



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

6TH February 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 a simple 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: 10th February 2020

Topic/Prompt: If you had a time machine for a day, what would you do with it?

Christian Value for this Half Term: Endurance



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. They have been very busy practising for this event and if you go onto our school's facebook page you will be able to watch a video of the children in full flow. Final details of transport, times etc. will follow soon.

PARENTS EVENING

This will take place tonight for all years with the exception of Year 1 which was last night.



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.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Isaac
Year 1: Madison
Year 2: Jake
Year 3: Isabelle
Year 4: Teagan
Year 5: Dominykas
Year 6: Alexa



F.O.S.S. VALENTINES DISCOS

These will take place on Thursday 13th February in the school hall. Tickets are priced at £2.50 and include a drink, crisps and sweets.

Infants 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Juniors 4.45pm - 6.00pm

Letters have been sent home with further details.

ATTENDANCE

Class 3 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 98.82%. Well done!

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Evie
Year 1: Alfie
Year 2: Amy
Year 3: Ethan
Year 4: Lucas
Year 5: Ashton
Year 6: Lucy

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House won our weekly House Points Competition with 277 points.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Out of School Club staff have been busy planning for next week's activities. Below is a list of activities on offer in After School Club for week commencing

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| Mon | Craft – Heart shaped wreath. |
| Tues | Baking – Decorating biscuits for Valentines |
| Wed | Craft – Make own Valentines cards or colour in the ones provided. |
| Thurs | Sporty Thursday. |
| Fri | Film Friday - choice of u rated films.

Year 4. Free rein for Valentines Day. Gnomeo and Juliet. Hansel and Gretel or Dolphin Tale |

Snack

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| Mon | Noodles. Fruit Water/Milk |
| Tues | Pasta and sauce – Fruit Water/Milk |
| Wed | Savoury Rice. Fruit Water/Milk. |
| Thurs | Crumpets. Fruit Water/Milk |
| Fri | Popcorn/Crisps Fruit Water/Milk |

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast or After School Club. Please enquire at the school office or phone 01704 225332 for more details.

PARENT HELPERS

“We really value our parent helpers in school and are always looking for more, particularly to hear children read in every class. If you would be interested in helping and can dedicate a small amount of time each week then please visit the school office and register details.”



LIFE EDUCATION BUS

We had a visit this week from the Life Education Bus and Harold the Giraffe.

The children were very enthusiastic and took a whole school approach to child mental health. They were very knowledgeable about P.S.H.E. and knew how to keep themselves safe.

GARDENING CLUB

We are looking for parents/grandparents to help with gardening club. We can work days and dates around you and free training is available (see below) if you are interested (not compulsory). Please see Miss Sykes (Y3) for details.

Do you want to:

- get some Gardening Club guidance?
- find out the best crops to grow?
- find out what resources are available?
- look at other elements to put into your school garden?
- develop links to the curriculum?

Come along to our **Training Day** for all **leaders of school Gardening Clubs** in West Lancs!

We are delighted to have enlisted RHS trainer Anne Gunning to help us get off on the right foot for the year ahead. The day is open to any teachers/T.A.s/parents running gardening clubs and is **FREE!**

We are hoping to hold this one day event at CastNW near Newburgh and are in the process of setting dates. At this stage we would like to find out your availability, so please could you let me know if you could make any of the following provisional dates:

- **Wednesday 26th February**
- **Monday 2nd March**
- **Wednesday 11th March**