



Newsletter

October 2018



Rear of Banwell Primary School, West Street, Banwell. BS29 6DB.

01934 822233

www.banwellbuddies.com

Dates for your diary

*Print off the page and keep it somewhere safe!
All our term dates are on our website on our 'Further reading' page.*

Last day of term 1: Friday 26th October

International Nursery Rhyme Week: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd November

Inset days for 2018-19:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

First day of Term 2: Monday 3rd November 2018

A big thank you!

Our heartfelt thanks to Banwell Bowling Club who have gifted us £60 recently! We're going to put the money towards some Forest School sessions for the children.

News from the playroom

An update on some of the ways we've been learning recently.

It's getting chilly, brrrrr! Please remember to bring a coat for your child and make sure that they have a pair of wellingtons that fit them at preschool.

Since Healthy Living Week, we have been doing weekly yoga sessions. The children and adults are loving it!

Don't forget to check Tapestry for pictures of your child, and if you haven't managed to sign up yet and would like some help please see your child's key worker. While you are there, please don't forget to like and comment on your child's posts.

We've been baking! As part of our home learning programme, please feel free to bring in any of your favourite recipes so that we can add them to our baking folder.

Have you been wondering **'What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday?'** It's our new book! We hope that you've enjoyed the new book pack. There will be another new book at the beginning of term 2.

Quality Improvement

We're always working hard and trying to improve what we do to make our preschool setting the best it can be for your little ones.

Food hygiene: We recently had a surprise visit from the food hygiene inspection team and they awarded us with 5 stars!

Home Learning: Our new book is coming home to all the children in turn this term. Please have a look at the pack with them. We're already working on our new book for term 2!

Moving forwards: Staff are completing peer observations, as well as effective learning and development sheets to contribute to an action plan as part of our quality improvement work. This gives staff the opportunity to see where we can further develop the experiences and resources we provide the children.

Our garden: Chris Simms, has led a fabulous team of parents over the summer working on the garden. We hope you agree that it looks super! Thank you very much to Chris and the team, and we will let you know if we need any more help soon.

Sadly, we'll be saying goodbye to Katie in a couple of weeks. She will be staying in touch and we hope that she'll come back to us when she is able to, even just for visits to catch up!

Don't forget!

We want to keep everyone safe, family members too. So please always use the bottom gate at the entrance to the school. Please note that the school drive is no longer accessible to cars due to new security measures in place at school. This also applies to lunchtime collections and drop offs as we've noticed some parents still using the drive at these times.

Our lending library! Even if you already have books at home, encouraging the children to choose a new one and reading it with them will help to foster a love of reading. The children each have a library card, colour coded according to their key worker. Just fill the card in when you take a new book.

Moving up to school: Don't forget if your child is eligible for a school place starting in September 2019 you can apply now. You should have had an email with all the details on, just ask your key worker if you didn't receive it.

We need to pair the children up with the adult who is collecting them. So please collect your child from the carpet so the staff can clearly see who is going home with who.

Drinks: Please make sure that water bottles only contain water, unless previously organised with staff. Water bottles should not have juice or squash in them.

Contact details: Please make sure that we have up to date contact details as well as an emergency contact for your child.

Fundraising

We've previously emailed you a letter about our committee and why we need to fundraise. These are just some of the ways you can support our preschool, from shopping online, to baking and collecting spare items at home!

Easyfundraising link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/banwellbuddies/>

We would like to fundraise specifically for our storytelling project in the next few months. The money raised will pay for storytelling resources and hopefully a visit from our storytelling expert, Mike Akers.

As part of our efforts, we would like to gift each child a tube of smarties! In return, we'd like the children to refill the tubes with coins and return them to us before the end of term 2. You can fill it with 1p's, 5p's, 10p's, 20p's or £1 coins, or a mix of them all!

If anyone has any objection to us giving your child the smarties, please let us know. We will of course, be handing them to parents, not the children.

After the success of last year's another Christmas Market is being planned. Date to be announced!

We'd also like to run some Christmas themed Stay & Play sessions. Maybe you could use them as an opportunity to get some seasonal shopping out of the way without the little ones?!

We always welcome new fundraising ideas. Do get in touch if you have any ideas, big or small!