsacontact@gmail.com

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Monday 16th October 2023, 8pm Lower School Hall

The current BEDSA Core Committee will be due for re-election at the AGM on Monday 16th October 2023. We need a volunteer to step forward as Secretary. This is a key role on the Committee (required by its Charity status) and a simple job description is below. The nomination process is simple – please email bedsacontact@gmail.com.

The annual general meeting of Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association (BEDSA) will take place on Monday 16th October 2023 at 8pm at Lower School Hall. The meeting itself will be kept brief and to the point, allowing this evening to be a social event where everyone can catch up after the summer and perhaps meet other parents. This is an ideal opportunity if you are new to the school or cannot always drop off or collect from school. BEDSA will be offering refreshments and nibbles.

If you are interested in what BEDSA has achieved this year or if you have any ideas moving forward, we would warmly welcome any expressions of interest from parents looking to get involved in BEDSA either as a general committee member, a casual volunteer at events or for a specific role within the committee.

SECRETARY

The Secretary helps to ensure that BEDSA runs smoothly and provides a link between Committee Members and the School. This requires good organisational and communication skills and being able to stick to deadlines. The Secretary helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly. The Secretary may also need to make bookings and other arrangements for events.

Main duties:

- Arrange meetings.
- Prepare and distribute agendas.
- Take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them.
- Help with communications to parents.

Dauntsey fete was a lovely evening earlier this month (postponed from the wet summer!) and through running the children's tombola stall we managed to raise £87.90.



Upcoming date for your diaries - BEDSA disco Friday 13th October 2023 - further details to follow shortly.



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2023

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Minety Rugby Club

Come and join our Minis & Juniors

All boys and girls aged 5 to 17 welcome, no previous rugby experience needed



Training every Sunday
10:00 - 11:30
Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU



Register interest

