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Be successful  
Be proud  
Be Bankfields**

### Key Dates for next term:

- Monday 8th January 2024 - all children return to school.
- Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day 2024.
- Wednesday 21st February - PD Day. School is closed to all children.**
- Week commencing 4th March - National Careers Week.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.
- Week commencing 11th March - British Science Week.
- Thursday 21st March - Easter Egg Bingo. Doors open at 5pm.
- Friday 22nd March - school closes for the Easter Holidays.
- Monday 8th April - PD Day. School is closed to all children.**



## December Newsletter 2023

### Christmas Market

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Market recently. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £1110! This money will be used to invest in playground and sports equipment for the children to enhance break and lunch times, so we can make them even more interactive and enjoyable for everyone.

We were also so pleased to see many more independent stall holders coming to the Bankfields Christmas Market, and we hope to welcome you back again in the summer.



### Scooters and Bikes

We love to see the children riding their bikes and scooters to school as this is a great form of exercise. Children are welcome to store bikes and scooters in our bike shelter, but this is entirely at your own risk as school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur.

Unfortunately, this term two scooters have gone missing from the bike shelter. Despite sending messages to all parents and speaking to the children about this in assembly, these scooters have not been found. Therefore, this has been logged with Cleveland Police. We are so disappointed that this has happened as we've never had this issue arise in the many years children have been bringing bikes and scooters to school.

We encourage all children to bring a bike lock to secure their bikes and a small padlock to secure scooters. A padlock with a code (like the one in the image below) is perfect for securing scooters to the metal bars provided on the shelter.



# STEEL RIVER

ACADEMY TRUST

### Farewell

Today, we say goodbye to Mr Sidgwick who is leaving Bankfields Primary School after many years. Mr Sidgwick has worked hard to promote Physical Education and sporting opportunities throughout school, with so many of our children being successful in their teams, such as football and table tennis, as a result of his support and coaching. Mr Sidgwick has also dedicated many years to leading our Robinwood Residential visit for the children.

We are grateful for his commitment to the children and families at Bankfields. We wish him all the very best and hope that he enjoys lots of new adventures in the future.



### Autumn Term

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year and the term has flown by. The children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm for learning, their drive to achieve their best and their excellent behaviour. Good learning behaviour is always something that is commented on by visitors who come to school. Our pupils are always commended for being polite and well-behaved and it makes us feel immensely proud of them. This positive learning behaviour is what really supports your children in making excellent progress, and we are so grateful to all of our parents and carers for your continued support in promoting this with your children.

### Visits and Experiences

The children have enjoyed a variety of school visits within the local area and beyond as well as sporting events so far this year. We know how valuable these experiences are in enhancing the children's learning, and we have many more planned for the new year, including some exciting visits to the Big Sheep, Little Cow Farm, The Railway Museum, Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum, The Land of Iron, a Hindu Temple, our Local Churches, Beamish, The Life Centre and The Forbidden Corner as well as many other experiences in school.

We have increased the number of visits and experiences for our pupils so that we can enhance our curriculum, bring learning to life and give all children positive experiences and opportunities to create memories with their friends.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Kelly who recently got married and will now be known by her married name, Mrs Smith.

### Merry Christmas!

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and send our very best wishes for the New Year to you all. It has been a busy term so they children and staff have earned a well-deserved break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.





