



The Christmas Roar

Friday, 6th December 2024

45th Edition

Ho Ho Ho! Hello Banks Lane! We have put together a Christmas Roar newsletter to tell you about all the fun things that we have coming up in December!



CHRISTMAS DISCO

We will once again be holding our Christmas Disco this year. Entrance will be £2 and we suggest that children bring a maximum of £3 to spend in our Christmas tuck shop. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name on, their class teacher will collect this in the morning and give it back to them at the end of the day. Children can bring a change of clothes and will change into these at 3:00pm, ready for the disco to start at 3:15pm. If you are able to support at one of our disco's please complete the Google Form below.

[Google Form](#)

Wednesday 11th Dec - Years 3 & 4 - 3:15 - 4:30pm

Thursday 12th Dec - Years 5 & 6 - 3:15 - 4:30pm



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Following some feedback from last year's carol services, we have made some changes in order to help everybody have a good view of the performance and see your own children singing:

Entrance to the show is free but you must book a free ticket in advance using the SchoolMoney app.

The four sessions will be listed under the 'clubs' section in the SchoolMoney app.

- The layout of seats in the hall has been changed to help everybody have a good view.
- When you come to the performance, please look for signs in the hall which will show you where each class of children will be sitting so that you can choose a seat in the best part of the hall to see your child.
- We request that a maximum of two family members attend a showing, this will ensure that all families have a chance of attending a session and will have a good view of their children.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This year our BLJS Christmas tree is over 16 feet! It's huge!!

The children have really enjoyed spending time decorating it and are very proud of how it looks.



PG FILMS

Over the next few weeks, some of the classes 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. We can then ensure that 'U' rated films are played in their class.



REVERSE ADVENT

Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and we are aware that many people in our local community are struggling financially at the moment. This year, we are collecting donations for Stockport Foodbank to help them to support people in our town over the festive period. If you feel that you are able to do so, please send donations into school over the next two weeks. See below for the items that are needed.

If you feel that you need support over the festive period or at any other time, please email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or phone school and ask to speak to Ms Timperley in confidence if you would like to access food bank vouchers

REVERSE ADVENT
It's time to look at Advent differently!
We all enjoy taking a treat from our advent calendar – but maybe this year we could all put something back and help those in need?
Could you add a daily food item into a collection bag?

We welcome donations of:

- Long life milk & orange juice
- tinned meats
- tinned vegetables
- tinned potatoes
- tinned desserts
- tinned fruit
- Christmas treats
- tinned fish
- biscuits
- shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes

PLEASE, NO CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS.

Your donations can be dropped off at:
Stockport Foodbank's warehouse, Hazel Grove Baptist Church SK7 4EX
Monday to Friday from 9am to 12noon
Plus any of our eight centres across Stockport during food bank sessions.
For details of the centres and session times visit www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk/locations

For more information please contact:
foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk Tel: 07483 115349
stockport.foodbank.org.uk

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The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes illustrations of Christmas decorations like a tree, a star, and a gift. At the bottom, there are images of various food items like cans of rice, tinned vegetables, and tinned fruit.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are once again looking forward to our school Christmas lunch this year, which will be held on **Wednesday 18th December**.

This will also be our school non-uniform day.

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

Please see the menu below if you have ordered a meal.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



If your child would like to send Christmas cards, they are more than welcome to do so. We have a post-box located on the corridor by the library so that children can post their cards, they will then be delivered to classes by our Year 6 Team Captains. Please ensure that the child's name and class are clearly marked on the envelope.

As we break up for Christmas on Thursday 19th December, please can all cards be sent in before Monday 16th December at the latest. Thank you.

TABLE DECORATION COMPETITION

We will be holding the annual competition for the children to make a Christmas table decoration. Please use your imagination and make use of what you have around the house to create something festive! There will be prizes for each year group. Please can these be handed to the school office by Tuesday 17th December. We are looking forward to seeing some Ho Ho Homemade festive creations.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY POSTPONEMENT

Due to a high level of sickness in school and guidance from the health protection team, we have not held our weekly Celebration Assembly today. Awards from this week will be carried over to our next assembly. Please check your emails for further information and guidance regarding this.

DOJO WINNERS

Individual - Olivia H in 3L with 56

Class - 4B with 951

Team - Rashford with 1186



LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

48 hour rule

If your child is experiencing sickness and diarrhoea, they must be symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours before they return to school.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



This week's Winners

1 st	3B
2 nd	3L
3 rd	6B

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

George 3L
Jack 3L
Jessica 3L
Theo 3S
Hanna 4B
Betsy 5B
Aurelia 5L
Samuel 5L
Matilda 5S
Faith 6B



KINDNESS BOXES

The topic of our anti-bullying assembly this year was 'Choose Respect'. Children were reminded that respect starts with oneself, challenging unkind thoughts about yourself, avoiding comparing yourself to others and making the right choices for YOU. We discussed the cycle of giving respect to get respect. And by showing RESPECT we can create a positive environment and we can build better friendships. Respectful friendships build feelings of trust, safety and value. When we create an environment that shows respect for EVERYONE it sends the message that...

BULLYING IS NOT OKAY. BULLYING IS NOT ALLOWED. BULLYING WILL BE REPORTED.

This year 'Kindness Boxes' have been made for each class and we are asking children to put in notes of acts of kindness they have received or witnessed other children do. We see a lot of acts of kindness in school and we want to recognise and celebrate them.



CROSS COUNTRY - EVENT 4

Last Saturday, it was the fourth race of the Stockport Schools' Cross-Country league, organised by Stockport Harriers. Miss Rock joined our runners and their families in relatively mild conditions considering the snow and ice we had earlier in the month.

The children all did Banks Lane Junior School proud. It was great to see their smiling faces and resilience especially as the course grew muddier. Well done for persevering to race four!

An enormous well done to all the children who took part:

- Daisy, Dorothy and Leo (Year 3)
- Ella, Ava, Jessica, Charlie, Sebastian and Ethan (Year 4)
- Ruby, Aurelia, Lily and Matilda (Year 5)
- Harriet, Aryan and Frankie (Year 6)

There were some brilliant individual results again with Ella from Year 4 coming 6th in her race and Harriet from Year 6 coming 13th in hers.

We would also like to share some impressive team results: after the first four races, Banks Lane Y5 and 6 girls are first out of all the Stockport Schools taking part. Our Y3 and 4 girls are third in their league. This is a brilliant result for our girls and we really appreciate all our committed runners for contributing to our team success.

The full set of results, including timings, can be found here:

https://stockportharriers.co.uk/shac_schools_xc24_race4

We look forward to seeing you all again at the next race on Saturday 18th January 2025. Remember you need to take part in at least five of the six races to earn your medal. And try to get out running over the Christmas break!

Vest return

If you no longer want to take part in the remaining races this year, please could we ask that you please return your running vest to either Mrs Wharmby or Miss Rock. Thank you.