



Banks Road Infants and Nursery School

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

AUTUMN TERM

September 2021

WELCOME BACK.

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. The staff have loved welcoming the children back to school for the start of the Autumn Term and hearing all about their adventures during the holidays. Everyone has settled back beautifully!

We would like to welcome our new Reception children (and their families). We are really looking forward to getting to know you all. We wish all our new children and their families a very happy and successful time with us here at Banks Road. I know that this can be a nerve-wracking time, with lots of information to take in, so please remember that the staff at Banks Road are always available if you have any questions or concerns (no matter how big or small!). If you are not able to speak to us in person, then please give the school a call or use Class Dojo as a way of keeping in touch with us.

I would also like to welcome our new staff: Miss Gildea who is covering Miss Holmes maternity leave in Cherry class, Mrs Palmer who will be teaching in Birch class and Mrs McEwan who will be supporting in Chestnut Class. I would also like to welcome back Miss Morris following her maternity leave.

As always it has been a busy summer in school. I would like to pass on my personal thanks to the hard working and committed Banks Road Team who have given up much of their holiday to prepare for the new academic year and to Mr and Mrs Buchanan have cleaned, polished and scrubbed every surface.

We have also been working alongside some parent volunteers and Members of the Rotary Club of Long Eaton Dawnbreakers (<https://www.facebook.com/DawnbreakersRotaryClub/>) to begin much needed work on our outside environment. We have achieved much, but there is still much we need and would like to do to enhance our outdoor provision. We will be meeting again on **Saturday 11 September** and if you are able to help in any way, please do get in touch. Quite simply, the more volunteers we have the more we can get done! A massive thank you to everyone that has given up their time during the summer and thank you in advance if you are available (even an hour would be fantastic!)

PARENT HELPERS

We welcome and encourage parent helpers into school on a regular basis, as it adds much needed support for the children. From the start of the pandemic we have been unable to facilitate helpers in school due to the school's risk assessment but we would now like to open our doors once more!

We regard all our helpers in school as part of the Banks Road Team and have a professional duty to you in this capacity. We now have a policy in school for all volunteers / visitors and parent helpers. As part of the process of welcoming your invaluable contribution to the learning of our children, we are hold an 'induction' which will include : our aims and values, confidentiality, supervision, health and safety (including current Covid-19 safety measures in place) and safeguarding. All 'new' volunteers in school will be required to attend this induction meeting led by myself, Mrs Clemens, before they are able to volunteer in school. If you have already attended this induction at any time that your child has been at Banks Road, you are not required to attend again.

There will only be 2 induction meetings for this year. If you think you will be able to help at any point during the course of your child's time at Banks Road (including off-site visits) you will have to attend one of these meetings. The dates are Wednesday 29th September at 6.15 p.m and Thursday 30th September at 9 a.m. Please notify the office if you would like to attend one of these meetings.

Your help is always greatly appreciated and we hope that you will gain much from your experiences. We welcome grandparents and parents and carers too! Thank you for your continued support.

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ATTENDANCE

Schools are unable to authorise any holiday during term time (unless for an exceptional circumstance). Please visit our website www.banksroadschool.co.uk for further information on our policies and procedures under — 'Parents' / 'Attendance'.

If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day. Children should not be absent from school if they have head lice. This needs to be treated appropriately and then they may attend school normally.

If your child has a sickness bug please be aware that school policy remains at 48 hours from the last bout of sickness before they can return to school.

This remains a strong focus for us and it is important that your child attends school every day so that they don't miss out on valuable learning. Good attendance is crucial in ensuring your child makes good progress both academically and socially.



Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.00am each morning, or alternatively, please leave a message. Children arriving after the completion of the register are deemed to be late and this is recorded separately.

- Arrivals after 8.50 a.m. must be signed in by the parents.
- Arrivals between 8.50 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. will be recorded as late before the register closes.
- Arrivals after 9.00 a.m. will be recorded as late after the register closes.
- The number of minutes late will be recorded and monitored and reported to parents.

We acknowledge that each family's circumstances are different but our school is dedicated to the education of all our pupils and believes that regular attendance throughout the year is essential to every child's success and fulfilment.

BEHAVIOUR



Next week in school is 'values' week when we will celebrate our BRILLIANT expectations in action and celebrate how awesome Banks Road children are. We will be discussing how we can improve our school and our school council will have a key role in these school developments. We are, therefore, looking to vote on our **class** councillors and will be asking children in year 1 and year 2 to present why they are a suitable candidate. Children will need to video themselves completing a small speech explaining what strengths they can bring to school council. This needs to be completed at home and uploaded onto the child's class dojo portfolio by Monday 13 September. Mrs Moore is sharing more details on class dojo. (Reception school councillors will be voted later on in the term. To enable them to settle into school!)

It takes the dedication of everyone involved using many techniques and a consistent approach from the whole staff team and the support of our parents, so please remind yourselves of our school Behaviour Policy and further information on our practices by looking on the school website under 'Our School/Behaviour at Banks Road'.

Our annual Home/School agreement will also be coming home soon in your child's bag. Please take the time to talk through this with your child and send back the reply slip to school.

