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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our October Newsletter

October Holiday

The first term has flown in and we are nearly at October holiday time already. The school will be closed from week beginning 16 October. We re-open on Monday 23 October at 9.00 am. We hope the children have an enjoyable and well-earned break.

Parents' Evening

Our first parents' evening of the session took place on Wednesday 11 October. Parents /



carers got the chance to find out from the teachers how the children are progressing so far this session. There was also the chance for you to sit down in the lunchhall and have a look through some of the work your child had completed this session. If, for any reason, you were unable to make your appointment, please contact the school and we will make an arrangement so that you can get a chance to speak with your child's teacher.

Winter Jackets



As it seems we have now waved goodbye to the better weather, all children should now bring a coat / jacket to school every day. If you are finding it difficult in the current economic climate to provide a winter coat, or other winter clothing for your child, then please contact the school, as we may be able to help. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

Parent Portal

Thanks to all who have signed up for the Parent Portal. Many started the process at Parents' Evening but haven't quite completed it yet. Please persevere and make sure you have signed up properly. Our office staff can help, so please call them if you are having any difficulty. Over the course of this session we will move over from the school app to the Parent Portal. All letters, consent forms, news etc. will be on there. We will post information about tickets for our Christmas Nativity and Christmas Concert on the School Portal, so please sign up for it as soon as possible.



Book Fair

The book fair at parents' evening was once again very popular. We sold loads of items and so have raised around £960 to spend on new books for the school library and classrooms.

Parents' Evening Survey

Thanks to all who completed the survey at Parents' Evening. Such surveys help us to understand how parents / carers feel about aspects of life at Bankhead Primary, so that we can make improvements. If you didn't get a chance to fill in the survey on the night, then there is still time. It should only take you a couple of minutes. Please click on the link below if you wish to take part.

<https://forms.office.com/e/yCcmXrQiOK>

Friends of Bankhead

The next meeting of Friends of Bankhead will take place in the school on Tuesday 7 November at 6.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be very much about the forthcoming Christmas Fair, which takes place on Saturday 25 November. Make sure you put the date in your diary. Please hand any donations for the

tombola etc. for the Christmas Fair into the school.

The first event of the year organised by FoB will be the Halloween Discos on Thursday 26 October.

Halloween Discos

The Halloween discos have proved very popular with the children over the years, and we look forward to welcoming the children to them on the evening of Thursday 26 October.

Children in P1-P3 should attend from 6.30-7.30 and P4-P7 from 7.45-9.00.

Children should enter via the gym hall doors. Parents / carers should pick up the children from the hall at the end of their disco. For safety reasons, we will not allow the children to walk home



alone, so please make sure your child knows the arrangement for being collected after their disco. Tickets for the disco will be on sale in school from Monday 23 October, priced at £2.00.

We are also operating a costume swap for Halloween. Please hand in any previously used costumes that are in good condition. Families are invited to take any of these for use by their own children. It should save families money and is a great method of recycling.

On Halloween itself, (Tuesday 31 October), children can wear their Halloween costumes to school, if they so wish. There will be activities in the classroom, and we will have our usual parade in the gym hall, where the children get a chance to see everyone else's costume.

Please don't make the costumes too scary as it can be upsetting for the younger ones. Also, there should be no weapons as part of the costume for either the discos or the Halloween parade. If anyone turns up with a weapon as part of their costume, they will be asked to hand it in and will be able to collect it at the end of the disco or the day of the Halloween parade.

Indoor Shoes

Please can you make sure the children bring indoor shoes to be kept in school. This is especially important at this time of year as we don't want the children being uncomfortable, sitting in wet shoes for the whole day.

Dates for your diary

Monday 16—Friday 20 October—October holiday week

Thursday 26 October—Halloween discos—evening

Monday 13 November—School closed—In-service day for staff

Friday 24 November—Change for Charity

Saturday 25 November—Christmas Fayre 10.00-2.00

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.



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