



# Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



## The Christmas Roar

Ho ho ho, hello Banks Lane. The Communication Wizard has been in touch and asked me to send out some Christmas information to you all, so I spoke to my chief elf Buddy and we have put together the first ever BLJS Christmas Roar to tell you about all the fun things we have coming up.

Enjoy!



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

School Christmas Lunch this year will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Lunches can be purchased on the 'shop' section of SchoolMoney for £2.20 **on or before 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

Lunch will include a hot turkey barm/hot vegetarian sausage finger roll with chips and coleslaw, ice-cream, a Christmas cookie, chocolate and blackcurrant juice.

Festive music will be played throughout lunchtime; we have also purchased Christmas crackers for all of the children to enjoy.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS



If your child would like to send Christmas cards, they are more than welcome to do so. Due to current restrictions, we are asking for children to only write cards to members of their own class and to hand these in to the teachers rather than their classmates.

The teacher will then quarantine the cards for 48 hours before handing them out to the class. As we break up for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please can all cards be sent in before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

### READING ADVENT



As we can't get pupils together in the library this year, staff have recorded themselves reading winter stories for each of the days running up to Christmas. Tis the season to get comfortable, maybe with a hot chocolate and your favourite teddy, and visit our website to view our Reading Advent. New stories will be added throughout the month.

## CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We have lots of fun activities coming up in the next few weeks starting with our *Christmas quiz* this Friday - and that's just the start!

Still to come;

*Christmas Lunch*  
*Virtual Carol Concert*  
*Non uniform Day*  
*Party Day*

We are still finalising dates for some of our activities; we will publish these in the Roar this Friday.

Each of the classes are also enjoying different arts and crafts, some are card making, others painting decorations etc. There is lots of glitter around school at the moment!

## CHRISTMAS TREE



Well the saying 'Go big or go home' is certainly fitting here. This week we took delivery of the biggest tree ever to be ordered by BLJS. So big in fact, it wouldn't fit in the tree stand, so Mr Milner and Mr Bassett had to put their woodworking skills to the test and build a new one! The tree is now standing proud in our school hall - all 12 foot of it, and the bonus is both Mr Milner and Mr Bassett still have all their fingers intact! We will put a picture in the Roar once decorated.

## GIFTS



We've been asked by several parents if they are allowed to send in gifts for their child's teacher or TA this year.

If you would like to send in a small token to staff in your child's class, you are welcome to do so but **please, please do not go out of your way** to purchase anything to send into school. The best gift for everyone this year will be for us all to have a happy, healthy Christmas.

If you would prefer to send in an item for our Reverse Advent appeal all donations will be gratefully received.

## PG FILMS

Over the next few weeks, some of the classes and breakfast club will be showing Christmas films. These may include 'PG' rated movies such as Home Alone or Elf. There may even be a few sweet treats too.

If you would prefer your child not to watch any PG rated films, then please get in touch with school before Friday, either by phone, email or a note in your child's home/school diary. We can then ensure 'U' rated movies only are played in their class.



Thank you to those who have already donated to our 'Reverse Advent' foodbank appeal.

If you would like to send in any items to go towards the foodbank appeal, you are welcome to send them in with your child or leave in the school foyer. All donations are gratefully received.