

BANK VIEW SCHOOL

One School



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February Term Newsletter

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Head Teachers Comments

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite it being a short half term we have crammed lots in. Students have enjoyed trips out to watch Blood Brothers in New Brighton and to St George's Hall for Schools Parliament.

I have opened my emails up this morning to two lovely emails, from organisers of the NOW Festival, thanking and praising, members of our Bank View band, who were utterly brilliant last night when they performed at the Lighthouse Theatre. A huge thank you to Miss Amanda and all the staff involved with the band.

We welcomed back ex students and their families this week to receive their qualification and accreditation certificates. It was fantastic to see them all, to celebrate their achievements and hear how well they were doing in college and their work placements. They gave us lots of great feedback too!

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome Ian Byrne MP to our school to meet the school council. Ms Loughlin and Mr Burns arranged the visit for the students to quiz our local MP on a range of issues that were important to them. He was wowed by the inclusivity of

our council and the pertinent questions pupils were asking. Well done to all involved.

Have a lovely half term break.

Juliette Gelling
Headteacher

OPAL- Update

Children and staff at Bank View are thoroughly enjoying OPAL Play. We love to share our journey with you, here are some pictures of what we have been up to:



You can always help us by donating any of the items on the list below:

 Super hero/ dinosaur figures	 Bath water toys	 Scooters	 Football/ Basketball	 Frisbee	 Exercise ball
 Fancy dress	 Waterproofs & Wellies	 OPAL Bingo		 Den building equipment/pegs	 Tennis racket and balls
 Monster/ Paw patrol figures	 Large tyres			 Pots/ pans/ Utensils	 Skipping rope
 Small & large tubes	 Baby dolls / Pushchair	 Cause and effect toys	 Small world toys	 Spinning/ balancing toys	 Instruments

Football

Congratulations to all students who took part today in the school's Football competition at Green Bank College.

The competition was well attended with 12 teams taking part from across the city.

Bank View B team finished in 3rd place and Bank View A team in 4th.

Today was a fantastic opportunity for six Year 7 students from the Speke site be involved, mixing in with Long Lane students.

Behaviour and attitude from students once again were first class.



Congratulations to Bank View girls football team who competed in a football tournament organised by Green Bank Sports college.

Bank View girls won every game against very strong opposition, Clare Mount High School, West Kirkby, Alt Bridge and Wood Church.

Special praise to Sadie May, closely followed by Erin who was voted player of the tournament by Referee, Steve Stewart.

Tia Armstrong for showing strong leadership skills, positive communication.

Lucy, Ikeade, Ellie for getting an extra medal for volunteering to play in a number of games for West Kirkby.

And last but by no means least. Casey D, Assistant manager who took part in warmups and helped select players for the games.

The girl's behaviour today was fantastic, this was commented on by staff from other schools.

The girls have made a close bond with Clare Mount High. We look forward to organising a possible home or away fixture.



History

Year 7- Medieval Britain

Year 7 have been learning the key skills young historians will be to full understand our history. They have learnt about chronological order by completing timelines and investigated various historical sources (NOT ketchup! 😊)

Year 8- Biomes

Year 8 have been investigating the importance of the tropical rainforest. They have located tropical rainforests around the world and researched why they are found where they are. We have explored various plant and

animal adaptations found in the tropical rainforest and we will be looking at ways in which we can help save the rainforests.

Year 9- WWII

Year 9 have started their topic on WWII and the rise of the Nazis. They have researched Hitlers journey to power and assessed what life was like under Nazi dictatorship. We will learn about the impact WWII had on Liverpool and its people.

Humanities options group

We have been delving deeper into the impact WWII had on Liverpool and its people. We took a trip to Crosby beach to see where all the rubble left over from the Blitz ended up.



Year 11 GCSE Food Technology group visit to the Holiday Inn

The GCSE Food Technology group visited the Holiday Inn Hotel to experience a hotel breakfast. This was part of their research for the GCSE Assessment task. We even got treated to a tour of the hotel.

