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Dear Families,

Wow! What an amazing term of learning we have had at Bankwood – and a huge thank you to our families for your on-going support and commitment to your children's learning. One of the highlights this term has been to be able to enrich our curriculum again with both visits and visitors, this would not have been possible without the support and commitment to our school community – thank you! Don't forget to check out our twitter page @BankwoodSchool to see what the different classes have been up to.

### **Christmas at Bankwood**

Although we have not been able to put on our full programme of Christmas activities this year – rest assured Christmas has very much been on the agenda for the children at Bankwood. As well as Christmas activities in class, this week we will be having Christmas Dinner, Christmas parties – and there may even be a visit from a certain someone with a sack full of presents! Our youngest children will also be enjoying a performance by the big foot theatre company of the 'Littlest Christmas Elf'.

The classes have also been working hard to prepare a little something to share with you at home – we will send a link to this by the end of the week.

### **Attendance**

A massive well done and round of applause to the 54 children that have achieved 100% attendance this term. These children will be receiving badges and certificates as well a special prize as selected by the school council. If you have not quite managed it this term - do not worry - there will be more prizes up for grabs for 100% attendance in the Spring term.

### **School Council**

The school council would like to offer their thanks for the community support in our endeavours to raise money for charities this term. We raised a fantastic £464 for Children in Need in November and £221 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day.

In addition, the School Council food drive saw 131kg of food delivered to the food bank earlier this term – an absolutely incredible achievement – well done and thank you.

## Holiday Activities

Sheffield Healthy Holidays are offering a '**Winter Holiday Activities with Food Programme (HAF)**' from December 18<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



These activities are open to children who are **eligible for 'benefits-based' free school meals from Reception to Year 11**. Activities will range from football to arts/craft/cultural activities, cooking, and lots more. A healthy meal will be provided at all activities. The HAF programme is a fantastic opportunity for eligible young people to have a fun-filled engaging Christmas break.

To register and book activities visit <https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org>

Wishing you all a very happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you back at school on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022,

All the best

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