

July 2019

Growing Together, Learning For Life

Diary Dates:

- ★ **Friday 19th July is the last day of term. Normal finishing time for school day and After School Club. This will be a non-uniform day for all year groups up to Year 5 (YEAR 6 ARE TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM) (50p donation).**
- ★ **Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August:**
Summer Holiday Club –
ActivKids @MW
- **Tuesday 3rd September:**
Autumn Term starts for children
- **Wednesday 4th September:**
Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher
3.10pm-4pm @HS
- **Thursday 5th September:**
Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher
3.25pm-4.15pm @MW
- **Friday 6th September:** Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher 3.25pm-4.15pm @MW

Sports Days:

So far, we have had successful Sports Days thanks to the fantastic weather that we have had this term.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that supported and gave such lovely feedback regarding the organisation of the days, despite a last minute change of venue.



Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our Parent Survey and also to those who have sent positive messages and practical ideas for the next academic year. The Parent Forum, Tuesday 9th July, will help us when drafting our School Development Plan for the next academic year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone in the Bannockburn community for their continued support in everything that we do. Thank you also to all of you who have worked so much behind the scenes with preparing for community events, reading within school and supporting visits etc. The children have experienced another amazing year and they continue to make us very proud with their enthusiasm, effort and the respect that they show. Wishing you all a safe and healthy Summer ☺

The summary sheets from the Parent Survey will be uploaded onto our school website for you to look at but here are some headlines:

100% believe that this is a good school and are proud that their child attends it.

99% would recommend the school to another parent.

100% believe that their children feel safe at school.

100% believe that the school instils morals and positive attitudes.

100% believe that that the school helps and encourages children to exercise or participate in sport.

If you would like to discuss any of your responses then we would be happy to meet with you to ensure that we are listening and moving forward with ideas. Any feedback from the surveys has already been discussed for next steps.

For any parent/carers interested, there is a Forum on Wednesday 25th September, 2-3pm @MW in The Lodge. The focus will be decided as a result of school priorities for 2019/2020.

online-safety

With the summer holidays fast approaching, I thought it might be worth reminding you about safe use of the internet.

It is important to be aware of children's internet use and to see that children's safe use of the internet is something that you control e.g. establishing amount of use; getting enough sleep; permissions around apps and their age limits and content; being confident to talk to them about behaving positively online.

Here are some useful websites:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>.

Gives a lot of information about each app or social media site and is a great basis for discussion and for parents/carers taking greater control over permissions

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide>

Helps parents and carers to set up internet linked devices

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware>

Has lots of resources and safety advice that children and parents/carers could look at together.

Arts Trail Quiz

Well done to all of the participants who got 100% correct on the quiz.

One sheet was 'pulled out of a hat' with the 'Family Golf' prize going to Mya Corbin-Roberts in Year 6 ☺

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Bannockburn has been awarded the Wellbeing Accreditation for the work that happens to support children, staff and families to work collaboratively for positive changes and outcomes.

Please look out for the variety of holiday ideas to support you over the break; focusing on keeping your body and mind healthy and happy. ☺



AUTUMN BOOK QUIZ

In preparation for the book quiz (Friday 27th September), children may wish to read a selection of books from these chosen authors. Please note that the specific book choices will be identified when we return to school in September.

KS1: Anthony Brown and Enid Blyton

Yr 3 & 4: E.B White and Anthony Horowitz

Yr 5 & 6: Madeleine L'Engle and MG Leonard

SCHOOL JOURNEY – Elveden Center Parcs

WRITTEN BY Navrup Kaur (Parent Governor)

Hello everyone!

I wanted to share my experience of sending my daughter to the 2019 school journey. Like many of the parents out there, Munsimar has never been away from us for that long (perhaps the odd night here and there at her granny and grandpa's – but that doesn't really count).

When we were first made aware of the trip, Munsimar's dad and I said 'before you go, you need to be able to manage your hair'. So over the course of the year, she learnt to wash, comb and manage her long hair and tie her turban. It was a wonderful push for me to support her to manage her hair and the incentive for her.

I found the meetings held by Mr Smales particularly informative, as most of my questions were covered in the presentations and all my pending concerns were put at ease with the Q&A session following the meetings.

As Sikhs, we keep a disciplined diet and have raised our children to be Lacto-vegetarians (do not eat red or white meat, fish, fowl or eggs. However, lacto-vegetarians do consume dairy products such as cheese, milk and yogurt).

The main concern for us was, what would she eat and who would cook it. I think I must have asked the same questions ten or more times and appreciated the patience and willingness of staff to constantly put me at ease.

Not sure how hard it was for you all, but the house was so quiet once Monday afternoon approached and I am sure that we missed her more than she missed us! ☺

On return, Munsimar told me that in her lodge there were other children who were either lacto intolerant or had wheat and other allergies so she didn't feel at all out of place or singled out. And the best part for her was that the children cooked their own food (with the support of Miss Parsons).

Munsimar had an absolutely amazing experience and even today, she still talks about it. Munsimar tried new and exciting things and learnt a lot about being independent. We are super proud of her and all the children that went.

If you are a parent and are apprehensive about sending your child to the trip because of dietary requirements, allergies or anything that makes you uncomfortable, please speak to the school before making the decision to not send your child. I guarantee you, what they will gain that one week away will stay them forever and help them to gain life skills and learn more about themselves. The teachers who accompany the children, went above and beyond to ensure the children had a fantastic time. A massive thank you for all their efforts! (Wish I went to Centre Parcs, instead of the gloomy experience I had in Swanage, back in 199... actually, I won't mention the year, as I will show my age ☺. *The school journey meeting for next year will be after school on Friday 20th September.*



Leavers and Growers

If you have any old school uniform or PE kit, the school would very much welcome donations.

Goodbye and Good Luck to all our Year 6 leavers

It has been a joy to watch how our children in year 6 have developed into young, confident people who can apply our school values into their lives inside and outside of school. Many of us remember them in Nursery and Reception and we often share our fond memories of the times that they have 'wowed' us, as well as how they have approached, with maturity, some really difficult times for them as individuals.

As you go off to discover new knowledge, we wish you all courage to try new experiences, curiosity to continue with your love of learning and also integrity to make a positive difference where you can.