The pupils & staff had an amazing time.



Blood Brothers

Year 10s and GCSE 11s had a successful trip to the theatre to see Blood Brothers. Pupils were so well behaved and enjoyed the show!



Maths

This has been a wonderful half term for Maths at Bank View. The whole school took part in a fantastic NSPCC Number Day which saw pupils enjoy mathematics through their own creativeness and viewing mathematics in a new light. Our ambition is to grow our pupil's mindset in mathematics and show them how enjoyable maths can be and how it opens up career opportunities for them in the future.

We have a STEAM visit for Key Stage 3 coming in the next half term, again opening new opportunities for our pupils through mathematics.



Primary 1

This half term the pupils in Primary One have been learning all about animals in the topic 'All creatures great and small'. We have had lots of fun activities and stories to do with animals including farm animals, pets and dinosaurs.



Also, this half term we have been enjoying rock climbing at big Bank View where the children have all been building confidence in climbing the wall and getting more comfortable with heights.



Primary 2

Primary 2 have had a busy term learning about superheroes and everyday heroes. We learned about keeping safe on the Internet on Safer Internet Day and had a FABULOUS day out in Chinatown to celebrate Lunar New Year. We visited a Chinese restaurant and tried lots of different new foods. The manager came out to invite us back anytime, and even members of the public came over to us to say how well behaved our pupils were! They were a credit to the school and a credit to themselves. We followed this with a visit to the Pagoda, then the Chinese supermarket, and finally a well-earned play in the swing park! Gong Ha Fa Choi!



Primary 3

This term, Primary 3 Pupils have enjoyed earning stamps at Forest School. They have developed their mapping, fire building, rope tying, den building and obstacle course skills... to name just a few! Pupils have enjoyed learning about 'Internet Safety' and explored the importance of keeping personal information private. They explored

the concept through role play and discussions and generated fantastic ideas about keeping safe online.

Primary 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to China Town, selecting cultural foods to taste while learning about the traditions and festivities celebrated during Chinese New Year.



Primary 4

For a very short term, Primary 4 sure managed to fit a lot into it! This term we started our new topic all about the Americas! We have ventured to the rainforest in Brazil during our English lessons and saw what the rainforest would be like by using VR headsets, which helped us with our story writing.

We have looked at both physical and human features of North America in Geography and have created digital pictures in Art too. As well as all of this, we have celebrated Chinese New Year,

Children's Mental Health Week, Internet Safety Day and so much more! We can't wait for next term already!



Primary 5

This half term we have started our new topic The America's and have had so much fun beginning to explore North and South America. The children have been working hard in Geography locating North America on a map and identifying its human and physical features. In Art we have been looking at Pop art, the children have created some fantastic American inspired pieces of Pop art. We have also been looking at our Mental Health for Mental Health Awareness week and talking about things that make us feel happy. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we tried some delicious food and created some dragon puppets. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term.



Base 1A

We have had such a lovely half term and are loving our In the Hills topic. We are studying Wind in the Willows in English and are all enjoying reading about what Mole, Rat, Badger and Mr Toad have been getting up to. Our money topic was a great hit and we all had great fun with our mini shop in class. We have started weekly trips to Jake's Sensory World which all pupils are benefitting from. We are looking forward to next half term when we will be using our designs to build a vehicle in DT. We hope everyone has a nice relaxing Half Term.

Base 1B

Base 1B have been learning to paint British countryside landscapes and have worked hard to mix paints to get the perfect shades. We have also been looking after our Spider plants every day and waiting to see how big they will grow!



