

Bankton Primary School Newsletter

August 2016



Welcome back to all of our pupils and staff, safely returned after the holidays. A special welcome to our new P.1 children and their parents – we look forward to working with you as 'learning partners'. We have three new members of staff: Ms Roberts, Nurture Teacher, Miss Lovett, Probationer Teacher and Mrs Ramos, Nursery Nurse. We hope you will find a warm welcome as new members of our school family! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman on the safe arrival of their baby boy and to Miss Dunne who became Mrs. Murray in July.



All members of the Parent Council are busy organising the Summer Fayre. This will take place in the school on:

Saturday, 3rd September

between 11am and 3pm.

This fayre is a major fundraiser for the school and we know that all parents and families will support this wonderful event.

Thank you

Class Dojo



All classes from P.2 – P.7 will be using Class Dojo again this year. Please sign up for this using your child's password to track your child's positive behaviour. Teachers will also use the system to send class messages from time to time.

Uniform

Many thanks to all parents for sending their children back to school wearing school uniform. The Bankton uniform is one of the smartest in West Lothian and makes us feel very proud of our school 'team'. P.7 pupils look very official as the leaders of the school wearing their special black cardigans and sweatshirts. There will be a reward each week for the class or classes where everyone is in uniform.

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

Have you visited our BLOG recently? Check out our latest posts complete with photographs of our exciting learning. Each week a BLOG Champion Class will be awarded a certificate at Assembly. Please comment on our posts!



Priorities for the Year Ahead

To improve Numeracy skills at all stages

To develop confidence and resilience in our pupils

through a programme of emotional literacy and mental wellbeing



Through self- evaluation involving parents, staff and pupils we have identified our two main priorities for this year. We look forward to welcoming you to our Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, 15th September at 6.30pm where all staff will explain their programmes for the year ahead and show you how you can be an active partner in your child's learning. The school has been commended for our family learning and personalised support approaches and have been asked to represent West Lothian at a National Conference on Parental Engagement in Heriot Watt University on Wednesday, 14th Sept. More information about this in due course.

It is very important that we reach as many parents as possible at this meeting. Every child represented at this meeting will receive a raffle ticket for a prize draw at assembly. There will also be a mystery prize on the night for the parent sitting in the 'lucky chair!'

Dates for Term 1



- 3.9.16 Summer Fayre 11.00
- 7.9.16 P.1 Parents' Evening at 6.30pm
- 12.9.16 West Lothian Courier P.1 Photograph at 9.15am
- 13.9.16 Roald Dahl Day
- 14.9.16 Meet the Teacher Evening 6.30pm
- 19.9.16 HOLIDAY
- 20.9.16 IN SERVICE DAY
- 26.9.16 European Languages Day
- 4.10.16 PATPAL Morning – I spend / I save
- 5.10.16 Nursery Parents Evening at 6.00pm
- 12/13.10.16 Parent Consultation Evenings

Attendance and Lateness

If your child is to make good progress at school, they must arrive on time and attend school regularly. Children who arrive late can get very upset because they have missed early morning routines or important information. Please get the year off to a good start by getting your child to school on time.

If your child is absent for a medical reason, please inform the school office as soon as possible . If your child is unaccounted for you will receive a Groupcall text message to determine the reason for absence. Failure to respond to Groupcall may result in a referral to the safe arrivals service.

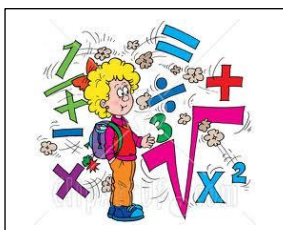
Lost Property



REMINDER

Please label all belongings with your child's name and class

READ WRITE COUNT



A Scottish Government Programme to help parents, carers and

Teachers to bring fun and learning to everyday activities.

More information at Meet the Teacher Evening

