



**Severe Weather Arrangements**

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the recent severe weather. At present the school janitor who is scheduled from 6am – 2pm is shared between three schools. Under West Lothian Guidelines this means that only one access path can be kept clear for each school. I have recently met with the Area manager to discuss this and explained that due to disability and mobility difficulties for some pupils, both the zig-zag path and the Breakfast Club access must be kept clear and gritted at all times.

Parents of children with any form of mobility difficulty can also use the disabled parking space next to the front door.

On days of bad weather, all pupils come into the Great Hall after Breakfast Club where they are kept warm and dry until learning time starts at 8.45am.

Please note that only the Head of Education Services can sanction a school closure due to bad weather. However, in the event of a school closure all parents will receive a Group Call message to inform you of this. Children will still be able to access learning through the BLOG or from snow activity sheets in their homework diary.

 **Attendance and Latecoming**

We would ask you please to continue to support your child’s learning in the new term by making every effort to help them arrive on time. Following West Lothian Council guidelines, parents whose children are persistently late or absent from school will be invited to a meeting to discuss this. West Lothian Council are currently monitoring the situation.

Have a very Happy Holiday.

New term begins at 8.45am on

Thursday, 8th January

**Free School Meals for ALL P.1 – P.3 children**

A reminder to all P.1 – P.3 parents that all children at these stages will be entitled to a free school meal every day from the **8th January.**

This is a new government initiative which will, they feel, have a positive impact on children’s health and wellbeing.

Please make the decision about lunch based on what you feel is best for your child – if you feel a packed lunch meets their needs best, please continue to send one.



**Christmas message for all of Bankton’s Children**

**From Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Ferguson**

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**To all of our wonderful children in Bankton – we could not be prouder of your achievements this Christmas. You have entertained everyone with your wonderful singing, enjoyed yourselves and had fun at all the Christmas parties and proved to us that you are the best behaved pupils in West Lothian!**

**Be kind to your parents and families – Stay safe, enjoy Christmas and have fun!**