Base 3

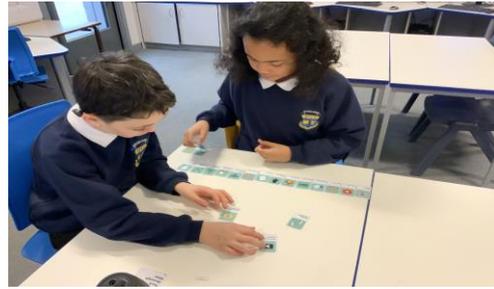
One of the highlights this term is seeing everyone make progress with spending money in shops. All children have worked very hard this term to improve their knowledge and understanding of how to recognize and use coins and notes. We have visited a range of shops, including B&M, Home Bargains, Greggs, Pound Land and Card Factory. Children will continue to visit shops in their local area after the half term. Children in Base 3 have enjoyed reading, watching and acting out scenes from Romeo and Juliet for our English topic this term. They have written character descriptions, predicted what is going to happen next, and wrote diary entries. We will continue with this topic after the half term.

Well done everyone in Base 3!



Computering

We had the pleasure of welcoming Atru Theatre group to both our Long Lane and Speke sites, to put on a performance for year 6 and key stage 3 classes. With this years focus of Safer Internet Day being around changes in technology and how we manage influence others, the production was based on what we post and share on social media. The pupils enjoyed the performance and engaged with the production team. Here are some photographs from the performance and Safer Internet Day.



Bandicutes

Our band had their very first concert last night ad they rocked it 😊



Speke

Here at Bank View Speke, we celebrated number day on Thursday 1st Feb. The children had a great day, playing darts and a penalty shoot-out in the sports hall. We also designed number t-shirts, with some excellent creativity being shown!



Parents evening

The next parents evening will be March 26th - further details to follow

Inset Day

We have booked the schools remaining inset day for Friday March 22nd - school will be closed to pupils on that day.

Attendance

We held our attendance assembly earlier this half term with lots of pupils being rewarded for their efforts in attending school. Prizes in the form of vouchers were given to pupils with attendance above 90%, 92%, 97% and with 100% attendance for Autumn term 2 (October -Christmas) with a second round of prizes for the same attendance percentages since the start of the school year in September. There was also a further round of prizes for pupils who had shown improvement in their attendance regardless of their overall attendance figure. Well done to all who won vouchers and good luck next term.

For pupils to be in with a chance of winning a prize next term they need to be in school as much as possible. Our attendance aim in school is to be present for 97% of the time. Please work with us to ensure your child is in as much as possible and if you need any support regarding attendance

please contact your child's form tutor or key stage pastoral HLTA.



Can all parents/carers please ensure they have seesaw app downloaded. This allows you to see all the pupils work and achievements in class. It also allows us to send any letters and reminders home. You can download the seesaw app from the app store - if you need a new invitation sent to your email please contact

m.armstrong@bankview.liverpool.sc.h.uk or

devine.j@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk



schoolmoney

SchoolMoney is now live

You don't need to sign up to this system as it is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details we will send you a password within a few days of getting everything set up. This password will give you access to your **SchoolMoney** account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

Once up and running you will then be able to book in your child's school meals for the week and pay online. Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Uniform

A polite reminder please that all students need to wear the correct uniform for school.

Students who arrive in school without the correct uniform on will be provided with uniform or parents/carers will be asked to bring it to school.

If you have issues with your child wearing any of the school's uniform please contact your child's form teacher.

The school uniform with the school badge is available to buy at

We now have a new uniform supplier please see details below.

Lisa's Schoolwear 72 Priory Road, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2RZ

275 East Prescott Road, Knotty

School Lunch



Ash, Liverpool, L14 2DB

the cost of a school meal has increased to £2.20 per day.

Bank View Website

Don't forget to check our website for photographs of what's been happening (under latest news), policies and curriculum information.



We will be using the events calendar as well as parent's app to let you know what is happening in school. Please let us know if there is anything else you feel would be useful to include on the website.

Medical Appointments

Any child attending a medical appointment, please bring in your medical card/letter so we can authorise your absence. Without proof, your absence will be marked unauthorised. Please ensure your child comes into school before or after their appointment.



