



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 29th January, 2021
313th Edition

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

COVID TESTING

We are pleased to tell you that this week our staff were provided with Lateral Flow Device Test Kits so that they can conduct asymptomatic self-testing at home twice a week.

We know that between one in four and one in three people who have coronavirus never show any symptoms but that does not mean they are not infectious. These devices can help identify people who have no symptoms and therefore would not otherwise be tested.

Staff with a positive LFD test result will self-isolate in line with the current guidance. They will also arrange a PCR test to confirm the result. Staff with a negative LFD test result will continue to attend school and use protective measures.

These tests will support our current risk assessments in keeping our school community as safe as possible. Whilst this may mean the closure of more classes or bubbles, we feel the risk of further spread within school will be greatly reduced.

CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to say huge congratulations to Mrs Senogles who has now had a baby boy. Freddie Senogles weighed a very healthy 8lb 11. Both mum and baby are fantastic and settling in to family life well.

THANK YOU NHS

Earlier this week, Mrs Scott delivered care boxes to staff at Stepping Hill Hospital to show our appreciation for the fantastic job they are doing. Staff at school donated biscuits, crisps, chocolates etc. Year 6 children then decorated boxes, coloured pictures, wrote poems and made thank-you cards to say what an amazing job we think they are all doing.

This morning we received a call from one of the ward sisters to offer their heartfelt thanks, she said the boxes brought a tear to her eye.

Mrs Scott, Mrs Bird and our year 6 pupils have done an amazing job - well done!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



- Liam, 6S
- Jacob, 5B
- Isla-Rose, 4S
- Alanah, 3L
- Olivia, 4B
- Jacob, 4B
- Ivy, 3S
- Hollie, 4L
- Milly, 4S

SUPPORT AND SEND

Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone that attended the SEN parent forum this week, as always it was very informative for all and great to see more parents joining. For anybody that was unable to attend, please find attached the overview of the meeting along with the resources that were discussed. We are looking to make sure the forum is held at the best time for parents therefore, we feel it would be beneficial to send out a survey prior to the next meeting for the best time for parents to attend.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th March. Please look out for the link to this survey in the coming weeks.

Device Advice - Coloured Overlays for Devices

If your child benefits from a coloured overlay either in school or at home for tasks like reading, please see the advice from Mr Threader below to install coloured overlays on different devices that your child may be using to access our online learning.

Apple have their own built in coloured overlays which can be accessed by:

Up to Date iOS for iPhone/iPad

Settings - Accessibility - Display & Text Size - Colour filters

On older versions of iOS for iPhone/iPad

Settings - General - Accessibility - Display Accommodations - Colour Filters

Once on the Colour Filter screen, the colour tint function can be enabled and the 'Hue' slider changes the colour and the 'Intensity' slider changes the intensity of the hue.

There is an app for Android devices called 'Irlan Coloured Overlays' that seems to have good reviews too and there is an extension that can be installed to Google Chrome that is called 'Colour Overlay'

Wellbeing

Just a reminder that 1-1 support is available from me, our Learning Mentor if you feel your child would benefit from it.

This is offered by either telephone or on Google Meets.

These sessions give children the opportunity to chat about themselves, any worries or concerns they may have or just a 'catch up' to see how they are doing.

For more information, please email me at jackie.giles@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or call 0161 480 2330.

If any parents would like some support or advice then please also feel free to contact me.



Attachments

Following feedback from our Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday we have added a number of attachments to the Roar this week;

- Parent Forum overview notes.
- A blank timetable which can be printed off and used at home to help structure your day.
- Stockport Autism Team PowerPoint information slides.

Stockport Autism Team also has a closed Facebook group which gives lots of information and support. If you would like to join the group, please search for Stockport Autism Team on Facebook - image for reference below.



Stockport Autism Team

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

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

We often have outside agencies come into school to work with/support our pupils in a number of different ways. Please see our table below for their availability.

Tuesday	Wednesday
LSS, all day	BSS, am, every other week
	SALT, every other half term

LSS - Learning Support Service

BSS - Behaviour Support Service

SALT - Speech and Language Therapy. On The half term we do not have weekly visits, teaching assistants carry out follow up work with children.

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/

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-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppcc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtCh0n0w-aEAAYASAAEgIawPD_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/>