



1st December 2023

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Head writes

The children have been back in school for four weeks and have continued to show our school values This term, Yr 6 enjoyed a fantastic week at Into University and a workshop on understanding the heart. Reception and Yr 2 have been busy practicing for their performances, Yr 1 enjoyed their wellie walk, Yr 3 went to Bristol Beacon for a musical workshop. Yr 4 have been investigating sound and made their own musical instruments. Yr 5 are looking forward to their trip to Aerospace next week. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fayre and Christmas productions.

Mrs Dyer & Mr Laken



Dates

- 5th December @ 9.15am Reception Nativity
- 7th December @ 2.15pm Reception Nativity
- 6th December- Christmas dinner
- 8th December- PTFA Winter Fete
- 12th December-@ 9.15am Yr 1 & 2 Nativity
- 13th December @2pm Yr 1 & 2 Nativity
- 15th December– LAST DAY OF TERM IS A HALF DAY –1PM FINISH. Please note there is a **change** of time. We are finishing at **1PM** so children can have their lunch before going home.
- 2nd January INSET DAY
- 3rd January School term begins @ 8:40am

Parent Coffee Mornings

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our fortnightly coffee mornings.



Coffee mornings start at 9am. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

14th December-Aspens (School catering company)

18th January—Pastoral

23rd January—SEND and you (please note this is a Tuesday)

25th January—Opal

8th February—EMHP (children’s mental health)

9th February—Internet safety (please note this is a Friday)

SEND Parental Support

Free parent courses with a particular focus on pupils with SEND are available via this link.

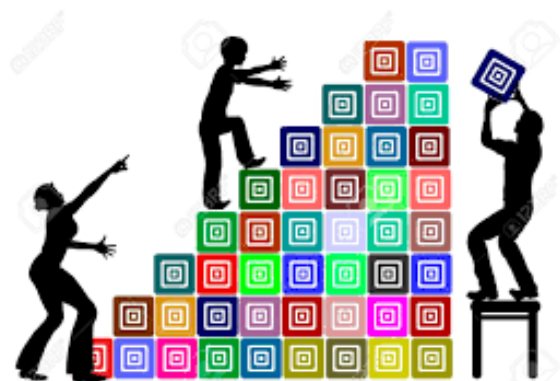
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As the weather is getting colder, it is important that your child brings a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class so we can return any lost property quickly to your child.



If you child has forest school, please wear extra layers to keep warm.



School Attendance

Last week our overall school attendance was 95.5%. Mango Tree were the class winners with 98.6%

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.

Homework

We will be sending optional topic homework at the start of each term. This will be a range of activities that the children can pick from.

There will be no sanction for not doing them, but any work completed will be shared and celebrated.

A reminder that ALL children should completing:

- ◆ Spellings
- ◆ Reading 4x per week
- ◆ Multiplication tables



Reception trip to Windmill City Farm.



Reception Applications

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2023. You will need to apply online even if you are applying to Bannerman Road Community Academy.

You will not automatically get a place if your child attends our Nursery.

You must do this before
January 15th 2023 (15/1/23)

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions>

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.**

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.

