

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

August 2015



A Warm Welcome Back!



We welcomed all of our pupils back in beautiful sunshine after 7 weeks of rain during the school holidays. Our P.7s look particularly smart in their special P.7 uniform and are ready to take on leadership responsibilities across the school. All children have settled well back into the school routines and are looking forward to exciting learning opportunities this term. Mrs. Ferguson had a very busy morning welcoming new families to Bankton. We hope all of our new children quickly feel part of our Bankton family and make new friends. We will make the most of our late summer weather with outdoor learning opportunities this term.

A New Reception @ Bankton



Parents and visitors to the school will be warmly welcomed at our new Reception Area completed over the summer holidays. The Reception was designed by Mr. Douglas Gray, father of Eilidh, P.7 and Ceana, P.5. Mr. Gray is an Architectural Technician with West Lothian Council and worked very hard during the school holidays to ensure the job was completed ready for school starting. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank Mr. Gray sincerely for helping to enhance our school and ensure that the office is 'fit for purpose'. I would also like to thank Donna Adam, Senior Manager at West Lothian Council for providing the finance to make this possible. Mrs. Learmonth is looking forward to welcoming you in the weeks and months ahead.

Lunch Time Office Managers

P.7 pupils will work in pairs to answer the telephone and greet visitors during Mrs. Learmonth's lunch break. They will take phone messages to ensure that relevant information is passed on to a member of the Management Team and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

School Printing

Due to budget cuts within West Lothian Council this session all schools have been given greatly reduced print targets. In school we are doing all we can to 'Think BEFORE We Print'.

Therefore this will be the last Newsletter to be sent out to ALL parents in paper form. The Newsletter will be issued every month on the last Thursday of the month. It will be uploaded to the school blog and sent out to parents by email. If you have no internet access, please ask the class teacher for a paper copy.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/BanktonPrimarySchoolBlog/>

Annual Census Forms

It is vitally important to your child's health and wellbeing that school have up-to-date contact information for parents, guardians and emergency contacts. This includes current addresses, telephone numbers and names of emergency contacts. Mrs. Learmonth will send forms home with the current details we hold for your child.

Please check these details carefully and amend them where necessary. Please also include a current email address for letters and newsletters.

Up and Coming Events – Term 1



27.8.15 – Lowport Parents' Information Evening
6pm

2/3/4.9.15 – P.5 Pupils to Lowport – Residential

3.9.15 – P.1 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm

10.9.15 – Meet the teacher Evening 7.00 pm

18.9.15 – WLC Walking Event

21/22.9.15 – HOLIDAYS

23.9.15 – Roald Dahl Day Celebration

25.9.15 – European Language Day Celebration

2.10.15 – Open Morning

19.10.15 - 27.10.15 – October Break

Please note there will be a whole school Internet
Safety Week after the October Break

**A YEAR CALENDAR FOR PARENTS WILL BE POSTED
ON THE BLOG SHORTLY**

Welcome to our New P.1s



Our new P.1 children are settling very well following a successful transition programme last term. In line with West Lothian Guidelines they are being 'phased in' in small groups for mornings only during their first week to allow them to get to know school routines and bond with their teacher. All children will be in for the full day from Week 2

They will be looked after during breaks by their P.7 buddies who will also join them for a class activity each week. This will allow them to form a strong, supportive friendship with an older child who will look out for them in the playground.

Parents – To minimise Lost Property please label ALL belongings and notify your child's teacher as soon as possible if something is missing.

P.5 Trip to Lowport

P.5 are getting very excited about their residential trip to Lowport. An Information Evening for Parents will be held on 27th August at 6pm in the Small Hall.

S.O.S. – CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

YOUR SCHOOL GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR / MORNING / DAY OF YOUR TIME TO HELP WEED THE GARDEN. – TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES PROVIDED – WHY NOT GET TOGETHER WITH SOME FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE SUN TOGETHER?