



# Banks St Stephen's Primary School



## Newsletter

16th January 2020

### WHOLE FAMILY TALK HOMEWORK

As part of our mission to increase children's emotional, academic and social vocabulary we would like to introduce Family Talk Homework. This is simple a prompt or topic that will be written on the weekly newsletter and school Facebook page each week. Each topic or prompt will be aimed at children and adults of all ages that you can discuss as a family over dinner, whilst out and about or even during a car ride. Teachers will find time during the week to discuss their weekly Family Talk Homework and your child can share any thoughts or opinions with their classmates.

**Week Beg: 20th January 2020**

**Topic/Prompt: What are the three most interesting things about you?**

### Christian Value for this Half Term: Endurance



### 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.

## PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE FOR YR 1 PARENTS EVENING

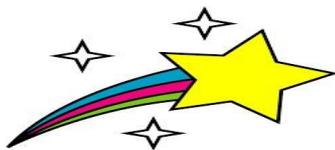
This will now take place on Wednesday 5th February instead of Thursday 6th February. (Separate letters will be sent out). Please note all other classes will be on Thursday 6th February as previously stated. Sorry for any inconvenience.



## PRAISE ASSEMBLY

This will now take place on Friday's instead of Monday's starting this week.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Erik  
Year 1: Sophia  
Year 2: Kate  
Year 3: Jack  
Year 4: Thomas  
Year 5: Amelia S  
Year 6: Charlie A

## VISION SCREENING FOR RECEPTION CLASS

This will take place on Thursday 30th January in the morning. Separate letters have been sent out by the school nurses.



## PHONICS AND SATS INFORMATION SESSION

Teachers from EYFS and KS1 will be holding a 'Phonics and SATS Information Session on Wednesday 22nd January at 3.30pm. This is to help parents understand how phonics is taught and how we prepare for the SATS tests in year 2. It will also help you as parents in how best to support your child at home.

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Kezia  
Year 1: Archie  
Year 2: Mia  
Year 3: Maia  
Year 4: Kasia  
Year 5: Max N  
Year 6: Max W



## New Fox Cubs Nursery Entrance Routine

Mrs Moore will wait just outside Nursery door and greet children. Please say goodbye to children as you pass them over to Mrs Moore, who will then send children into class where Mrs Buxton or Mrs Fitch will be waiting to support children to hang coats, put lunch boxes on trolley, etc.

If children are upset or are new and still settling, parents/carers are welcome into class to help their child settle.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please wait until Mrs Moore has seen the Nursery children safely into class.

Thank you for your support



### SING TOGETHER CONCERT

Our juniors are invited to take part in a 'Sing together Concert' at King George's Hall, Blackburn on Friday 6th March.

Letters with further details will be sent out soon.

### MATHS IN MOTION

3 of our children will be taking part in a series of Maths Gifted and Talented Sessions entitled Maths in Motion at Holmeswood Primary School on various dates over the coming half term.



### CLEANING VACANCY

We are looking for a cleaner to work 2 hours a day 3.30pm - 5.30pm, 5 days a week, helping Mr Dodd out. If you are interested please contact Mrs Owen on 01704 225332 or pop in to the office for further details.

### BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on the evening of Parents Evening, Thursday 6th February, for 1 night only. A selection of books will be on view for parents to purchase. Please note: money is to be paid on the night.

## **F.O.S.S. MEETING**

This will take place on Wednesday 29th January at 3.30pm - 4.00pm in the Y5 classroom. This is to discuss previous and upcoming events. Childcare will be in Yr6 classroom.

## **ARCHERY**

Will all children who are taking part in the Archery sessions please bring warm clothing and a change of shoes/wellies, as it is outdoors on the field.

## **F.O.S.S. VALENTINES**

### **DISCOS**

These will take place on Thursday 13th February in the school hall. Posters to follow with full details

## **MAD SCIENCE**

This has been cancelled due to low numbers. If you have already registered, Mad Science will be in touch with you for a refund.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Class 3 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 100%. Well done!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Blue House won our weekly House Points Competition with 373 points.