



# Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



## The Weekly Roar!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
308<sup>th</sup> Edition

PLEASE REMEMBER - DROP OFF AND GO, PICK UP AND LEAVE

### COVID

You may have seen in the press this week that the Government has said that schools can close a day early at Christmas to give teachers a "proper break" and that we are allowed to have an INSET day next Friday to allow "six clear days" before Christmas Eve. What has been hidden deeper in the press is that the Government want schools to run a track and trace system for the first six days of the holiday and any day taken on Friday will need to be paid back at a later date or by returning to school earlier in January. This clearly goes against any claim that school leaders and teachers will get a proper break.

With this in mind we will NOT be changing our term dates. I do not feel that a change this close to the end of term would be beneficial to children, parents or teachers: I do not want to ask parents to find alternative child care with one weeks' notice, and ask teachers and children to return earlier than scheduled in January.

A small team will run the track and trace system as instructed by the government for the first six days up to and including Christmas Eve. We will inform you clearly of how this will work next week.

### CHRISTMAS REMINDERS



We have a festive filled week in school next week so just wanted to remind you of what is happening and when.

*Wednesday - Christmas Lunch*  
*Wednesday - last day for Christmas cards*  
*Thursday - Carol Concert video release*  
*Friday - Non-uniform and Party Day*

We are very excited about our Carol Concert - the first of its kind for BLJS. We will send out a text to all families once it's uploaded to our website on Thursday.

**There is also still time to donate to our Reverse Advent foodbank appeal. Thank you for the lovely items sent in so far.**

### CHARITY WORK



A huge well done to Ava from year 4, she has been very busy making reindeer food to sell to raise money for the Wellspring. She has made £100 which is enough to buy 20 meals for the homeless. Fantastic job Ava!

### SCHOOL FLEECES



We have been trying to source school fleeces for a number of months now. This has proved more difficult than first thought as demand is far outweighing supply for our uniform providers at the moment. We are pleased to say these are now on order and we will update you as soon as they are in stock and available to purchase.

## AWARD WINNERS

### Headteacher Award

The Headteacher Gold Award was given to Ava from 3L for her fantastic Learning Powers poem and to Freddie from 4B for being an excellent role model to others. Well done to you both.

Well done **yellow** team, you are our weekly dojo winners!



### LEARNING POWERS WEEKLY MESSAGE

If you are looking for some last minute stocking fillers, Mrs Harvey has attached a list of great books your children could enjoy!



### FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



#### This week's Winners

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|-----------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6B |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 5B |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3B |

### IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



Lucas, 6B  
Darcy, 5B

### SEND



Thank you to everyone who attended the parent forum on Wednesday.

Going forward, we are going to update our website with our forum discussion points (brief minutes attached) as well as creating a calendar for SEND events.

We will hold our next forum after the Christmas holidays - the date will be announced in the Roar in January.

Kind regards

Mrs Frost and Mrs Howarth

### CLASS 4S

Well done and great job to the children of 4S who are currently isolating.

Miss Thorley and Miss Johnstone have been in touch to say you are doing a fantastic job of your home learning. We would also like to thank all the parents who are supporting this from home.

We are still available to support via [admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk) or 01614802330 if you have any issues.

We can't wait to have you all back in school in January.

### INTERNET

We have been made aware of a number of WhatsApp and Snapchat groups that pupils within school are a part of.

Please be aware the age limit for WhatsApp is 16 and Snapchat is 13 as content is not screened prior to users being able to access it.

If you do choose to let your child access social media, please monitor their messages - they may be subjected to offensive content without your knowledge.

This newsletter is emailed weekly to parents/carers. Please let us know if you would like us to email it to you.

It is also available on our website at [www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk)

If you have any queries or concerns, please email [admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk) or phone the school office on 0161 480 2330



## USEFUL WEBSITES

### **CEOPS**

CEOP help young people who are concerned about on-line images and communications.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_13/help/CEOP/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/help/CEOP/)

### **Family Lives**

Family Lives is a charity with over three decades of experience helping parents to deal with the changes that are a constant part of family life.

<http://www.familylives.org.uk/>

### **Guidance for Parents re Instagram**

[http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram\\_guide.pdf](http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram_guide.pdf)

### **Kidscape**

'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/what-we-do/>

### **Kidsmart**

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

### **Netmums**

The network offers information to parents about parenting on a national level. Amongst the topics are child welfare, maternity, playgroups, child health and child safety.

<http://www.netmums.com/>

### **NSPCC NetAware**

[https://www.net-](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppc_net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

[aware.org.uk/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Grant\\_shareaware2014&utm\\_term=nsppc\\_net\\_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppc_net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

### **Stockport SEND Local Offer**

<https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/localoffer.page>

### **UK Safer Internet Centre**

E-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>