



BANNOCKBURN
Primary School



Special Events

December 2019 Newsletter

Car Safety, Pollution and Local Community

The following are some practical ideas/observations that you may want to consider:

- If at all possible, please choose **not** to drive your children to and from school as this exacerbates pollution in the school vicinity. Note that pollution levels are often higher inside cars even when the windows are shut.
- For those who continue to drive, please do not leave car engines on around the school vicinity.
- For those walking and cycling, try to plan a route to and from school that sticks to side roads or goes through parks or other green areas.
- A reminder that although school staff are on the gates in the morning, it is the responsibility of the adults driving to ensure that they are driving/parking safely. *We will be passing offenders details on to the Police.*
- We ask that you refrain from 'road rage' and using inappropriate language, particularly around the school vicinity. *We will be passing offenders details on to the Police.*
- Please do not park outside of the Petrol Station @HS and ask your children to cross the very busy road. Use the crossing outside of the Police Station or the one monitored by the school crossing patrol.

94% of children at Bannockburn live within walking distance of the school!!



Christmas Cards

*If children wish to give Christmas Cards to each other, we would ask that this is done in the playground **before and after** the school day.*

Thank you

SUPPORTING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

With Christmas approaching, now is a great time to register with Easy Fundraising and nominate Bannockburn Primary School as your cause. Every time you shop online, a donation will be made to the school - at no extra cost to you!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/s/bannockburnps/>

Attendance

Please make sure that **all** children are in on time and attend every day. Attendance has started to slip in the last couple of weeks.

Thank you for helping us to raise £255.90 for Children in Need and £29.32 through the McMillan Cancer Coffee Morning☺

• **Friday 13th December:**

>Festive/Winter Jumper Day.
*Children have the opportunity to wear a festive/winter jumper **instead** of their own school jumper to raise money that can help save children's lives. 50p-£1 suggested donation – 'Save the Children'. The rest of the school uniform should still be worn.*

>Christmas Lunch

>Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm @MW

- **Wednesday 18th December:** Class Winter Parties. Please donate £1 towards the refreshments before Monday 16th December 2019.

- **Thursday 19th December:** School closes normal time for the end of term holiday. *After School Club will finish at 5pm.*

- **Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January:** School Closed.

- **Monday 6th January:** Spring Term (Back to School).

- **Friday 10th January:** Year 5 Parent Meeting regarding Relationship Sex Education for Year 5 Children 3.30pm and 5pm @MW.

Please note that term dates are on the website for 19/20 and 20/21.



A HUGE thank you to those Parents and Carers who have started to sign up to be House Representatives for their children's teams. Your support with Team and Community events is greatly appreciated.

There are still some vacancies for all year groups. Speak to the school office if you are interested. Each House Team with a full set of support will receive 100 extra House Points.

2019 Changes and Updates

- ★ Cycle and scooter storage is now open at MW. Please note that the school does not take responsibility for the theft or damage of any bikes or scooters left on the school premises.
- ★ The internal paths at MW have had their fence panels replaced.
- ★ The **School Nurse** has drop in sessions the first Wednesday of each month for anyone wishing to discuss any health issues regarding your children. This can include support for healthier lifestyles as a family.
- ★ **BIRTHDAYS:** Linking to our 'Healthy School' focus for all children – we will not give out birthday sweets, cakes, crisps etc. if you wish to give anything to your child's class then suggestions include: raisins, bubbles, pencils, fruit bars or a book for the whole class.
- ★ Cherry and Orange have had some new additions to their outdoor learning area and there are more updates to happen as the Spring Term begins.
- ★ Caseys Schoolwear now stock Bannockburn orange coloured PE Kit bags to keep your kit safely in one place.

SCHOOL TRIP FEEDBACK FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC and SCHOOL GOVERNORS

"Just a quick note to say not only how well organised the trip was but also the behaviour was excellent. So much so that a lady (she said she was an education consultant) spoke to me as we were leaving Tottenham Court Road Station and said how impressed she was with the behaviour of the children. On the way back on a very busy tube again a couple who had spoken to the children about their trip also congratulated the teacher regarding the politeness and behaviour of the children. I am so proud to be part of Bannockburn."

"I was just on the train to London Bridge and the children joined at Plumstead. I wish to congratulate the staff for such a great bunch of students. They seemed excited by their trip, were well behaved and truly were a credit to their school. As a former teacher myself, I know praise is rarely given, so please pass on to the relevant people how appreciated their hard work is."

"Good morning. I have just been on a London bound train and a group of your children got into my carriage. Their behaviour was impeccable. They spoke nicely to each other the whole time and played games without disturbing other passengers. Please pass on my congratulations to the whole class. They are excellent ambassadors for your school."

Thank you also to all of those children and family members who joined us for the Woolwich Winter Warmer – we had great fun and hope you did too! House Points are being added for the end of the term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please can we give a gentle reminder regarding how you speak to school staff either in person, on the phone or through email. Our staff work extremely hard to support your children every day and would kindly request that they are treated with respect. Any parent or carer who causes distress to a member of staff faces risk of being asked to leave the school site and this may stand for a set time. Please think before you speak; demonstrate to children how we should treat each other. Thank you to everyone who continually shows our school values and supports our school community! We wish you a happy and healthy break ☺

VALUE OF THE MONTH - Tolerance



Year 4 went to see The Volcano Show at the Natural History Museum