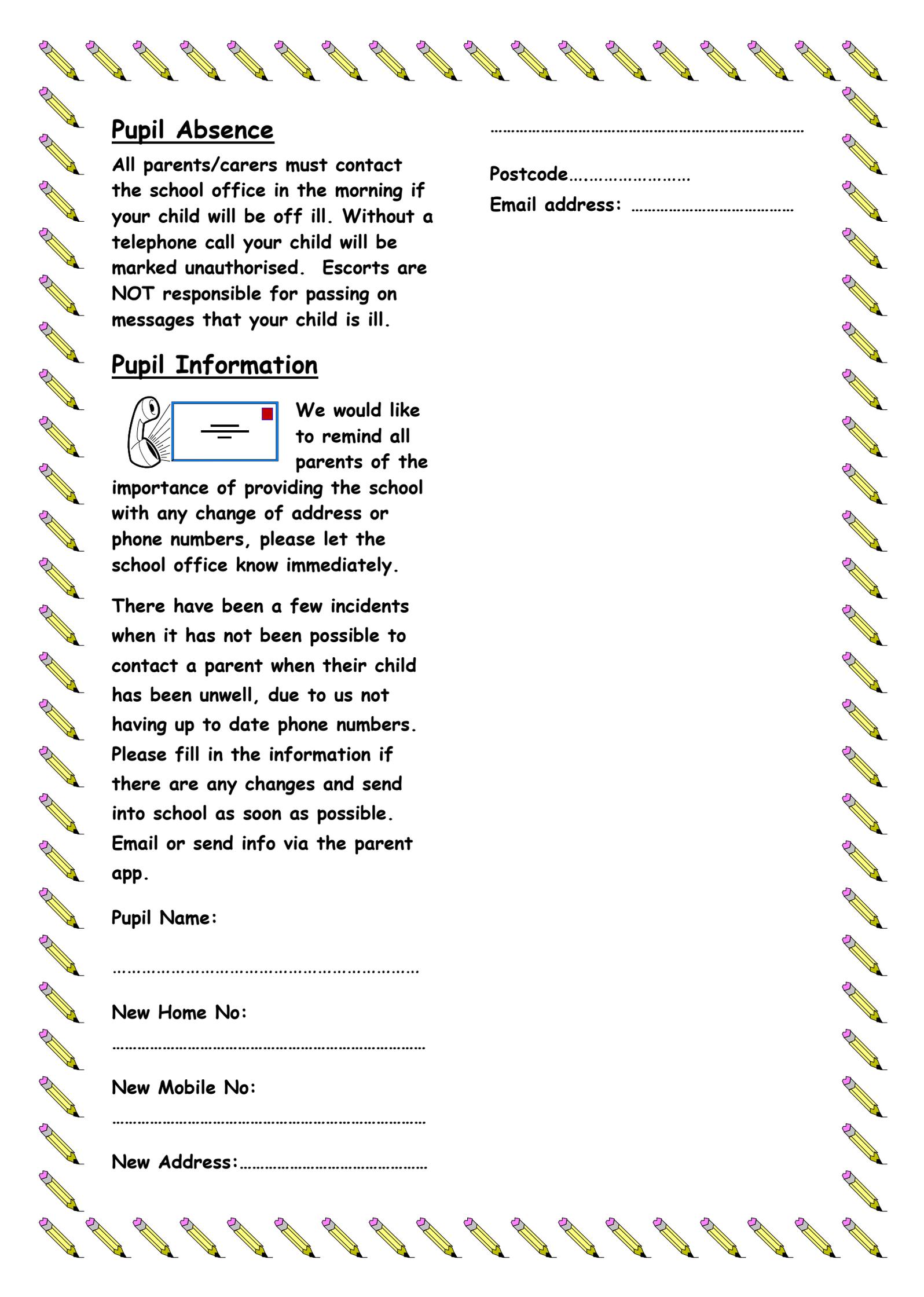
Medical Absences

The school will not authorise any absences unless they received the following:

1. A copy of a prescription.
2. A Compliment slip from a chemist of any medication that has been bought over the counter for the pupil.

