



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 7th January, 2022
345th Edition

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

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! I would like to welcome you all back to school - I hope you had a restful Christmas break and remained well.

I'm sure like myself many of you have watched the news over the past few weeks and wondered if schools would be affected by the increase in COVID rates and the omicron variant. My preference would always be to have children in school rather than home learning whenever safe to do so. I was very happy to have been able to open our doors yesterday to welcome everyone back. Our attendance for yesterday was just over 90% and I am very pleased to say we returned with an almost full staff team too.

Outlined below you will find some information regarding COVID restrictions within school. As you will see, many of the strategies we have in place have remained unchanged as we believe they are working well to keep transmission as low as possible whilst still enabling our pupils to enjoy our school in full.

Our risk assessment is under constant review. We will also continue to take guidance from the Government and Local Authority and will keep you informed of any updates we make. If you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards - Mr Milner

COVID UPDATES

We will continue with our usual routines. There will be no changes to our start and end times or breaktime rota, we will continue with the use of our 'bubble doors' and ask that your child continues to use their allocated doors to enter and exit school. Assemblies will continue to be held in upper and lower school rather than whole school for the moment. We will also continue to use the dining hall for lunchtimes - all children will eat within their own year groups.

We will continue to encourage regular handwashing throughout the day. We will also keep all classroom windows open for ventilation purposes so please ensure your child has enough layers to keep warm.

All staff and visitors will wear face coverings in communal areas and we would ask all parents who approach staff within the playground/enter the building to do the same. If you need to get in touch all teachers are available on their year group email and the school office is staffed from 8.30am - 4pm daily (admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk).

POSITIVE COVID CASES

If your child tests positive for COVID please inform school as soon as possible. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Changes to self-isolation requirements mean Covid-19 cases can now take lateral flow tests starting from day 6 of their self-isolation period. If both tests, taken 24 hours apart, are negative, they can end their self-isolation on day 7 or later. Those who continue to test positive, those who can't test, won't test or can't get hold of the tests need to self-isolate for the full 10 day period.

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive your child can continue to attend school provided they have a negative LFD test daily and show no COVID symptoms.

AWARD WINNERS

Headteacher Award

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

Year 3 - Leo, 3S for demonstrating great resilience, having lovely manners and being a great role model.

Year 4 - Amy, 4L for having a great attitude, showing creativity and growing in confidence.

Year 5 Zara, 5L for outstanding behaviour and being a true role model.

Year 6 - Bow, 6S for being such a helpful member of year 6 and always working hard in class.

Dojo winners will be announced next week.



LEARNING POWERS JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

To reach the high notes!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



Due to the short week, FA cup winners will be announced again from next week.

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



Ollie, 6L
Tyler-James, 6L
Hamza, 4L
Brooklyn, 3L

SEND

KitKat SEND Support Group

1st Friday of each month: 10am- 12pm

Are you a parent or carer of someone with additional needs? If you'd like to meet others in a similar position then come along to our friendly support group. For more info you can:

[Visit our website](#) [Join our facebook group](#) Call 07944876191

Introduction to Supporting Children & Young People with FASD

Monday 17th January: 5.30pm - 7:30pm

This one day course is uniquely co-designed and co-delivered by specialists from Seashell's Outreach Team and The National Organisation for FASD.

To find out more or to book your place please [get in touch](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

PACTS Annual Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Day

17th March 2022

Hosted at the Alma Lodge (SK2 6EL) this is the event for all you need to know for the Stockport area and is completely FREE for parents, carers, family members and professionals who work within SEND.

More information coming soon!

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=nspcc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtChOnOw-aEAYASAAEgIawPD_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/>