



Bankhead Newsletter—Bankhead will SOAR

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our January Newsletter. We hope you all had a good Christmas break and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.



Online enrolment for P1s starting in August 2024



Please let anyone you know who has a child due to start P1 in August 2024 that they must enrol their child online this week. The following information from SLC gives more details:

Children normally start school in August if their 5th birthday falls before 1 March of the following year.

If your child is due to start school in August 2024, you can enrol online from Monday 8 January 2024. Your catchment school will contact you between Monday 15 to Friday 19 January 2024 to confirm your enrolment.

To register your child for school you should complete our online registration form. You must identify the catchment school for your permanent home address by using the [school catchment checker](#). This will give you information on both primary and secondary schools. The link to the online form will be given when you select your catchment school. It is only the parent the child ordinarily stays with who is authorised to register them. This includes the guardian or any person who is liable to maintain or has parental responsibilities. For more information see the [Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995](#). If you have any difficul-

ty in identifying your catchment school please email us

edsuppserv.help@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Submit your documents online.

The online registration form will ask you to provide each child's full birth certificate and two pieces of recent official documentation both containing your permanent home address for example a utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card, child benefit documentation. Proof of where the child lives may also be needed. Please note that a registration is required for each child (e.g. twins require a registration each).

Winter Weather

With there always being the possibility of some difficult weather conditions at this time of year, it may be worth reminding yourselves and the children of arrangements for when there is dangerous ice or snow.

We will attempt to ensure there is at least one route cleared from the street to the school in the event of heavy snow or ice. This will be the walkway beside the car park gate. A path will be cleared from there to the front entrance and nursery. A path will also be cleared round the right hand side of the school building to the first entrance to the lunch hall. School pupils will come in to the lunch hall and be collected by their class teachers there. If we are able to clear the other walkway beside the MUGA we will do so. We would try to ensure it



was cleared by the end of the day. However, if the poor weather were to persist that day, our priority would be to ensure the first route is safe, and children may be dismissed from the gym hall at the end of the day.

Only in extreme circumstances would the school be closed to pupils. The council's website, the school website, our Twitter feed and the school app would be the best place to look if you were concerned about this. These would be updated as quickly as possible. With a little under 400 children in the school and nursery,

the phone lines can be extremely busy at such times, so checking online as outlined above would be your best option. In the event of road conditions affecting the journey to school of some staff, we may hold back opening until 10.00 a.m. However, we are hopeful that it won't come to this and that we will be open as usual throughout the whole winter period.

Childsmile



Childsmile will be visiting the children in the nursery, P1 and P2. They will be in school on Tuesday 30 January.

Change for Charity—Be Bright Day



Our next Change for Charity Day is on Friday 26 January. Our Junior Road Safety Officers are involved in the Be Bright Day campaign, and so to tie in with this, we are suggesting that the children wear something bright that day.

P7B to BBC Scotland



P7B will be going on a visit to BBC Scotland on the morning of Tuesday 16 January. Maybe this will inspire some of them to become Radio or TV personalities of the future!

Student Teachers

Everyone has to learn their trade, and we are delighted to be welcoming several student teachers to our classes over the coming weeks. So if your child comes home talking about someone you have never heard of, it may well be a student teacher who is gaining experience in their classroom. We wish them well.

Friends of Bankhead

No meeting this month. The group are taking a well-deserved break after their fantastic efforts over the Christmas period. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6 February at 6.30 pm.

P7 Swimming

Our P7 children will continue with their swimming lessons, starting on Wednesday 10 January. They have 8 sessions this term. Hopefully, this important life skill will come in useful for them, and bring them much joy as they get older. Please make sure they bring their trunks / swimming costumes etc. with them every Wednesday up to and including 6 March.

Dates for your diary

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
Wednesday 26 June Change for Charity and school closes at 1.00 pm for summer holidays.

Gerry Hamill,
Head Teacher