Or

2. Show the school any medication given to the pupil by their doctor.



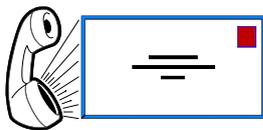
Pupil Absence

All parents/carers must contact the school office in the morning if your child will be off ill. Without a telephone call your child will be marked unauthorised. Escorts are NOT responsible for passing on messages that your child is ill.

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Postcode.....

Email address:

Pupil Information



We would like to remind all parents of the

importance of providing the school with any change of address or phone numbers, please let the school office know immediately.

There have been a few incidents when it has not been possible to contact a parent when their child has been unwell, due to us not having up to date phone numbers. Please fill in the information if there are any changes and send into school as soon as possible.

Email or send info via the parent app.

Pupil Name:

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New Home No:

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New Mobile No:

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New Address:.....

Parent Questionnaire

We completed the parent questionnaire electronically this year via Microsoft teams. Codes were shared at parents evening and devices available on the evening. The QR code was sent home with reports for those parents unable to attend the parents evening and reminders and the link sent on Seesaw. 58 questionnaires were completed.

The results were very positive with 95% of parents either agreeing or strongly agreeing that:

- The school has high expectations for my child.
- My child feels safe at this school. (3 did not know)
- The school has high expectations for my child.
- The school supports my child's wider personal development.
- There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

Over 90% of parents felt

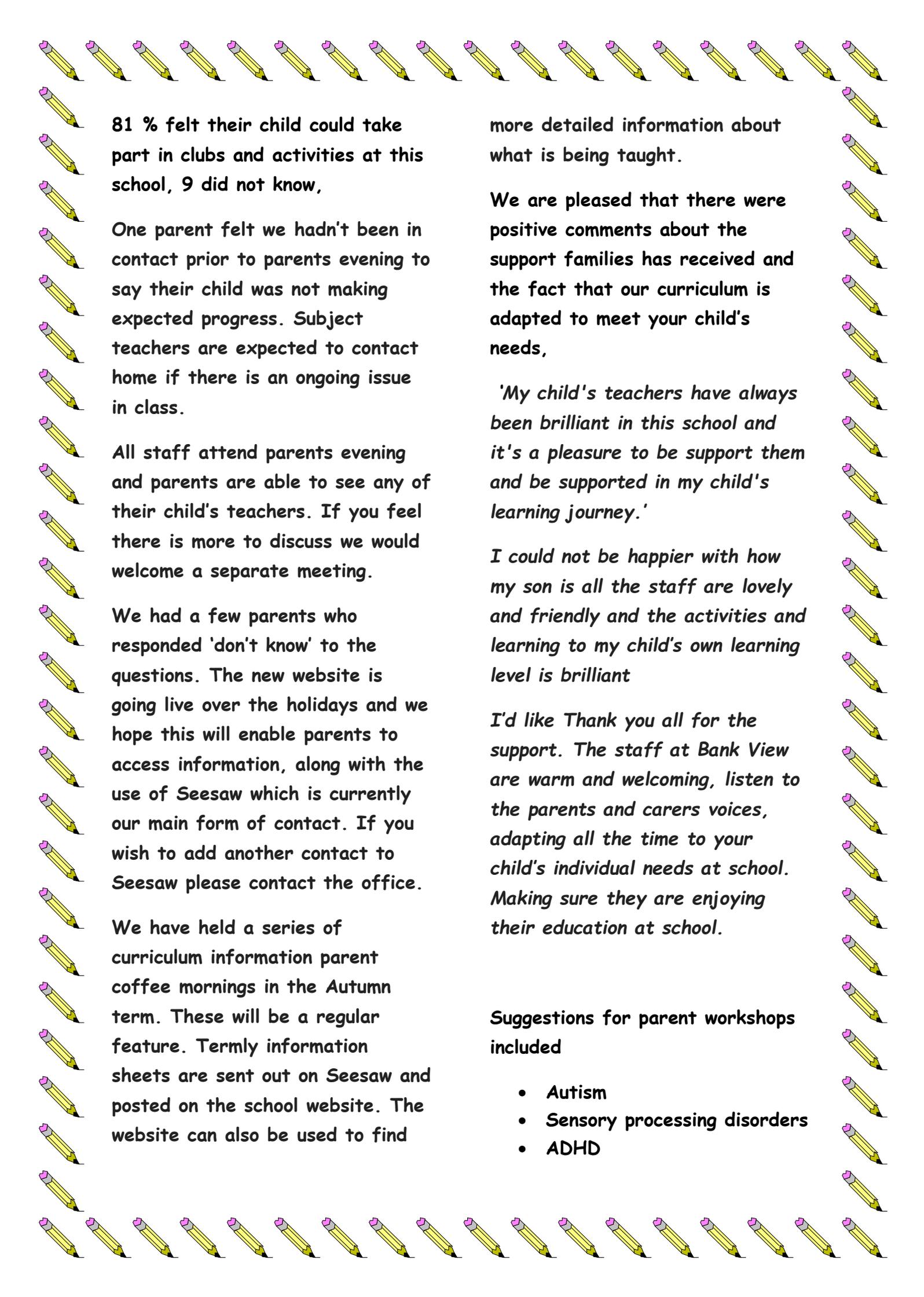
- My child is happy at this school. (3 did not know)
- The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (2 did not know)

