



## Bankhead Newsletter—Bankhead will SOAR

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### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our September Newsletter.

#### Parents in Partnership

We look forward to welcoming parents / carers back into the school for our Parents in Partnership event. You should have received a letter inviting you to attend on either Wednesday 14 or Thursday 15 September between 1.50 and 2.45. The first part will be in the gym hall where you will hear about our plans for this academic session for Bankhead, before you get the chance to visit your child's class and do some work with them there. The children relish the opportunity to show what they are doing in class. There will also be a piece of artwork for you to take home with you that your child has produced. There will be a donation box for school funds in all classes, but please don't feel that there is an obligation to donate.



#### Friends of Bankhead

Our Parent Council group—Friends of Bankhead—are busy organising events for the children for the year. These include Halloween, Christmas and Summer discos and the return of our fabulous Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December. This takes some amount of organising but is always worth the effort to bring the community together at that time of year. More details to follow, but extra help is always appreciated.

The next meeting is in school on Tuesday 4 October. New members always welcome.

#### Hot Chocolate With The Head Teacher

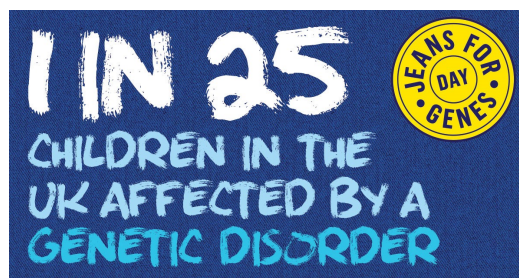
Once a week, a number of children are invited to share a hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mr Hamill. This is a small reward for children who are displaying excellent attitude and behav-

iour in all that they do in school. We are keen to celebrate how fantastic our children are. This week was the turn of Room 11. Well done to Lewis, Nicola, Riley, Harry, Kaila and Chloe who enjoyed their treat.



#### Change for Charity

Our Change for Charity day this September is on Friday 30 September. The money raised will go towards Jeans for Genes. Children are encouraged to wear jeans to school that day to show support but they can wear whatever they like on the day. Suggested donation of £1 per family.



#### P1 Photographs

The Evening Times will be in school on Thursday 15 September to photograph our new P1s. It should appear in the paper shortly thereafter.

#### Childsmile

The Childsmile team will be in school on Monday 12 September to check the teeth of our nursery, P1 and P2 children.

#### Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan

Every year, schools produce a Standards and Quality Report which looks back on the previous academic year. This is available on the

school app and website for parents / carers to read. We can provide a paper copy if you so wish too.

Schools also produce a School Improvement Plan which looks at our priorities for the year ahead. This is quite an extensive document, so we have produced a summary version. This is also available on the school app and website.

We have five priorities for this school year:

- Writing
- Play
- ICT—Digital Schools Award
- Attendance / Punctuality
- Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour

Please have a read over the summary SIP on the app or website. Full copies of the SIP are available to parents / carers on request.

### Flu Immunisation

All pupils in the school are able to get their flu immunisation in school on Monday 10 October. You will receive information about this from our NHS colleagues. It comes in the form of a nasal spray and our children are used to this process as they have been administered in schools for a few



years now.



### Clubs in Schools

We are very proud that we offer our children a wide selection of clubs before school, at lunch

break, and after school. In fact, more children attend clubs at Bankhead Primary than at any other school in the local learning community. This can only be done with the fantastic support of our dedicated staff team, who give up their own time to provide these opportunities for our children. These clubs will start again soon, so please complete the forms when you get them as the clubs are often over-subscribed. Whether your child is sporty or prefers something more sedate, there should be a club that they can enjoy at some point in the school year.

### Engine Idling

You will soon see banners around the school grounds encouraging parents / carers to switch off their car engines when around the area. We want to keep the area as healthy as possible for the children and reducing exhaust fumes plays a part in this. More information to follow, as well as promotional materials which we will distribute.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 12 September—Childsmile for nursery, P1 and P2

Thursday 15 September Evening Times to photograph P1 children

Friday 23 and Monday 26 September—School closed—holiday weekend

Friday 30 September—Change for Charity

Friday 30 September—Responsive Day

Monday 10 October—Flu Immunisation day

Wednesday 12 October—Parents' Evening

Monday 17—Friday 21 October—October holiday week—school closed

Thursday 27 October—Halloween Discos—evening

Tuesday 8—Friday 11 November—P7 residential trip

Monday 14 November—School closed—In-Service day

Saturday 3 December School Xmas Fayre

Thursday 22 December—Christmas Service—Kingspark Church 10.30 am

Friday 23 December—close at 2.30 for xmas holidays—return on Monday 9 January

Monday 13 -Wednesday 15 February. School closed—holidays and In-Service.

Thursday 23 March—Parents' Evening

Friday 31 March—School closes for Spring Break at 2.30. Re-opens Monday 17 April.

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 May. School closed. Holiday and In-Service day.

Friday 26 and Monday 29 May—school closed—holiday.

Tuesday 27 June—school closes at 1.00 pm for summer break

*Gerry Hamill,*  
Head Teacher

