



# Banks St Stephen's Primary School



## Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> March 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: 9th March 2020**

**Topic/Prompt: How important is money? Do you think there is enough money in the world for everyone to have enough?**

### Christian Value for this Half Term: Hope



### SING TOGETHER CONCERT

Some of our juniors are taking 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. For those whose children are attending could you please log on to ParentPay to give your permission, fill in any medical details and make the voluntary payment of £4.20 for travel to and from the venue if you haven't already done so.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Olivia

Year 1: Alfie

Year 2: Lilliana

Year 3: Ethan

Year 4: Maya

Year 5: Kai

Year 6: Jack

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Tony

Year 1: Mia

Year 2: Madzia

Year 3: Isabelle

Year 4: Maisie

Year 5: Dominykas

Year 6: Cody

## WORLD BOOK DAY

The children will be taking part in a variety of activities for 'World Book Day' throughout the week.

In celebration of Book Week this week's homework will be our Reading Checklist which will be sent home with your child tonight. These are all reading activities that will be fun and easy to complete both at school and at home. Please support your child in completing them.

## HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House won our weekly House Points Competition with 215 points.

## ATTENDANCE

Class 6 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 100%. Well done!

## POETRY COMPETITION

Our Performance Poetry Competition will take place on Monday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. If your child has been chosen as a finalist they will have been given a letter to invite you into school to watch them compete.

## BOOK FAIR

The 'Book People' book fair will be visiting school from today until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your child along and browse the lovely selection of books on offer at reasonable prices.

## **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.

## **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."

## **CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE**

Preventing spread of Infection:

- Washing hands often with soap and water – although we do not usually allow children to bring in hand gel, it has been decided that as things stand, at the moment, they are allowed. For children who suffer with eczema they can also bring a barrier cream in
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

## **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.

Plea for spare boys and girls jogging bottoms/leggings and socks. Supplies of spares are dwindling in our Early Years classrooms and any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

## **GENERATION CLUB**

Please Note: This has been postponed until further notice. We will notify parents when the club is up and running again.

## 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.

## BRILLIANT BOOK AWARDS



As part of a Lancashire Library Initiative, our year 2 pupils were invited to enter a competition to design a Hot Air Balloon. We are pleased to announce that Kate won first prize for our school over all other schools in the county. This will now be displayed at the next Brilliant Book Award Launch.

First prize is a Kinder Box worth over £200 to store our library books in.

Well done Kate! You are a star.

## PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who filled in the 'parents 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.