



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

19th December 2019



From everyone here at St. Stephen's, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

The performance was a smash hit! Many thanks to the teachers and teaching assistants for rehearsing them and making the cute costumes. The children has such confident speaking voices and good expressions. Well done everybody!



**THANK YOU TO MR
RICHARDSON AND THE
CHILDREN IN THE CHOIR FOR
BEAUTIFUL SINGING AT THE
LOCAL CARE HOMES THIS WEEK**

100% Attendance Awards

Reception: Joshua, David and Aiden. Y1: Callum, Leah, Oscar, Joaby and Harper. Y2: Emmy, Corah, Libbie, Elijah, Spencer, Mia-Grace, Madzia and Charlie. Y3: Maia and Sophie. Y4: Wesley, Spencer, Thomas, Lucas and Katarzyna. Y5: Olivia, Ben and Daisy. Y6: Charlie, Amelia, Amelia and Shannon. Congratulations to you all! Calculations for next term's attendance will start from scratch in January, so all children in school will have the chance to achieve 100% or "very good attendance" (96% or more). Certificates, stickers and badges were presented this morning.



Parents please note that from January **no earrings to be worn in school.** The very few children who sometimes wear earrings have been given all this term to heal up the holes etc. Any children who arrive in school wearing earrings next term (and I hope they won't) will be asked to remove them. There has been no change in school rules. The uniform policy clearly states that earrings are not to be worn and thank you so much to the parents who support the school rules. As an improving school, I think it is important to uphold high standards of behaviour and uniform.

Thank you, Mrs Owen

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.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE: As from 6th January only prescribed medicine will be administered in school. This needs to be in the original packaging with the label from the pharmacy clearly stating dosage. This will require parents to come into school and fill in a medicine consent form. Any other medicines i.e. Calpol, Paracetamol, Cough medicine etc. will **no longer** be administered in school.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - EARLY FINISH

IMPORTANT - School will finish at **2.30pm** tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday 6th January. There will be **no After School Club** on Friday 20th December.

All children must be collected from school at 2.30pm.

STARS OF THE TERM

Nursery: Michael

Rec: Tony

Y1: Ella

Y2: Kate

Y3: Ethan

Y4: Wesley

Y5: Brooke

Y6: Harry

**PHOTO ON
FACEBOOK!**



SHOE BOX ASSEMBLY: THANK YOU SO MUCH!

This year we have had by far the highest response to this annual appeal from International Aid. Three tables in the Hall are piled high with filled shoeboxes and gifts. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!



HOUSE POINTS TROPHY Congratulations to RED House!



CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY Well done Year 2. Average attendance for all pupils in Y2 was 97%!



SCIENCE SELFIES - YEAR 3

Many thanks for sending in your science selfies to Miss Sykes!

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.