

## December Newsletter

We've had a fantastic few weeks – with running a Swap Shop, bringing breakfast bagels to school and now being a step closer to a School Street closure, there is lots to celebrate at Bankwood!

### Bankwood Bagels

We're thrilled to have been able to bring a breakfast scheme to Bankwood.

At Bankwood, we can now provide every child with a bagel in the morning to start their day - sometimes this will be available at drop-off in the playground, sometimes it will be in the classroom. The pastoral team are working hard every morning to organise and prepare these for our children. As always, aim to arrive at school at 8.30am, when the bagels will be fresh and warm.



### Donations



The PTA are asking for donations of shop-bought mince pies/buns for our Christmas performances.

PTA members will be selling these for a small price to raise money for school.

Please bring donations into school in their original packaging.

### Winter Weather



As we navigate through the cold, wintery months, we wanted to remind families to make sure children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Coats and gloves are ideal.

Wellies or boots are perfect and can be changed once in school.

If you require support, we do have some spare, donated coats in school and would be happy to get these out.

Please contact the pastoral team.

### Christmas at Bankwood

We're delighted to be able to open our doors once again and invite parents/carers in to school to celebrate and watch our Christmas performances.

Performances taking place this year are:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am FS2

2pm KS1

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 9.30am KS1

2pm KS2

Please note: you must have a ticket to watch the KS1 performance. You will not be allowed entry without this.

For the FS2 and KS2 performances, we are limited to 2 adults per family due to hall space and health and safety regulations.

Christmas jumper day will be taking place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, along with our Christmas dinner. This can be very simple, such as tinsel on your jumper; please do not spend lots of money on an outfit for this.

### Diary Dates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm family reading

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am FS2  
and 2pm KS1 performances

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner &  
Christmas jumper day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 9.30am KS1  
and 2pm KS2 performances

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – last day of term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – school reopens









**Ready to Learn**

We would like to thank parents for making an extra special effort to ensure that children are at school on time so that they are ready to learn. We notice a huge difference in children's attitude to learning when they are in the classroom ready to begin the daily learning activities. When a child is late, they feel anxious and often miss out on the start of a lesson. If your child is late for school, we require parents to sign the child in at the office.

Please remember school gates open at **8.30am**.

This is so children are on site and ready for school to begin at 8.40am.

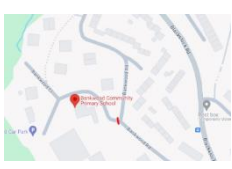
Aim to get to school **before** 8.40am so children can receive a full day of learning.

Class	Attendance	Ready to Learn
FS2 GB	73.3%	91.8%
FS2 RM	81.7%	96.5% 
Y1 SC	80.4%	95.4%
Y1 CC	82.6%	97.8% 
Y2 LT	84.8%	94.4%
Y2 AW	85.7%	97.1% 
Y3 BC	81.8%	94.3%
Y3 LT	84.6%	97.1% 
Y4 WB	82%	96.8% 
Y4 HC	83.3%	98% 
Y5 DN	89.3%	95.7%
Y5 KW	86.5%	95.8%
Y6 AK	84.8%	99.2% 
Y6 EA	87.5% 96.5%	96.8% 

**Parking and School Street**

I frequently mention about parking; but unfortunately, this is still an issue. It is most concerning when we know the weather conditions have been worse. Please can I remind all parents and carers to take care when they are parking for school drop off and pickup and think carefully about where they are parking. By avoiding parking or driving on Bankwood Close you will ease congestion and support those walking to school safely.

The safety of children is the priority and unsafe parking is unacceptable.



You will have also received a letter recently about a proposed School Street, where Bankwood Close will be closed to traffic from its junction with Bankwood Road during drop-off and pick-up hours. We hope you support us with this scheme and fill in the survey attached to the letter that was sent out.