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July 2024 Newsletter

Summer 2024

This year seems to have flown by and we are incredibly proud of what the children have achieved this year in all year groups. We look back and can't believe how much the children have done in just one year. Numerous sporting events, a range of trips and residential visits have all enhanced the curriculum that we offer the children. I would like to say a personal thank you to all of the staff, parents and pupils for being so supportive in my first year as Headteacher. Bankfields Primary School is a wonderful school to be part of and I am incredibly grateful.

Reception Only Entrance

From September, the Reception entrance will be just for our Reception parents and children to use. The second gate will not be open on a morning or evening. This is so that we can set up and put all of the Early Years equipment out and leave it for the children each day, without having to move things aside to create a pathway for parents each morning and evening. Parents and children from Year 1 to Year 4 will need to turn right as they come up the front school path and walk round to their door. Alternatively, you can enter the school via the side gate close to Bankfields Road.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Summer Fair. We have added this money to the Easter Bingo funds and have raised an incredible **£2154.24**. This is an amazing achievement and we are so grateful to you all for your ongoing support. We are going to use this funding to support our planned development of sports and active time across school, as well as enhancing break and lunchtimes. Our aim is to develop our approaches at break time so that we have a range of activities for all children to enjoy. This will ensure that our breaks not only give children the opportunity to be active, but to offer a variety of interesting activities to suit the children's needs. We know that not all children are interested in the same things, so want our children's free time to be as exciting and rewarding as possible. Any remaining fundraising money will be used to subsidise the experiences we offer the children throughout the year including trips and visitors.



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Reminder - Extension of the School Day

Just a reminder of the timings of our school day from September will be **8:50am - 3:20pm from September 2024, with doors opening from 8:40am**. Please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure that their children are in school at 8:40am ready to start their lessons promptly at 8:50am. We have lots of interventions in place that start as soon as the children come into school, so it is vital that your child does not miss out on these and key inputs from their teachers.

Creating Active Schools

We are incredibly excited to have been accepted to be part of the Creating Active Schools project in collaboration with the School Sports Partnership next year. This is an amazing opportunity for us to work with the Sports Partnership and to access additional funding to enhance our sports provision across school further. This is something that we are passionate about at Bankfields as we believe that children can only learn best when they have lots of opportunities to be active too. This not only supports their physical but their mental well-being. We will be exploring further ways in which the children can be active during the school day which will also give the children the opportunity to explore new sports and games that they may never have tried before. Our after-school clubs will continue as they have this year and we encourage as many children as possible to sign up and try something new!

PE Kits

Next year, children will be able to continue to come into school on their allocated PE day wearing their PE kits. You will receive information from your child's teacher in September to inform you of when their PE day will be each week. We encourage all children to wear the PE kit which is set out in our School Prospectus and consists of:

- Royal blue t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Royal blue or navy shorts (or jogging bottoms in colder weather)
- Plimsolls or trainers.
- Children may also wear a PE Hoody (on PE days ONLY) which can be purchased from our uniform provider, Lollipops.



Visit our uniform provider's website for all school uniform and PE Kit items. <https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/>

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 children are going to be leaving us today to embark on the next exciting part of their educational journey in Secondary School. We would like to wish them all the very best in their new schools and although it will be sad to see them leave us, we know that they are so well-prepared for Year 7 and we can't wait to hear all about their future successes. We are so proud of all they have achieved here at Bankfields.

They have recently performed two incredible shows of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat to their families, and it was amazing to see their confidence and talents shining on the stage.



We hope that you all have a relaxing summer break with your families. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back into school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024** .