



Banks Road Infants and Nursery School

"A Home for Learning, Laughing, Caring and Trying"

Summer Term

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End of year thoughts

Another successful year at Banks Road draws to a close. I am constantly amazed how much work and commitment goes in by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic to the numerous fun and fundraising exploits of the Friends. We achieve so much because we work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, each and every day is full of awe and wonder, from watching a line of our reception children kitted out in puddle suits walking hand and hand up the front steps on their way to a new adventure on 'Welly Wednesday', to children knocking on my door proudly sharing their latest achievements with me.



Our Goodbyes

As our Year 2 children 'spread their wings' I hope they look back at their time at Banks Road with fondness and perhaps return and regale us with their achievements. The outcomes at the end of Key Stage are fantastic. I am proud of them all and wish them good luck in the future.



We sadly say our farewells to Mrs Littlejones, Miss Murphy, Miss Setchell and Miss Buckley who are all moving on to new roles in other schools. We would like to thank them all for, not only their hard work and commitment, but for being such important members of our school community

We also say our temporary farewells to Miss Morris and Mrs Stuart who are both commencing their Maternity leave during the summer holiday and 'congratulations' to Miss Auld who will be returning to Banks Road in September as Mrs Kiddie. We wish them all much happiness.



School Improvement

Onwards and Upwards

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for the year 2 children, so it is also with Banks Road. We never stand still and we are always looking at how we can improve and 2017-2018 will be no different. Staff and stakeholders have already decided on our school development priorities for next year and a summary of this School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be sent out during the first few weeks of the Autumn term.

Over the last few years we have worked to enhance the buildings and resources available to ensure all children receive full educational opportunities. This continues to be a priority and if you work for, or know of any companies that can help fund these types of projects, then please do let us know.

*We hope you all have a very safe
and happy summer holiday*



Attendance, Punctuality and Holidays

Please remember that holidays are only allowed in term time in exceptional circumstances.

This term alone we have received 46 requests for absence during term time and 162 days of learning have been missed and, out of these, 121 were recorded as unauthorised. Attendance and punctuality is monitored and logged. Reasons for absence and any discrepancies or concerns are followed up.

Please refer to our website for our Policy on Attendance 2017.

Please note the 2017-2018 Banks Road term time calendar is attached with this newsletter. We have purposefully planned two INSET days in October (Friday 6th and Monday 9th) to create a 'long weekend' for families.

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