



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

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OFSTED REPORT PUBLISHED

We sent out a letter earlier this week with details of our most recent Ofsted inspection. We are very pleased to say we have now been rated a *GOOD* school. Our Governing board are very proud of a great team effort and would like to say well done to all our staff and children as well as thanking parents for your support. If you would like to read the report please click the following link - <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50151808>

SCHOOL UPDATE

It has been another very busy week at BLJS as we have welcomed a number of our year 6 children back to school. It has been great to welcome them back. We are very proud of the sensible attitude they have shown to all of the changes we have made.

You may be aware, some schools throughout Stockport have decided to delay opening and whilst we fully support each school in their individual decision, we wanted to give you some insight into why we have opened our doors;

- As we are a junior school, we have been asked to open to year 6 as well as key worker children, many other schools would also have to extend this to nursery, reception and year 1 children.
- We are lucky enough to have a big school with lots of space to spread children into different classes, implement one-way systems and have multiple entry/exit points.
- We have a large staff team available in order to teach smaller class sizes, our staff are also very eager to see our BLJS children - school really is not the same without you all!

When we count both our year 6 and key worker children, we are now nearing full capacity in order to keep all bubbles safely separated. This means we now have to look at new requests for places on a case by case basis. Children with vulnerabilities will take priority. We cannot guarantee places for all key worker children.

The safety of our children remains our number one priority so we have to carefully consider adding anybody to existing bubbles, this is also why we are unable to change the bubbles children are in currently.

We are now looking into a rota/waiting list for our key worker classes. If you would like any information regarding school availability please email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk. The government guidance for key worker children remains the same - if it is safe to do so, please keep your children at home. School must be the last resort for key worker children.

Please note - we are unable to accept any children into school without prior agreement.

We do not yet have any information on what provision is to be offered from September, whether this will be continuing as we are, bringing in another year group, or if all children will be back. On Wednesday, Boris Johnson promised a "massive catch-up operation over the summer and beyond" for pupils who have missed out on schooling. Again, this is something we have not been given any further information about. Currently, we do not have any plans to be open to any children over the summer holidays. We will continue to take guidance from the Local Authority and will only take further steps when it is safe to do so. Please do check on the Weekly Roar and all emails sent through from us as any information we receive we will forward over to you.

CURRENT YEAR 3

As you may be aware, we usually mix up our Year 3 classes ready for going into Year 4. This is a carefully thought out process and many things are considered before any decisions are made - meetings with each of the current teachers, speaking to the children and looking at friendship groups as well as monitoring lessons.

Due to us only having taught Year 3 within school for half of this year, along with the fact we are unable to talk to the children individually at the moment, we have made the decision to leave all classes as they are going into Year 4.

We may look into this again at the end of Year 4 but will not make any decision without first making parents aware of this any any reasons for doing so. Please be assured all Year 3 and Year 4 teachers will still have a full handover to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



George S, 6L
Matthew J, 6L
Lacey T, 3L
Mia C, 3B
Annie T, 3B
Harry J, 3B
Kaya K, 4B
Brooke A, 4B

HOME LEARNING

We hope you are all having a lovely first week back after the holidays.

After the prime minister's announcement, you have probably all heard that it is looking unlikely that the rest of the school will be back before September.

Because of this and there now being a prolonged period of absence for some of our children, we are looking into some fun virtual catch up sessions where your child will be able to see their class teacher. Hopefully, this will also be a great way to support transition for September.

More information about this will be emailed shortly, so please keep checking your emails for the updates. As well as this, the weekly overviews are still being put online weekly for your child to access their home learning. Please keep emailing all your lovely activities to share with the staff.

We will still continue to add a daily blog to our website too.

"Hey guys, click on the link below if you want to see some of the changes we have made in school"



[Click Here to View!](#)

INTERNET SAFETY

Please find below a link with guidance on how to keep you child safe at home when online;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1md3eQbefM3IKHFk6799XR8Bq_tNJ5p5v/view?usp=sharing

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It is also available on our website at www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

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