

# NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter  
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## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school to all parents and children who were with us last year and to new parents whose children have just joined us. We send out a general newsletter with dates and reminders etc. once each term. (6 times a year) to each family in school. Should you miss a newsletter there are always spare copies in the school entrance lobby.

I hope that you all had a good Summer break and that the children are looking forward to the interesting work that the teachers have planned for them. We welcome several new teachers to the school this year. Miss Pearce in Palmfly Butterflies, Miss Clark in Glasswing Butterflies and Mrs O'Keeffe in Year 4. We are pleased to have them teaching at Hanwell Fields and hope that they enjoy working with and getting to know us, the children and the parents. Bridges staff also have some changes. Katy Fox is the new deputy supervisor, replacing Clair Vers who left us during the Summer. We welcome Sarah Edwards who is the new childcare assistant working in Bridges.

Each term you will receive a curriculum newsletter from your child's teacher outlining the work coverage for the following few weeks. It will also remind you of regular timetabled events such as PE days (when all children **must** have appropriate kit) and homework arrangements.

As you will see from the changes to the building, our extension is still being completed and the first phase for completion will be the new Nursery, library, cooking room and Bridges accommodation due to be handed over early in 2009. The area outside the new extension will be landscaped to create an imaginative and sensory area for outdoor learning. We recognise that we may be a little cramped in the Foundation stage until this is completed but we are sure it will be well worth the wait.

Yours sincerely

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Payments to School

As many of you are aware we now have the 'chip & pin' debit facility at school and we are able to accept payments in person or over the telephone.

From January 2009 we shall no longer accept cheques. Payments will only be payable as cash or by debit / credit card.

School Lunches

We would like to remind parents of the discounted school lunches we offer for second or subsequent children. £2.00 per day—£10.00 per week for 1 child  
£1.60 per day—£16.00 per week for 2 children

Our school lunches are healthy and appealing to children and are freshly cooked in the school kitchen by Mrs Worden and her staff. All ingredients are sourced locally and there are several choices (hot and cold) each day. Please call at the office for a 4 week menu for further details.

Dinner money should be paid in advance at the office.

Homework folders

At the beginning of this school year all children are being issued with an A4 School Homework folder. This folder will hold information for parents and children about what is happening in class (Curriculum Newsletter) and homework and reading tasks. It is also easy reference. Please look through the folder regularly so that you can be involved, informed and able to support your child.

### Uniform Shop

**A reminder that uniform (both new and second hand) will be on sale on Mondays between 8.30 and 9.15a.m. and on Thursdays between 12.30—1p.m.**

**Should you need to buy more uniform please come to the school office and ask for Mrs Baker or go to the Uniform Shop outside the school hall.**

If your child has been issued 'spare clothing' whilst at school, please be aware that these items must be returned to school, washed and ironed as soon as possible after borrowing them.

If you have any unwanted items of school uniform please hand them in at the school office.

### P.E.Kits now available from school!

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our new P.E.Kits in school at a very reasonable price. Our aim is for the kits to become part of the school uniform.

The new kits consist of white short sleeved t-shirts and navy sports shorts.

The t-shirts come in a twin pack in a range of sizes 4—11yrs for £4, and the navy shorts 4—11yrs from £2.50— £4.50 per pair. Please order these from the Uniform Shop

### Fresh Fruit at School Scheme

As many of you know the Government subsidises fresh fruit at school for all children under 7 years of age. As a school we have used parents voluntary contributions towards paying for fruit for our KS2 children (8—11 yr olds)

From October 1st we shall be offering fresh fruit, dried fruit or toast to our KS2 children at break time. To pay for this we will be offering children a "Fruit Top Up" card that can be bought for 32. This will enable your child to buy 1 snack each day for 10 days. This is the equivalent to 10p per snack (possibly banana, apple, pear, orange, packet of raisins, piece of toast etc.)

Top up cards can be bought from the school office from September 29th and from the Snack Shop from October 1st.

Please note in line with Government regulations we do not allow sweets, chocolate and crisp type snacks etc. to be in school.

Thank you for your support

### Dates for your diary

Tue. 16th Sept. - Y1 and Y2 'meet the teacher' 2.15—3.15p.m.

Wed. 17th Sept. - Y3 and Y4 'meet the teacher' 2.15—3.15p.m.

Thurs. 18th Sept. - Y5 and Y6 'meet the teacher' 2.15—3.15p.m.

Tues. 23rd Sep. - FS 'meet the teacher' 2.15—3.15p.m.

Mon. 27th Oct.- Friday 31st October- Half Term break

Mon. 3rd Nov. - In-service training day for all staff

Tues. 11th Nov. - November IEP meetings with parents

Wed. 12th Nov. - Y4 and Y5 Pupil progress meetings with parents

Wed. 26th Nov. - Y4 and Y5 Pupil progress meetings with parents

Panto for KS1 and Foundation Stage - 5th December

Christmas assembly for FS - 12th December

Christmas assembly for KS1 - 9th December

Christmas assembly for KS2 - 10th December

Christmas Party for FS & KS1 - 19th December

Christmas Party for KS2 - 18th December



Bridges Childcare

Provide high quality child care in a safe environment, for children aged 3 - 11 years

8 -9a.m. and 11.30a.m.—6p.m.

#### Charges:

Term time: £2.75 per hour (1<sup>st</sup> child)  
£2.25 per hour (2<sup>nd</sup> child)

During school holidays: £19.65 per day (over 6 hours)  
£13.00 per half day (6hrs or under)

Bridges offer special activities during school holidays. MOVIES AND MUNCHIES, COOKERY CLUB, CRAFTY KIDS etc  
Little Bridges—Monday—Thursdays 1—3 pm £4.50 per session (Induction sessions for youngsters in the term they become 3 yrs old)

**Please remember to book your child into Bridges. This is not a drop-in service.  
Contact Rachel Anson for more information and to book. Tel. 01295 269931**



**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER – BANBURY AREA – NEEDED NOW!**  
**Interested in helping children develop a love of reading?**

**You can change a child's life!**

**ARCh** is an Oxfordshire charity that recruits, trains and supports volunteers from the community to go into primary schools. We are looking for someone to join our small team who will play a vital role in helping deliver this service in the Banbury area.

**Term-time only – based at home!**  
**Volunteer Support Worker – Banbury area**  
**8 hours per week – flexible**  
**Salary £7.50 ph + travel expenses**

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## Encounter Community Coffee Morning

**We're open every Thursday  
morning for**



**Tea  
Cakes**

**Coffee  
Chat**



**term time only between 8.50am and  
11.30am**

**At Hanwell Fields Community Centre  
(Youth Wing)**

**Toys available for babies and toddlers**

