



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

27th 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: 2nd March 2020

Topic/Prompt: If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?

Christian Value for this Half Term: Hope

CORONAVIRUS

Head Teacher's receive advice from Public Health England re: COVID-19 (Corona Virus), which is regularly updated. The current advice is for schools NOT to close. If this advice changes, I will obviously notify you. Please see the website "Public Health England" for further



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 final details of transport, times etc. have now been sent home. Voluntary payment of £4.20 for travel to and from the venue is to be paid on ParentPay by Wednesday 4th March, along with permission, medical details and emergency contact numbers.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Poppy

Year 1: Amelia G

Year 2: Leah

Year 3: Laila

Year 4: Bobby

Year 5: Luke

Year 6: Sophie



HARRY POTTER'S SPECIAL LUNCH

This will take place on Thursday 5th March. If your child is on a packed lunch and you would like your child to have a school dinner on that day please fill in the slip that was sent home or contact the school office. There is a competition to win a Family Ticket to Harry Potter Studios for any child having a school dinner on that day. Activity sheets for the competition will be available on the day of the lunch.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children will be doing a variety of activities commencing 5th March. World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March when the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please see the Parents Information sheet attached for details of the various activities.

LOCAL TRIP PERMISSION SLIP

Please could these be sent back to school as soon as possible as your child will not be able to take part in local walks to church or around the village unless we have the slip giving your permission.

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Daisy

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Jasper

Year 3: Taylor

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Daisy

Year 6: Shay

HOUSE POINTS

Red House won our weekly House Points Competition with 195 points.

ATTENDANCE

Class 3 & Class 4 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 100%. Well done!

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who filled in the 'parent's questionnaire'. It helps us greatly to know your views on school. If you haven't already done so could you please fill in your questionnaire and return to school A.S.A.P. Copies of the questionnaire can be found outside the office.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

In our quest to make Out of School Club more appealing we have recently had a delivery of new play equipment including a pool table, dartboard, basketball hoop, giant chess and much more. Out of School Club staff have been busy planning for this week's activities. 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.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

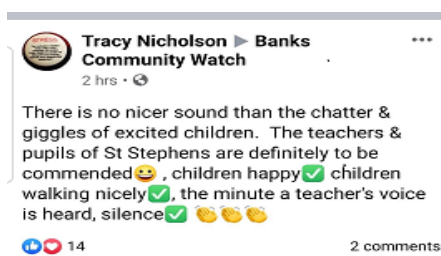
This will be held on Wednesday 4th March at Tarleton Academy. Tickets for the event are available from the school office until Thursday 27th February at £2 each for parents of children attending. After this date you will have to purchase tickets directly from Tarleton Academy. Children attending this event will have had separate letters home.

PLEA FROM NURSERY

Children in Fox Cubs Nursery are really enjoying playing house at the moment, but we have a shortage of dolls for them to play babies with. We would greatly appreciate any donations of dolls, doll outfits, or a dolls pram that we can use to support this imaginative play.

VILLAGE WALK

Today our children in Reception Class went for a walk around the village to learn a little bit about village life so they can create their own 'Little Banks' within the classroom. They visited Debz Deli to see how things are prepared. On returning to School it was brought to our attention that a comment had been made on the 'Banks Community Watch' page on Facebook. It is lovely to hear such positive comments about our School. Thank you to Tracey Nicholson for your kind comment.



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."

HEARING SCREENING FOR Y1 & Y2 CHILDREN

The Audiometrician will be in school on Thursday 27th And Friday 28th February for Screening of Y1 & Y2 children. Please send in your consent form by tomorrow if you haven't already done so.

