

# Bankton Primary School Newsletter

Christmas 2017



## A Christmas Message From Mrs Stewart and Mrs Ferguson



To all of our amazing children from P.1 to P7 – we have enjoyed watching you progress on your learning journey this year and are incredibly proud of the progress you have made. We are also proud of the way you are all trying to develop as polite respectful young people making Bankton Primary School a very happy place to be. We hope you will all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and that you enjoy spending time together. Stay safe during the holidays so that we can welcome everyone back on Wednesday the 9th January.

## Helping Others @ Bankton –

### CRISIS @ CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Thanks to the generosity of all of our Bankton families over the first two weeks in December, we were able to donate 276 items to the Crisis at Christmas Appeal for the Homeless.

P.6 Pupils accompanied Mrs. Little and Mrs. Stewart to Sainsbury's to hand over our donations which will make a strong contribution to their national appeal to make things a little better for local homeless people over Christmas.



## Hey Ewe

Sincere thanks to Mrs. Ferguson and P.1 – P.3 teachers who all worked so hard to make this year's Nativity performances such a success. 'Hey Ewe' will be remembered for a very long time for its special magic – and for the confidence of this year's performers. Well done everyone!

Christmas Cheer @ Bankton!

## CAROL SERVICE

**THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 9.30AM**

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!**

<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!



Many of our children will receive mobile phones, tablets, laptops or other electronic devices this Christmas. Please help them to enjoy these devices safely and responsibly by making sure they have the appropriate privacy settings in place, particularly when using Youtube or messaging apps. There is an Online Safety Help Sheet for parents on the BLOG – please check this out before Santa comes!

After Christmas please continue to check your child's online history and their mobile phone to ensure they are staying safe online. Encourage them only to post online messages that they would be happy for you to check – avoiding any problems in the future.

### Our Very Own BBC Radio Programme on Boxing Day



As you know, we are currently working with authors McNicoll and Jackson as our Reading Patrons. They recorded a programme about Badger the Mystical Mutt which will be broadcast on Boxing Day at 12.30pm on Radio Scotland.

Below is the press release about the programme from the BBC. Listen in to find out more.

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND, BOXING DAY 12.30pm  
The Mystical Mutt  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09kf6cx>

With his higgledy-piggledy tower of toast and his magic that doesn't always work, Badger the Mystical Mutt is the star of the hugely successful series of children's books by new authors Lyn McNicol and Laura Jackson. They have risked it all to follow their passion for writing, deciding to turn down the traditional publishing routes and go it alone. By combining genuine humour and a subtle social message throughout the fun packed books, they've found an enthralled audience close to home, personal satisfaction in their success so far and a world of opportunities waiting to take Badger to an even bigger stage. This is their story.



Many thanks to all of the Bankton 'Elves'

The staff and pupils of Bankton would like to take this opportunity to say, 'Thank You' to our hardworking Pupil Support Workers, Office Staff, Janitors, Kitchen Staff and Cleaners.

All of these 'elves' work incredibly hard throughout the year to make Bankton a happy and safe place of learning. We hope you all have a restful holiday.

A reminder to all families –

School resumes on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am

If there is severe weather please use the Breakfast Club entrance or the Zig Zag Path.

Children will be supervised in the hall in bad weather



A Very Merry Christmas  
To All of Our Parents and Families  
Thank you for your Support

