



## Banks Road Infants and Nursery School

“A Home for Learning, Laughing, Caring and Trying”

Summer Term

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### END OF YEAR NEWSBULLETIN

#### End of year thoughts

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of Banks Road. The children have worked so hard and achieved highly, not just in their learning and end of year attainment, but socially and emotionally too. Visitors always comment on how polite and happy the children are. There is always a real ‘buzz for learning’ around school and your children appreciate all the opportunities they are given within school, making the most of every aspect of school life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this year. It has been, as always, a busy year and they always embrace the pace of school life with goodwill and continue to provide the best education for the children.



I would also like to thank all our parents and carers for your support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing, helping us to thrive. We know that for children to achieve their very best, strong partnerships between home and school are essential. Many thanks and we look forward to working more closely with you from September.

The school governors have been instrumental in the strategic development of school. It is through their ongoing work that they are able to ensure that every child receives the best education possible, that pupil progress is maximised and school funding is used effectively. Our thanks go to them for giving up so much of their own time, on a voluntary basis, to ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to flourish in a positive and nurturing environment.



#### Onwards and Upwards

On June 26 we had our latest Ofsted Inspection to ensure that the school remained good. After the day’s inspection the outcome was that the provision and marked improvements at Banks Road since the previous inspection indicated that the school requires a 2 day section 5 inspection to judge if the school is outstanding. We are proud that the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders to make Banks Road an exceptional school has been recognised. Our priorities for the School Development Plan for next year will be to continue to develop and to improve writing across the school, to develop confident and resilient writers who can apply learnt phonics, spelling and grammar in a wide range of contexts and to ensure that outstanding teaching is further developed through higher order questioning strategies. These development areas will run alongside other initiatives to help us to further improve. We will keep you informed of all our priorities for the year.

#### Attendance, Punctuality and Holidays

The annual attendance figure for 2017-2018 is 96.9% which is slightly above National Attendance figures. A big thank you to all the families who have avoided taking pupils out of school for holidays, family visits and other events during term time. Good attendance is important to your child’s education and we continually monitor individual attendance figures.

Please refer to our website for our Policy on Attendance.

We have purposefully planed two INSET days on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 1st July to create a ‘long weekend’ for families.



#### Our Goodbyes

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I know that they have all had a great start here at Banks Road and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

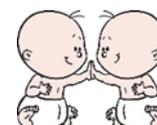


We will be very sad to say our farewells to Julie Aylott and Angie Vaites who have been long serving staff members at Banks Road. Both are moving on to new adventures. A whole school ‘Garden Party’ took place on Wednesday 18 July to wish them both all the very best. They will both be incredibly missed.

Danielle Birch will finish her role as ASC lead and TA at the end of this term. The children will miss her! Danielle has secured a full time TA position and we wish her all the very best. She has been a wonderful asset to the staff team.

Elizabeth Freeman, although not leaving Banks Road, will be leaving her TA role behind to carry out her Initial Teacher Training at Banks Road. We are fortunate to be in the position of supporting her through this next phase of her career.

We wish Katie Racz all the very best as she prepares to become the proud mother of twins.



#### Lost Property

As usual we have enormous amounts of lost property left over from the year, consisting mostly of clothes.

Please come to the school office if you think that you may have lost anything or look out for our lost property trolley in the school hall. Any items that we cannot find a home for will be disposed of through a clothing charity at the end of term.

**Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September!**

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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