

Bantaskin Blether

10th March
2023



Parents Consultations / clothes

During the evenings of parents consultations the various items of lost property that have been gathering (jumpers, jackets, packed lunch boxes etc.) will be out for you to look through and claim. Our clothing bank (of school clothes and jackets) will also be available if anyone is ready for new clothes.

School lunches

All lunches now 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. The structure will be as follows –

- All lunches will need to be ordered by midnight each Monday evening for the following week.
- If lunches are not ordered by midnight on the Monday then you will need to provide a packed lunch from home each day during the following week.

These orders now go direct to the school kitchen who need a week in advance to place orders for the food.

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Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March we will be supporting Comic Relief. A group of P5-7 pupils have planned a fantastic day for everyone. Pupils can wear something that makes them happy and visit the carnival. Pupils have organised games to play and everyone will be offered a Red Nose cupcake. We ask that pupils bring in a suggested £2 donation for the day. Red Noses won't be available to buy in school but can be bought at supermarkets if children are looking for them. Thank you for your continued support.



Snapshot jotters

You should have already received your child's 'snapshot' jotters. We would ask that you return it to school next week or at Parents Consultations. Thank you



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World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day a number of activities were organised to celebrate reading and authors. On Thursday 2nd March pupils took part in quizzes, reading activities, sharing books with others and quiet reading time. Pupils shared their favourite stories. On Friday 3rd March, pupils dressed up as their favourite book character, wore their PJs and onesies or dressed up as an adjective e.g. red, spotty, furry. Throughout the week pupils were invited to tweet a photo of themselves reading in a cosy, favourite or extreme place to @bantaskinps. Please keep sharing these images with us of people getting 'caught' reading in the strangest of places.

World Book Day tokens

The tokens have been given out to every child in the school. Each child has received a £1 token that can be redeemed against the cost of a book at any book sellers. If you prefer you can get a free book using the token – look out for the signs in book shops that stock them. Alternatively you can use the token against the cost of a book at the book fair (please note however that the 'Book Fair' doesn't stock the free £1 books)



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Strike Action

It has been confirmed today that negotiations between Local and National Governments have now concluded and all strike action has now been cancelled. Therefore the planned closures that were due to take place over the next 2 months have been cancelled in full.

Dates for your diary!

- *Comic Relief / Red Nose Day Friday 17th March
- *Easter holidays – School closes Friday 31st March and re-opens on Monday 17th April (normal times)
- Class Assembly dates**
 - P6 Tuesday 14th March @ 9:30 (families and friends from these classes are welcome to join us for this sharing assembly)

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Place2Be

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that support children and families in person and online. Their website offers extensive support for families in supporting many aspects that concern adults in managing the modern world. Type in the link below to see what supports they have for the whole family.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Parent Council - Spring Fayre

The Parent Council will be running a Spring Fayre this May to offer more opportunities for community engagement and fun for the children, as well as supporting ongoing fundraising for school resources. This will be on the morning of Saturday May 13th. Anyone who would like to run a stall or an activity for people to take part in please get in touch with the Parent Council to either reserve your place or to volunteer your time.



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Travelling Book Fair

During the week of 'Parents Consultations' a book fair will be in school. After school each day (Mon-Thurs) as well as during the parent's consultations the 'Book Fair' will be available for you to look through with your children to buy or order books. Books can be paid for with cash or online using a QR code. The Book Fair will be available after school until 6:15 on Tues/Thurs. It will also be available on Mon/Wed until 4:00 for anyone to come back in to school. The school receives a commission on all sales that allows us to then buy more books for the school.



Celebrations

A number of our fantastic Bantaskin pupils have been representing the school in a number of events recently.

- Our Glee Choir performed amazingly at the regional competition in the Albert Halls, Stirling – they were brilliant
- Thomas (P7) and Ciar (P6) raced in the Forth Valley Cross Country competition...outstanding performances with an 11th place and 1st place finish respectively (over 250 children took part)
- Our football club took part in a cluster festival – all representing the school fantastically
- Our basketball team took part in district competition last week again representing the school brilliantly
- P6 baked and ran a Fairtrade Tuckshop for the whole school

It's great to have such fabulous children representing Bantaskin so well – not just with their talents but with their hard work and positivity too.

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