

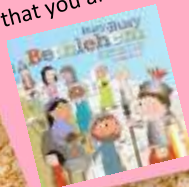
Bantaskin Blether

16th December
2022



Phew....

It's been an extremely busy week for everyone – staff, children and families, with all of the activities taking place in and out of school. A massive thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this week happen for the children – Parent Council members who volunteered at various events, other family members who likewise volunteered at various events and all staff who went over and above to make this week full of fun for all children. For those of you able to join us we hope you have enjoyed seeing the wonderful performances by all children and that you are fully in the mood for festive fun now.



School lunches

By the end of January all lunches will need to be ordered a week in advance online for all children – whether you are entitled to receive a free school meal or you pay for it! You also indicate on the system if your child is bringing a packed lunch with them. More details about this will come out in the New Year but it will require everyone to be registered for and accessing the booking system. Please speak to us if you are having difficulty with any aspect of registering for iPayimpact. Thank you!

Digital access

The school office issued a Microsoft Form recently (for P1-5 children) to help us update the information that we have regarding devices that children are able to work from remotely – should the need to do so ever occur. This is normal practise for schools as we plan for over the winter period. Please can I ask you to complete this at your earliest convenience.



Ready
Kind
Safe

School lunches

A reminder that starting on Monday 19th December all classes will be having the same lunch time **12:15 – 1:00**. Each playground will have half of the children out to play first with the other half inside eating their lunches – then part way through the lunch break this will swap over. This will allow the children to have more space to play outdoors for part of the time and time to also meet with friends in other classes. This will continue when we start again in January.

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A reminder that all families need to have access to this system – both for trips and ordering school lunches (whether you pay for it are entitled to receive them free). In the new session we will organise sessions again when we can help anyone who is struggling to get registered.

Christmas Parties

Just a reminder that the parties will take place during the school day (in the afternoons) on the following dates.

P1s - Dec 21st

P2 and 3s - Dec 20th

P4 and 5s - Dec 19th

If children are going home in advance to get changed for their party can you please let with the class teacher or the office know beforehand.

Potential Industrial Action

You may be aware from media sources that Tuesday 10th January 2023 is a potential strike day by certain teaching unions. On the previous occasion that industrial action was called it resulted in the school being closed to children that day. Details of what may happen on January 10th will be confirmed closer to the time.

Dates for your diary!

- Thursday 22nd Dec – school closes at **1:30**
- Monday 9th January – school opens at **9:00**

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Available to pupils in **primary 6**
and **primary 7** in Falkirk!



01324 670067



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scotlandcccs.org.uk



Primary counselling with Relationships Scotland is now **available to pupils in P6 & P7!** A six-week block of counselling is running prior to Christmas and another block will run between January and Easter. Referrals are accepted from professionals as well as parents/carers.

To refer into this service, you can contact Relationships Scotland through the details below:

☎ 01324 670067

✉ info@relationships-scotlandcccs.org.uk.

More info on this service is also available on our Falkirk CMHWP blog:

[Primary School Counselling – Falkirk Community Mental Health and Wellbeing \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)