



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 24th April, 2020
284th Edition

MESSAGE FROM MR MILNER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have managed to have some quality family time over the past few weeks - the sunshine has certainly helped in the Milner house!

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you for the lovely emails of thanks from parents, carers and children that school and I have received over the past few weeks. We may not have responded to them all - but they have been very gratefully received. Every member of staff is doing their best to support you both at home and at school and are trying to do this as quickly as possible. I know that many of our teachers have been working on improving our online learning to make it easier and more fun for all children and their families. We 'go live' with our next steps on Monday morning at 9am. We will send a letter with further details on Monday. This is designed to support you in any home learning undertaken. Please do not feel under pressure to complete, the wellbeing of you and your families is most important so use as you see fit.

We are very disappointed that all residential visits have now been formally cancelled - I know this was expected - but it is still a huge disappointment for children, staff and governors. We are working really hard to refund approximately 250 payments totalling around £30,000 through a system that is not designed to! Mrs Collins and the office team are really trying to support you with this as fast as possible - I am aware that some of our families will be really struggling financially at the moment. I can confirm that all monies will be returned - it will just take us a couple of weeks to organise it!

I have been enjoying reading our daily blog and I particularly like seeing our children's contributions - thank you - this is making us all smile at the moment.

Finally I have asked all teachers to start to contact families via phone over the next couple of weeks. As many of these phone calls are being made when teachers are not teaching they may come from a mobile number that has it's 'caller id' blocked. I must admit that I never answer blocked calls - but please do at the moment - it may be your child's teacher!

If there is anything that we can do to help or you just need to talk to someone - please do not hesitate to contact your teacher directly or the school via our usual email address.

All the best - keep smiling!

Ed Milner

LEAVERS HOODIES

We are very pleased to be able to offer Year 6 Leaver Hoodies again this year. They are available to order on our school money site. All hoodies will have an embroidered logo on the front with all leaver's names on the back. If you would like to purchase, please order via the Uniform Shop on the School Money app.

Please note, all orders must be placed by 3.30pm on 22nd May 2020 (or Mon 18th May if using a barcode) as we cannot place any further orders/change sizes after this date.



SCHOOL TRAVEL, SEPT 2020

Pupils aged 11 to 16, MUST have an Igo card to travel using any child ticket on buses in Greater Manchester. They must have an Igo card to make an application for the Yellow bus scheme.

Applications for Igo passes, apply at:

<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass> (available now)

Applications for the Yellow Bus Scheme, apply at:

<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-yellow-school-buses>. (available 1st June 30th June)

Applications for free school travel (for eligible pupils), apply at:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/travel-to-school> (available week of the 6th May)

Failure to apply for places on the Yellow Bus Scheme may result in the resources not being allocated this year and may cause difficulties with school attendance.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



Oliver, 4B
Alexander, 3B
Annabella, 3B
Jacob, 3L
Ted, 5L
Jayden-James, 5S
George, 5L



- The Big White Wall - www.bigwhitewall.com/, which offers 24/7 anonymous support via a digital emotional wellbeing and mental health service, offers peer support for anyone over the age of 16 as well as support from trained clinicians alongside a range of helpful tools and resources. To access this, if you are a Stockport resident register by using your own postcode.
- The establishment of the new 24/7 mental health helpline and (currently virtual) safe haven for anyone over the age of 18 in Stockport (**0800 138 7276**), commissioned by Stockport NHS CCG and provided by the charity Making Space.
- An Emotional Wellbeing Hub which provides information, advice, and guidance for anyone up to the age of 25 for emotional wellbeing and mental health concerns. Access to this is through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Support Hub (MASSH) - **0161 217 6028** - 8.30am-5pm Mon - Thurs 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday.

Look out for our staff video message coming soon...



A message from Stockport Dementia Care Training

To carers of people with Dementia

Coronavirus and Dementia

We are offering a telephone helpline for people living with dementia and their carers. The helpline will provide advice about supporting people with dementia at this difficult time.

Our number is 07990 777175

email: stockportdementiacaretraining@nhs.net

We will be open Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 9am to 1pm, and Thursday's from 3pm to 6 30pm

Carers need to call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk if they think they or the person they care for has symptoms of coronavirus. If they are too unwell to continue in their caring role, carers should ring Adult Social Care on 0161 217 6029.