



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

12th December 2019

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Green (good), **yellow** (cause for concern) and **red** (poor) attendance letters will be sent home next week. Parents and carers will be contacted in January and February if attendance continues to be poor/cause for concern. We would like to work together with parents and carers to improve your child's attendance. We know that there are lots of illnesses going round at the moment and if your child has vomiting/diarrhoea, they must stay off for at least 48 hours. Although we would like to improve attendance, children with infectious illnesses should not be in school and common sense must be applied.

Mrs Owen

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

'THE CHRISTMAS RECIPE'

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am.
We look forward to welcoming some care home residents from Generation Club to watch the rehearsal on Monday morning with their carers.

KS1 NATIVITY - ROSIE THE RAT

Years 1 and 2 performed beautifully.
Thank you to everyone who helped with rehearsals and costumes!



THANK YOU CHILDREN FOR BEAUTIFUL SINGING AT BRASS AND CAROLS

On Saturday night we enjoyed a wonderful evening of music with Banks Brass Band. Thank you to Lucy, Caitlin, Amelia, Matthew, Harper, Jake, Archie, Leah, Sarah, Jack, Sophie and Olivia. Mrs Owen and Miss McQuirk are very proud of you!

WINTER COATS

Mrs. Owen has requested that all children should be coming into school every day now in a coat with a hood.

F.O.S.S. DISCO



The Disco will be held tomorrow Friday 13th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Stephen's Institute. **TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!**

CHOIR EVENTS

The school choir has been practising hard with Mr. Richardson and will be singing at the Church Coffee morning and local care homes.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY 2020

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school is open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

Please Note: The national closing date for applications are: • 15 January 2020 for primary applicants.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

PLEA FROM EYFS

Plea for rugs! Particularly in the infant classes we use rugs to make our classroom areas cosy! If you have any rugs or mats of any size or colours that you are planning to change, we would appreciate their donation to school.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - EARLY FINISH

IMPORTANT - School will finish at **2.30pm** on Friday 20th December for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday 6th January.

Please note that there will be **no After School Club** on Friday 20th December. All children must be collected from school at 2.30pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK



There will be no stars of the week on Monday due to Reception/Nursery Nativity rehearsal.

ATTENDANCE

Class 5 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 97.6%. Fantastic!

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



LCC English adviser Mr Kenyon visited the school this week and commented on the high quality of writing displayed in school. Well done teachers and children!

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House won our weekly House Points Competition with 318 points.



SHOE BOX ASSEMBLY NEXT THURSDAY

Thank you so much to all parents/children who have brought in shoe boxes/items to put in a class shoebox for International Aid. There is a tin in the school office for any cash donations. Please do not put money in the shoebox, as this is used for transport costs. We will take the boxes to International Aid (a local charity based in Much Hoole) after the assembly on Thursday.

FARMER TED'S

Nursery and Reception Classes visited Farmer Ted's on Tuesday 10th December. The children were very well behaved and had a fabulous day meeting Father Christmas and all the animals. They also enjoyed a tractor ride with the elves. A great day was had by all despite the weather!



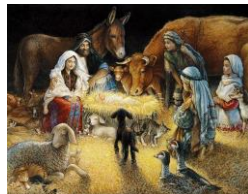
SCIENCE SELFIES - YEAR 3

Please continue to send in your science selfies to Miss Sykes. Printed copies can be brought in to school or the selfies can be e-mailed to head@bank-st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

KS2 party will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December and the EYFS/KS1 party will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December. All the children should now have brought home a letter with suggestions on what your child should bring on the day of their party.



JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE

All classes will walk to church after lunch on Thursday 19th December for our annual Carol Service. Parents and families are most welcome to join us in church as we think about the true meaning of Christmas. **All children should be collected from the church on this day at 3.15pm.** Staff will walk back to school with any children booked into After School Club. Preschool children will stay in school with Mrs Moore and can be collected at 3pm as usual. If you are collecting a sibling from Church at 3.15, Mrs Moore will wait for you, knowing you will be a few minutes later than usual. Alternatively, parents may collect preschool children earlier and then make their way to church for older siblings. And of course you may wish to take your preschool child with you to the Carol Service.

All parents and families are most welcome to join us in Church at 2.30pm. All classes are giving a small performance of a song/poem/drama and we hope it will make you feel the true spirit of Christmas!