## **Head writes**

Thank you to all who have congratulated me on my appointment to permanent headship of Bannerman Road. This really is a special place to work and that is down to the community and the wonderful children you send here. We have had a disrupted term due to strike action but I thank you for your continued patience and support. It has been another packed term, with Explorer Dome visits, mini-police trips, field trips to collect data, coffee mornings, Bristol University science fair, VT Pupil Parliament and of course World Book Day! We are looking forward to a visit from Lord Justice Singh later this term, perhaps Bannerman Road's most successful alumnus! Mr. Laken.

## Reading at home



Reading at home is the biggest thing you can do to help your child. We ask that you read aloud with your child 4x per week. We check everyone's reading records each week and this is showing us that many children are not being given this opportunity. We do our utmost at school to help, but please work with us by reading as much as possible and asking questions about what you have read together. If you are unsure, please see Miss Bradshaw for tips.

#### Parking/Drop Offs

Please do not pull over and ask your children to

jump out of the car on double yellow lines or the yellow zig-zags.
Keep safe!



#### **Important Dates**

28th March - Year 3/4 AM performance

29th March—Year 3/4 PM performance

31st March— Last day term 4

17th April—First day term 5

21st April—INSET

1st May—BANK HOLIDAY

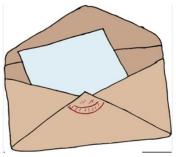
8th May—BANK HOLIDAY

9th—12th May SATS WEEK YR 6



#### **School Letters**

Following some parental feedback, we will now be publishing all school letters on the school website. This will be followed up by a text with a link to the letter. We recognise that some children 'lose' letters on the way out of the door but we do not wish to go paperless yet, due to some households having limited I.T. We are always keen to improve through feedback—keep talking to us!



#### **School Attendance**

Last week our overall school attendance was 92%. If your child is unwell, you *must* call the school office on 0117 377 2080, every day by 9am, to let us know, leaving your child's name and class.

Polite reminder: All parents and carers have a responsibility to get their children into school on time, by 8:45, each day. If your child arrives late, this will be marked on the register. Arrival after 9:10am will be considered an unauthorised absence and may be subject to a Penalty Notice. Penalty notices are a fine of £60 per child, per adult.

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. If you take your child away during term time, they will be marked as unauthorized, and you may face a Penalty Notice. If you are planning on going away, you must complete a holiday request form. If your child doesn't attend school and we have not been given a reason, the school are obliged to contact Education Welfare, who will investigate your child's absence.

#### Administration/Receptionist Apprentice

We are pleased to offer a fixed term, 15 month contract (37 hours per week) term time only role which would work towards a Level 2 Service Practitioner qualification. Start date April 23rd. National apprenticeship rate depending on age (£5.28—£10.42 per hour) plus a competitive benefits package. Please apply online or see the office for details ASAP.



# If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

First Response on 0117 903 6444 or the NSPCC on 0808 800500 or contact the police directly by dialing 101.



In an emergency always contact the police by dialing 999.

## Golden work

Last week we saw fabulous golden work from;

Cherry - Ayaam Acer—Mohamed M

Lime - Gus Guava—Ramla

Lemon - Ali Apple—Josiah

Bay - Wilf Yew—Tehreen

Mango - Kora Acacia—Rahim

Banana - Akmal African O—Sikander

## **Learning for Life**



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

3 pm

Near the Forest School shed.

Bring your bike/scooter to be marked for security.



School is taking part in this again!

Look out for leaflets in book bags.

Children will be rewarded with stickers for trying fruit/veg.

If your child has a packed lunch, please add some fruit/veg so that they can be rewarded too.

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### **Family Support**

If your child and/or family needs support, please don't hesitate to call us on 01173 772 080 and ask to speak to;

**Anna Hicks** - Family Support Worker (for housing, immigration queries, benefits, access to foodbanks etc.) anna.hicks@bannermanroadbristol.org

**Sian Lennox-Gordon** - Pastoral Lead (for support with mental health, behaviour or attendance) sian.lennox-gordon@bannermanroadbristol.org

If you have a concern or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any of these issues, including bullying or safeguarding please contact us via phone or email.