### Head Writes

Bienvenue

Term 4 has got off to an amazing start. We have welcomed back Miss Bradshaw and are pleased to have added Mrs. Stack to the Bannerman Road family. They are both having a huge impact. We are still celebrating our double victory in the Mid-Somerset Festival, well done to all involved. It has been marvellous to see children represent Bannerman in netball, athletics, football, music and drama this term. In addition, we had 85 children for bedtime stories this week and the World Book day costumes were wonderful.

We have a special community and I thank you for your continued support. Mr Laken

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#### **Dates**

11th March 2024

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- Easter Break: Thursday 28th March- Sunday 14th April
- **PLEASE NOTE** School closes @<u>1pm</u> Thursday 29th March.
- Back to school: Monday 15th April @8.40am

### **Mid-Somerset Festival**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, thirty children performed in the Mid-Somerset Festival - a celebration of a variety of creative arts. The children have been working hard over the last 5 months with Louisa Grey, a drama teacher and we were able to enter a performance poetry group and an acting group, as well as six solo performances. We are so proud of the commitment that all children put in and are delighted they returned with two prizewinning trophies!



The poetry group who performed 'George's Marvellous Medicine' have also been invited to perform at the Festival's awards tonight. We wish them all the best!!

## Parent Coffee Mornings

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We would like to invite all parents and carers to our **fortnightly** coffee mornings. **9am -10am.** 

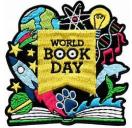
Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

**22nd March-ParentPay** Come along we will answer your queries .

### World Book day 2024

Big thanks to Bannerman staff and pupils for their amazing World book day events and costumes!

Pictures will be shared to Parents and Carers soon!



### Early years/Pre-school Places

Do you have a pre-school child at home eligible for a free preschool place with us in September 2024? Children born between September 2020 and August 2021 can apply by popping into our Early Years office. Spaces are filling up so please apply as soon as possible. Early Years Team.

# **School Attendance**

#### Last week our overall school attendance was 92.7%

If your child is unwell, you *must* call the school office on 0117 377 2080 (main office) or 0117 377 2144 (Early years office)

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 **8:40, 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.

### **ParentPay**

From <u>29th March</u> we will no longer be accepting cash or cheque payments within school. Parents must ensure they have **activated** their ParentPay accounts. Please click the following link to read more on this: <u>https://shorturl.at/fuvX3</u>

All lunches **must be** ordered prior on Parentpay before we return from Easter break on 15th April.

# ParentPay

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



# Car Safety Notice/

# **Seatbelts**

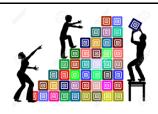
Please can parents/ carers ensure that each child is wearing a seatbelt . Children must be

in car-seats if children are under **135cm tall.** Please click link below for more information. <u>Seat belts: the law: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

# SEND Parental Support

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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and -s-glos-parent-carer-forums-41027867683



# 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