



Bankhead Newsletter—Bankhead will SOAR

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

Parent Portal / Christmas Shows

Tickets for the P1-3 Nativity and the P4-7 Christmas Show will soon be available on the Parent Portal. Please ensure you have signed up so that you are able to reserve tickets. We will let you know when the reserving of tickets goes live.

Please read the information below about Parents Portal. All parents / carers will need to sign up for this so please do so asap.

Parentsportal.scot is a new digital service to help replace the traditional 'school bag run' by providing direct communication to parents and carers through a growing suite of online services. Through parentsportal.scot parents and carers will be able to grant permissions for school trips, view school lunch menus, view attendance, complete the annual data check, book parents evening and link directly to ParentPay to make payment for school meals, to name but a few.

To access parentsportal.scot go to <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>. If you have a mygovscot my account click the link to Sign In or if you don't have a mygovscot my account click the link to register for a mygovscot my account. Alternatively use the QR codes below to download the parentsportal.scot APP.

Once registered you will be prompted to Link Your Child. To be able to link your child you will be asked to provide details relating to your child, the school they attend and your relationship with them. Once the details are found and matched you will be sent a security code to either your mobile number or email address registered in the school. The security code is to provide additional security before your child's record is linked. Your request to link your child will then be sent to your child's school for approval. You will then be notified of the decision to approve the link on your email.

Once your child/children are linked to their school you will start to receive communications from the school via parentsportal.scot and over time will become your one-stop-shop to everything to do with your child and their school.

Please sign up as soon as possible using the link above or the QR code below. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty getting registered.

Friends of Bankhead

The next meeting of Friends of Bankhead will take place in the school on Tuesday 5 December at 6.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Go Fresh Visit

We recently had a **Go Fresh** theme day in the school lunch hall. Bankhead had the highest percentage increase in uptake of school lunches in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang area that day. As a result, a couple of the Go Fresh characters will visit the children at lunch time one day soon. We know the children will enjoy their visit.



Cinema Trips

We are delighted that we are again able to give the children the treat of a cinema visit this term. Friends of Bankhead have made this possible by helping out with the ever-increasing cost of buses to the cinema. Thanks also to all our helpers who accompany the children on their trips. We couldn't do it without you. I know the children are really enjoying their trips to the cinema. For some it has been a new experience they have really appreciated.

Snapshot Jotters

We have been looking at ways of keeping parents / carers up to date with how the children are progressing in their learning. We had hoped to have an online way of doing this, but due to GDPR reasons we have been unable to take this forward. After much debate, we have decided that returning to the Snapshot jotters is the best way forward.

For parents / carers who have not had the pleasure yet, a selection of the work that the children do for a particular week is completed in the Snapshot jotter. This is then sent home for parents / carers to look through with their child. This is done once per term and the jotter is taken home to keep by the pupil when they reach the end of P7. It shows how the children have progressed over their time in Bankhead.

The Snapshot jotters will be sent home later this month. **These must be returned to school once you have had a chance to have a look**, and hopefully comment on them. There will be a covering letter sent home with them with more details. **Any jotters not returned will not be replaced.**

Christmas Fayre

A reminder that our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 25 November in the school, between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. As well as a vital fundraiser, it is a great way for the community to get together to start the run up to Christmas.

Spread the word!



Odd Socks Day—Friday

All this week the children have been doing lessons around anti-bullying. We want to get the message across that there is no place for bullying behaviour in Bankhead. This will culminate in our annual Odd Socks Day on Friday, where the children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to show that we embrace differences in Bankhead. We hope many children (and staff!) join in by wearing odd socks on Friday.

Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisation will take place in Bankhead on Wednesday 6 December. You must have complet-

ed a form for your child to receive the immunisation. Please contact the office if you have misplaced the form and you would like your child to receive the immunisation.

Getting the flu vaccine every year helps children stay protected.



Dates for your diary

Friday 17 November—Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day
Friday 24 November—Change for Charity
Saturday 25 November—Christmas Fayre 10.00-2.00
Wednesday 6 December—Flu Immunisation
Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December—Infant Nativity and P4-7 Xmas Shows
Monday 18 December—Xmas pantomime in school—Beauty and the Beast
Wednesday 20 December—Xmas Service at Kingspark Church—10.30.
Thursday 21 December—Christmas Discos—evening
Friday 22 December—Change for Charity (Xmas jumpers). Close at 2.30 for Xmas holidays, returning on 8 January.
Friday 26 January—Change for Charity
Monday 12 and Tue 13 February—school closed—holiday
Wednesday 14 February—school closed to pupils—In-service day for staff
Friday 23 February—Change for Charity
Wednesday 27 March—Easter Service—Kingspark Church
Thursday 28 March—Change for Charity. School closes at 2.30.
Friday 29 March Easter holidays begin. Return on Monday 15 April.
Friday 26 April—Change for Charity
Thursday 2 May—school closed to pupils—in-service day for staff
Monday 6 May—May holiday—school closed
Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May—P7 residential trip to Inverclyde.
Friday 24 May and Monday 27 May—school closed -holiday weekend
Friday 31 May—Change for Charity
Thursday 20 June—Leavers' party and discos—evening
Monday 24 June—Summer Service—Kingspark Church 10.30
Wednesday 26 June Change for Charity and school closes at 1.00 pm for summer holidays.
Gerry Hamill,
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