- The school supports my child's wider personal development. (3 did not know)
- The school has high expectations for my child. (4 did not know)
- My child does well at this school.
- The school lets me know how my child is doing.
- The school supports my child's wider personal development. (3 did not know)
- The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. (2 did not know)

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

	Strongly agree	7
	Agree	12
	Disagree	2
	Strongly disagree	0
	My child has not been bullied	37

All bar one parent felt that if they had raised any concerns with school they have been dealt with properly.



81 % felt their child could take part in clubs and activities at this school, 9 did not know,

One parent felt we hadn't been in contact prior to parents evening to say their child was not making expected progress. Subject teachers are expected to contact home if there is an ongoing issue in class.

All staff attend parents evening and parents are able to see any of their child's teachers. If you feel there is more to discuss we would welcome a separate meeting.

We had a few parents who responded 'don't know' to the questions. The new website is going live over the holidays and we hope this will enable parents to access information, along with the use of Seesaw which is currently our main form of contact. If you wish to add another contact to Seesaw please contact the office.

We have held a series of curriculum information parent coffee mornings in the Autumn term. These will be a regular feature. Termly information sheets are sent out on Seesaw and posted on the school website. The website can also be used to find

more detailed information about what is being taught.

We are pleased that there were positive comments about the support families has received and the fact that our curriculum is adapted to meet your child's needs,

