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Welcome to A NEW BEGINNING!

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| Many thanks to all parents and families who have welcomed me so warmly at the school gate during my first few days in the school. I am delighted to inform you that I got married during the summer holidays and my new name is **Mrs. Stewart**. It is a privilege and a pleasure to be the Headteacher and Head learner of such a wonderful school and I have already been working hard with staff to plan the year ahead.  The children have all settled well in their new classes and look very smart in their Bankton uniform.  The highly committed staff are already working hard to plan exciting and motivating learning experiences for your children, so it promises to be an exciting year ahead! |

**Classes for this year are as follows:**

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| P.1A: Mrs. Sinclair | P.1B: Mrs. Thomson |
| P.2A: Mrs. Horne | P.2/3: Mrs. Corbett |
| P.3A: Mrs. Maternaghan | P.3/4: Mrs. Cook / Mrs. Porteous |
| P.4: Mrs. Lough | P.5A: Mrs. Sutherland |
| P.5B: Miss Henderson | P.6A: Miss Kennedy |
| P.6/7: Mrs. Balfour | P.7A: Mrs. Lloyd |

Teachers are looking forward to showcasing and celebrating the learning in their classrooms this year in a variety of different ways, so you can look forward to invitations to come in to school throughout the year! In addition we would like to invite you to our Open Morning on **Friday, 27th September.**

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**P.5 Lowport Outdoor Education trip** takes place from **18th to the 20th** **September**. This year the activities will include sailing, orienteering, nature walks with the Ranger and a visit to Linlithgow Palace with palace guides from the local primary school. Miss Henderson, Miss Rae and Mrs. Reilly will go with P.5 and the children have promised to look after them! A reminder to all parents – full payment for Lowport should be sent to the school office by **Friday, 30th August**

A meeting for parents of P.5 going on the Lowport trip will be held in school on: **Wednesday, 4th September at 3.30pm in the small hall.** I look forward to meeting you then.

**What’s On This Term?**

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| Week beginning 2nd September | Nursery Enrolment |
| 4.9.13 | Parents’ Meeting, P.5 Lowport Trip |
| 20.9.13 | The West Lothian Onesie Walk |
| 26.9.13 | P.7 Maths Challenge visit to JYHS |
| 27.9.13 | Parents’ Open Morning |
| Week beginning 30th September | Money Week |
| 4.10.13 | Celebration Asemblies |
| 9 /10.10.13 | Parents’ Evenings |
| Week beginning 7th October | Book Fayre |

**Breakfast Club**

We are happy to see our children back to the breakfast club each morning. They are greeted with a smile by the welcoming support staff and Mrs. Connel, the school cook. Breakfast Club gives them a positive start to the day and ensures they are ready for learning. Can we remind all parents that Breakfast Club starts at 8am and children should arrive no later than 8.15am.

**The A Team**

On your behalf, I would like to thank the ‘A’ team who have worked very hard during the long summer holiday to clean the school to a very high standard. Carol, Evelyn, Cath and Amalia take a great pride in keeping Bankton Primary School smart and clean. They have been ably assisted by Mr. Walker, the school’s janitor who makes sure we are well maintained. **Well done and thank you to all staff and pupils for an excellent start to the new school year!**