



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 11th September, 2020
297th Edition

COVID UPDATE

Thank you again for supporting us with our procedures to keep your children safe. As I am sure you are aware several Stockport schools have now had to reduce their provision by closing classes or bubbles and we feel it is inevitable that this will happen to our school at some point.

We are aware that when this happens here the changes to our provision may be frustrating for you with regards to childcare arrangements and attendance at work but I am sure you will agree, this is a serious matter and it is essential that our school only provides face to face lessons when it is safe to do so.

When we have a confirmed case in school we will contact and be advised by the local Health Protection Team and will inform you immediately of the outcome. If we have a confirmed case of COVID 19 in school, you will be sent a text which will inform you of the actions we are taking and the class/bubble which must self-isolate for 14 days. If this happens during the school day, you will be asked to collect your child from school immediately. You may receive the text in the evening or early morning so that we can give you as much notice as possible. Home learning will be available on the remote learning part of our website by 9am the next school day.

Please help us by adhering to our procedures. Follow our one way procedures, drop your child and go and do not stand on the playground talking to other parents. We apologise to the parents who have to stand on the field, especially in this wet weather, but we need to keep the path clear for you and your child's protection. If you haven't seen our abridged risk assessment, please read it by going onto our website or you can access it by clicking the following link: <https://www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Banks-Lane-Junior-School-Risk-Assessment-Overview.pdf>

If you, or anyone in your family has Covid symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a continuous cough
- a change or loss of taste or smell

book a test via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

The Department of Health and Social Care has assured us that appointments are being released throughout each day, so if you phone and cannot book an appointment locally, leave it an hour and phone again. If you cannot book online e.g. you do not have a computer at home, phone 119.

If you have any queries about your symptoms phone 111. If you arrange a test for your child and it is positive, please let school know immediately and follow the government guidance of self-isolation.

The government has advised primary schools that at this moment in time, children do not need to wear masks in primary schools. However, if you feel that you would prefer your child to wear a face mask, that is your decision and we will support you in that, but please ask your child not to keep touching the mask as that will increase the risk, rather than protecting them.

Please also find attached to the Roar today, COVID 19 advice for parents regarding school absence.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or you can email us at concerns@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Geography Quality Mark at Gold level (the highest possible!) to recognise the quality of our Geography curriculum at Banks Lane Junior School. This has been achieved through the considerable hard work of our staff and children to raise the standards of our teaching and learning in Geography lessons over the last few years. We are just hoping to continue with all our amazing geography trips, visits, residential and fieldwork now!

CROSS COUNTRY

Given the current situation, the start of the cross country season has been postponed this year. Stockport Harriers have tentatively booked in dates for races starting in November 2020 and Miss Rock is desperate to get our team back running. We will inform you as soon as we know more, as we are particularly keen to get our new Year 3 children involved in cross country.

PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS

If your child was previously looked after by a Local Authority in England or Wales immediately before being adopted, subject to a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a Residence Order, the school can claim additional monies each year via Pupil Premium Plus funding to support the educational needs of your child.

Declaration is on a voluntary basis. If you would like us to claim for your child, you must inform us before Thursday, 21st January 2021. We will need to see a copy of the court order or a letter from the Local Authority that places the child with you. We will then update our annual census.

Please be aware that this information must be declared each time your child starts a new school. Therefore, if this applies to your child, and it is your child's first year with us, we would appreciate it, if you could make contact with us. We are happy to discuss the use of Pupil Premium with you. You can also view our Pupil Premium Policy and spending on our school website.

The information you provide will be treated as confidential.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Due to the exemplary behaviour shown by pupils this week it was impossible to choose just one winner. There are many children leaving school with Headteacher certificates today.

Well done to all of you!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Miguel, 6S
Grace, 6B
Bow, 5L
Freya, 3B
Sienna, 3B
Brody, 5B
Layla, 5S
Ellie, 4S
Ella, 4L



INTERNET CONTENT

We have been made aware of some potentially inappropriate and disturbing content circulating on social media which may be being viewed by our children and young people. In line with previous advice from CEOP we would encourage parents to work to create a positive relationship with their children around their internet use, closely supervising younger children's online access, and crucially, ensuring their children feel they can tell them (or another trusted adult) if they ever encounter anything worrying. Parental controls go some way to protecting children from accidentally viewing disturbing content but are unlikely to prevent it in many cases, for example when content has been deliberately spliced into content aimed at children.

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

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

Dear Parents,

This term has presented schools with a number of challenges as you can imagine. To make sure we focussed on what really matters, we set out clear priorities for the Autumn Term. These have been shared with staff and governors in depth but also we wanted you to be aware of our priorities this term.

2. Wellbeing

Our pupils' wellbeing is of utmost importance. We are putting this at the forefront of our curriculum this term with many activities and dedicated time planned in.

3. High Expectations

We are reminding all pupils of our high expectations this term. This applies to their behaviour and attitudes as well as the work they produce.

4. Broad and Balanced Curriculum

Our rich curriculum offer for children will continue - albeit with some minor alterations to ensure safety.

1. Safety

Our number one priority is keeping our entire school community safe. You can read our risk assessment overview by clicking [here](#).

5. Books

Our books show the high quality of work our pupils produce as well as the excellent curriculum they receive. The high standard of our books will continue.

Believe to Achieve



USEFUL WEBSITES

CEOPS

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

http://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

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_sha)

[aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_sha_reaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtChOnOw-aEAAYASAAEqIawPD_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_sha_reaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtChOnOw-aEAAYASAAEqIawPD_BwE&qclsrc=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/>