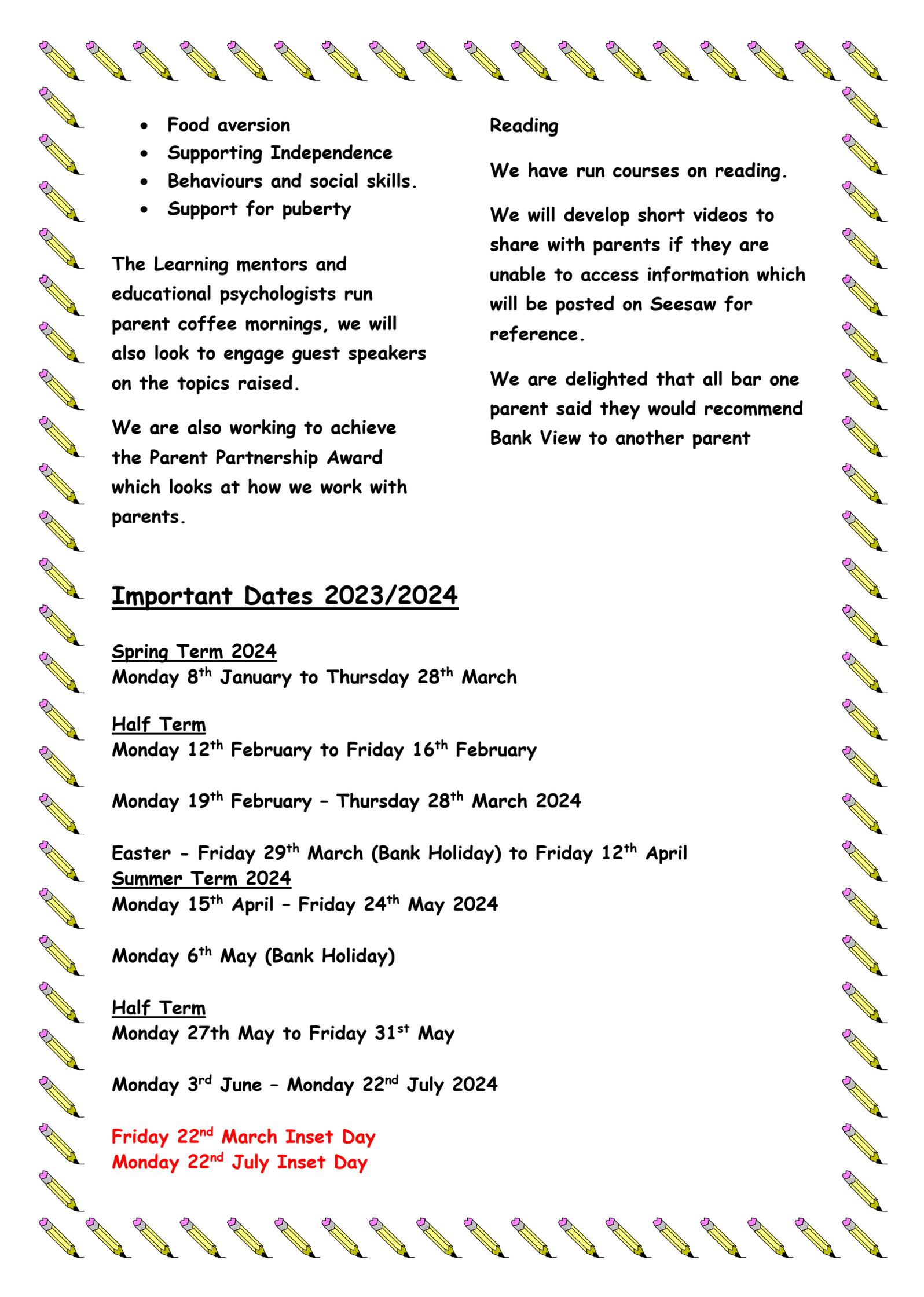
'My child's teachers have always been brilliant in this school and it's a pleasure to be support them and be supported in my child's learning journey.'

I could not be happier with how my son is all the staff are lovely and friendly and the activities and learning to my child's own learning level is brilliant

I'd like Thank you all for the support. The staff at Bank View are warm and welcoming, listen to the parents and carers voices, adapting all the time to your child's individual needs at school. Making sure they are enjoying their education at school.

Suggestions for parent workshops included

- Autism
- Sensory processing disorders
- ADHD

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- Food aversion
 - Supporting Independence
 - Behaviours and social skills.
 - Support for puberty

The Learning mentors and educational psychologists run parent coffee mornings, we will also look to engage guest speakers on the topics raised.

We are also working to achieve the Parent Partnership Award which looks at how we work with parents.

Important Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January to Thursday 28th March

Half Term

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter - Friday 29th March (Bank Holiday) to Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)

Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July 2024

Friday 22nd March Inset Day

Monday 22nd July Inset Day

Reading

We have run courses on reading.

We will develop short videos to share with parents if they are unable to access information which will be posted on Seesaw for reference.

We are delighted that all bar one parent said they would recommend Bank View to another parent

BANK VIEW SCHOOL CALENDER 2023-2024

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August 2024						
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School Closed/Holidays



In-Set Day no school for students

- Inset Day March 22nd 2024