



Banstead Infant School Newsletter March 2018



Website: www.bansteadinfant.co.uk

Learning platform: <https://fronter.com/surreymle/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to see how quickly the children are growing up! We would like them to be as independent as possible when they come in to school now. Please encourage your child to come into the cloakroom on their own. If you need to come in, please leave pushchairs outside as it is becoming very congested, particularly in the large cloakroom at the back of the school. Thank you.

Please can you help us? The equipment in the outside classroom is being used by children and their brothers and sisters after school. This equipment is solely for the use of the Reception children during their learning time. It is expensive to replace and is getting damaged because older children are using it. The equipment is stored outside Green and Orange and should not be moved. Please do not allow any children to use the equipment after school or after collecting from clubs. Thank you for your help.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating our Deputy Head Teacher, Andy Burbidge, on his appointment as Head Teacher from September 2018. The selection process was rigorous and I am very pleased that the panel have chosen the best person to lead our very special school. We will let you know about the process for finding a new Deputy Head Teacher as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Stephanie Storrar

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Head Teacher

Safeguarding

Your children's safety is of paramount importance to us. All staff received child protection training on the INSET day in September and I have trained parents and volunteers who work with us in school. Safeguarding is also a standing item on our weekly staff meetings and at all Governor's meetings. We have recently introduced a new leaflet on safeguarding for visitors to school to ensure that everyone understands how to report concerns so that we can all keep our children safe. There is a new 1.5m fence around the pond to ensure that the Reception children will be completely safe when they are learning in the outside classroom. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for our school. Mr Burbidge, Mrs Tunnell and Mrs Clowes-Pritchard and Mrs Natasha Mayor are the deputy DSLs (DDSLs). If you have any concerns about child protection, please contact one of us. The safeguarding policy is available on the website, learning platform (in the Useful Information Room) and as a hard copy in the file in the school entrance.

Arriving at school



Thank you to all those parents who park safely and considerately, it is much appreciated. Please do not park in the school drive as you will have to reverse out into The Horseshoe. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident. Please help us to keep the children safe.

PTA News

The PTA continue to work tirelessly to raise money to enhance the children's learning. They have given £900 for classroom resources and have bought a new interactive screen for Purple Class and some wonderful headphones for the Reception classes. I would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work; without their commitment and organisational skills the children would not have such wonderful resources to help them learn. The Chair of the PTA, Marion Taylor, has been poorly lately and we wish her a speedy recovery. Our particular thanks go to Sarah Mockett and her team for taking over from Marion until she recovers.

We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for the children. Recently we have teamed up with [toucanBox](#). Toucan Box offers a regular delivery of arts and crafts kits for children aged 3-8.

The activities offered are inspired by Montessori learning and are designed to promote a love of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). The box will be personally addressed to your child and delivered to your door.

Anyone who subscribes to toucanBox using our code bispta, or via the link: <https://signup.toucanbox.com/?code=bispta> will not only get their first box for free (only £1 P&P) but will also raise £5 for our school PTA.

Anyone who subscribes before March 20 will receive a limited-edition Easter box as their first box.

The next event is the Sport Relief Disco after school on 23 March.



Sport Relief



We are looking forward to a fun day! The children can come to school dressed in sportswear (no football kits please). We will be having a sporty day so it is important that their clothes are practical for taking part in sporting

events. Sport Relief wristbands are on sale now from the school office at £1 each.

Chicks



Every year we incubate eggs and watch the chicks hatch. This is an amazing experience for the children. The eggs arrived on Monday 19 March. They usually hatch on the Wednesday. You are welcome to come into the atrium with siblings to see the chicks before and after school. Our thanks go to Mrs Martin and Mrs Lawrenson who will be helping us to look after them.

Labelling clothes

Please ensure that your children's shoes, shirts, ties, cardigans, jumpers, skirts, coats, PE bags and clothes are named. This saves much time and confusion! Please do label the children's shoes; there have been many problems reuniting shoes with their owners as many children have the same shoes!

A reminder please: no hair gel or earrings to be worn in school. The children should not be wearing nail varnish or have 'tattoos'.

Learning platform and website

We are pleased that so many of you are using the learning platform as a way of sharing learning at home. The virtual office also has copies of newsletters, letters, dates, information about milk and lunches and the useful information room has copies of policies and e-safety information.

Don't forget that the school website is also a source of information. Any messages are posted there as well as on the learning platform. Copies of policies and newsletters are available and it also has an up to date calendar showing events and school holidays until July 2019. Please do make use of these valuable resources. We welcome feedback and suggestions for improvements. Please contact Mrs Storrar at head@bansteadinfant.co.uk

Attendance Reminder: Please note, any holidays taken during term time may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child).

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