DINNERS / SANDWICHES

Our new and exciting menu has been introduced. The three week cycle for the Autumn term can be found on the school website: 'Our Parents / School Meals. We continue to allow children to have a mixture of sandwiches and dinners. If your child has specific dietary requirements these must be discussed with the school cook. An appointment with our school cook can be made through the school office and appropriate forms completed (requirement from NCC Catering Services).



FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The **Friends** is the PTA group for Banks Road Infant & Nursery School. They are a registered charity, run entirely by volunteer parents & representatives of the teaching staff. Their aim is to raise funds for the school and nursery to provide extra items not covered by the school's budget, as well as arranging a wide variety of fun social events throughout the school year for the parents and children. Our school budget has been severely impacted during the pandemic due to lost generated income through our breakfast, after school and holidays clubs being cancelled and the extra costs of supply staff due to staff required to isolate. It is with continuing frustration that the government have not acknowledged the impact this has had and will continue to have for schools for many years to come.

The money the Friends have raised in the past has provided our children with experiences and resources that our budget can simply not stretch to and we are so grateful. This year we are hoping to raise funds to build a sensory garden and purchase a new smart screen for the hall.

The Friends are always looking for new members to join the elected committee (this is required to maintain their registered charity status) and the elections are held every year at the AGM (more details to follow) but 'every little helps' and you may be able to support in other ways at the organised events simply by attending the events we put on, baking or offering half an hour of your time to sell drinks or sweets etc.



Friends of Banks Road Infants School/ or contact them via email: friendsofbanksroad@gmail.com

WALK TO SCHOOL



We will be encouraging all our children and families to get into good habits early in the school year by challenging everybody to walk to school every day and make a real difference to your children's happiness and wellbeing. Our annual 'Walk to School' week will be taking place week commencing 20th September. Children who walk, bike or scooter to school will receive a daily stamp and a reward sticker at the end of the week. Please help support our mission to have a healthy and safe school community.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

During drop off and pick up we operate a one way system at the front of school to avoid congestion. Please use the ramp to enter the playground and the steps to exit (continue to use the ramp to exit if you have a pushchair, require a wheelchair or have other mobility difficulties).

FIRST AID.



As we all know, bumps, bruises and grazes are part of any child's life and if your child has a knock or a fall at school they may receive first aid. When this happens, and it is a minor injury, a first aid form will be completed at school and sent home with your child at the end of the school day. If we feel the injury is more serious, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to seek professional medical help. Likewise, we request that if your child sustains any injuries outside of school hours to notify your class teacher via class dojo. We may also contact you if we observe a bump, bruise or graze that we believe has not occurred whilst in school and ask you to verify the injury occurred at home and to establish if your child requires any further first aid throughout the school day.

Autumn Term 2021 – Dates for your diary

*These dates may be subject to change at short notice, which will be notified via the weekly newsletter. More information on specific events and meetings will be provided closer to the date. **

1st September – INSET Day (no children in school)
 2nd September – Autumn Term starts
 6th September – Values week starts
 10th September – E-Safety assembly
 20th September – Walk to School week starts*

5th October – Individual school photographs*
 7th October – Try a school dinner day (children only)
 8th October – Wear a Rainbow for World Mental Health Awareness Day*
 11th October – Harvest Festival week – collection of food for Hope*
 15th October – School closes for Half Term
 18th to 22nd October – Holiday Club



1st November – Back to School
 9th November – KS1 Parents open afternoon*
 11th November – Remembrance Assembly *
 12th November – Children in Need Day*
 15th November – Nursery and Reception Parent Consultation meetings week ([appointment only](#))*
 22nd November – Anti-bullying week starts – wear odd socks to school*
 30th November – St Andrews Day – serving Beavers/Rainbows/Cubs/Brownies uniforms may be worn

1st December – Christmas pound shop opens*
 3rd December – Flu immunisations*
 7th December - Christmas Show for Willow Class parents (9.15am)
 7th December – Christmas Show for Birch Class and Nursery parents (2pm)
 8th December – Christmas Show for Oak Class parents (9.15am)
 8th December – Christmas show for Maple Class parents (2pm)
 9th December – Christmas Show for Cherry Class parents (9.15am)
 9th December – Christmas Show for Chestnut Class and Nursery parents (2pm)
 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day*
 10th December – Christmas Disco*
 14th December – 'Key Strings'*
 15th December – School community Christmas Carol Service*
 16th December – Christmas Party Day*
 16th December – Christmas Dinner Day*

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes in your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers. This is essential in case of an emergency and we need to contact you.



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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.
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Banks Road Infant School Holidays 2021/2022

1st August 2021 - 31st July 2022

August 2021						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
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September 2021					
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October 2021					
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November 2021						
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January 2022					
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February 2022						
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March 2022					
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April 2022					
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May 2022						
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June 2022					
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July 2022					
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School Holiday



Public Holiday

Administration
Day

Inset Day

For this year, this pattern gives 194 working days for staff, including the administration day on Tuesday 31st August. A total of 4 in-service training days for staff will be taken by each school from the 194 term days given above, leaving 189 term days for pupils.