

Bantaskin Blether

2nd December
2022



Tickets



Order forms and online requests that have come to the office for today are being worked through as quickly as possible by staff. The demand has been high and we will get back to you on Monday regarding any additional ticket requests and availability.



'Brew and a blether' – Christmas Jumper Swap

Thursday 8th December 9:00-10:00 - Our next 'Brew and a blether' will be an informal time to meet and chat with staff and other families. In preparation for the festive period we thought we'd hold 'Jumper Swap' morning. So, if anyone has any old Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children (or yourselves) and would like to swap it for one that fits bring it this morning and see what you can find. During this time the lost property will also be available to peruse along with the uniform bank.

Donations can also be made to 'Save the Children' if you wish



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P1-3 Bookbug Bags

Each year the Scottish Book Trust – with funding from Scottish Government – issue books and activities to children from Primary 1 to 3. This year we would like to invite all P1-3 families in to school to receive the bags with your children. This will be an open invite at **2:30 on Tuesday 6th December** for any families or friends who are able to join the bag has in it before taking it home with you. We look forward to seeing all who are able to join us.



Bookbug

Staffing

Following the October break we interviewed for a new position in school of "Inclusion Worker." This has been created using Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) and at present is a temporary post until June. This role will be to support children and families both in accessing school, supporting inclusion within classrooms and working with children to meet their needs in small group settings. We are delighted to welcome Angela Moore on board as part of the Bantaskin family in this role, joining us full time from next Monday. She has been working in this type of role in her current post and brings with her a wealth of experience from that post and other roles that she has had in other schools. Over the next few weeks hopefully most of you will get the chance to meet her. We will share more about this exciting addition shortly.

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Devices

So that we are prepared for all eventualities – and as part of Falkirk Council's Children's Services Winter Plan – we would like to update our records on the devices that children have at home to work on should the need for remote working ever be required. A Microsoft Form will be emailed out on Monday asking you to confirm what would be available. Many thanks in advance for completing this as soon as you can.



Industrial Action

You may be aware that Industrial Action (a strike day) has been scheduled for next Thursday by 2 of the teaching unions. This **will not affect** our school and we **will be open as normal for all pupils.**

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Glee Choir

Our 'Glee Choir' - run by Mrs Mitchell - will be joining shoppers at Tesco and Asda over the next couple of weeks to fill them with festive cheer by 'Carol Singing.' These dates will also act as a fundraiser to support taking the choir to a competition in Stirling in March. So, if you happen to be in Tesco Camelon next Thursday afternoon or Asda on Monday 19th in the morning stop for a while and join in with our wonderful carollers.



Parent Council Fundraiser

Festive wearing day!

Tuesday 13th December will be a wear something Christmassy to school day. This could be a jumper, a hat or some tinsel....The Parent Council will be using this as a fundraiser and are asking that donations be made that day towards Parent Council funds that are used to support the school in many different ways.



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