



Banstead Infant School Newsletter

July 2018



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you during Open Week. Thank you very much for all your lovely comments in the visitor's book. The children love hearing about what you have written.

We are very pleased to announce that Ms Emily Dormand Bean who has been working with us as a trainee student teacher this year has achieved her Newly Qualified Teacher Status, obtaining the top grade in all areas of her assessment. I am sure you will join with us in congratulating her. We are very pleased to say that she will be teaching Lilac Class next year when Mr Burbidge becomes the Head Teacher. Please see page two for a full list of classes and staff for September 2018-19. Mrs Barbara Tucker will be taking on the role of SENCO next year as Mrs Tunnell will be focusing on leading the Early Years Team. She has decided to relinquish her role as Assistant Head Teacher as she would like to be able to devote more time to her family. We are also pleased to say that Mrs Alex Beale and Mrs Karen Wright will be leading Citizenship as Advanced Teaching Assistants in Purple and Blue Classes respectively.

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to three of our teaching assistants at the end of term. Mrs Alison Sheppard is leaving us to take on a lead teaching assistant role at Aberdour. We wish her well with her new job. We are pleased to tell you that Mrs Cathie Stagno will be the teaching assistant in Blue Class from September. Mrs Helen Lovegrove, who is our specialist speech and language teaching assistant, is also leaving us. She is moving to Somerset with her family. We hope she enjoys her new life in the country. We are pleased to say that we have appointed Mrs Laura Hickin as the new speech and language teaching assistant. Mrs Stacey Stone is also leaving us. We will be very sorry to see her go and hope that she will be back working with us very soon.

This is of course, my final newsletter as Head Teacher of Banstead Infant School. This school is a very special place and quite unlike most others. As a teacher and as Head Teacher, I have known so many wonderful children and I am going to miss working with them very much. I have also been very privileged and lucky to work with some fantastic, committed and passionate staff and parents. I am very happy that the school will be led by a highly committed, passionate and enthusiastic team and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Best wishes

Stephanie Storrar

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Head Teacher

Staffing – September 2018

| Class | Teacher | Teaching Assistant | Citizenship |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| Orange | Clotilde Di-Crescenzo & Kate Maginess | Caroline Conway Stephanie Adam | Siân Heseltine Caroline Conway |
| Green | Ruth Tunnell (Early Years Leader) | Sarah Clowes- Pritchard Linda Stampton | Sarah Clowes- Pritchard Linda Stampton |
| Blue | Barbara Tucker (SENCO) & Diane Lee | Cathie Stagno Laura Hickin Karen Wright | Cathie Stagno Karen Wright |
| Yellow | Heather Nicoll | Pam Pedlar Susan Blake | Pam Pedlar Susan Blake |
| Red | Rebecca Owen & Rachel Kearns (Year 1 Leaders) | Ellen Gilbert Emma Gorman | Sarah Clowes- Pritchard Ellen Gilbert |
| Aqua | Catherine Edwards | Debbie Martin Natasha Mayor Lesley Hearn | Debbie Martin Emma Gorman |
| Pink | Ann Henwood (Deputy Head Teacher) Sylvia Fletcher | Julia Miller Maddy Weston | Lesley Hearn Stephanie Adam |
| Lilac | Emily Dormand Bean | Jackie Owen Siân Heseltine Sam Martin | Siân Heseltine Jackie Owen |
| Purple | Emma Wood & Judy Limbrick | Alex Beale Linda Stampton | Alex Beale Lisa McCarthy |

Values

The value for this half term is **Trust**.



We will be teaching the children:

- If you are trustworthy you can be relied upon to do the right thing
- Trust means being able to feel that a person will always be there for us – to take care of us – listen to us and help us

One of the key principles of our 'Learning without Limits' ethos is trust. We trust the children to want to learn and do their best and there is trust amongst the adults in the school so that everyone's contribution is valued. Trust is also a key part of our emotional literacy curriculum which helps the children to be able to understand and express their feelings. Ms Natasha Smith, who also works in Aqua Class, is a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA). She works with children who need support managing their feelings or relationships, usually for a six-week period. The children play games, read stories, draw or write to help them to make sense of their feelings.

Key Events this half term (see dates list attached):

- Mufti Day
- Sports Day
- The Beacon choir concert
- Leaver's Assembly
- End of Term Whole School Music Concert
- Picnic



Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday 4th July. I look forward to welcoming you. Should the weather be against us on 4th, we have Thursday 5th in reserve!

May Queen Country Dancers



Well done to all the Year 2 children who danced at the Banstead Village May Fayre. They were patient, respectful, danced so well and made us very proud; they were a credit to our school. It's a wonderful village tradition, a real community affair and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you for your support.

Parent View

I have attached an information booklet explaining all about 'Parent View', an on-line questionnaire for parents and carers to feed back on their child's school. It is now also the main mechanism for parents to give their views about the school to inspectors at the time of



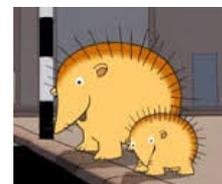
an Ofsted inspection. Please take a few moments to record your views by following this link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> The Parent View link can also be found on the Learning Platform in the 'Useful Information' room and on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

Parking!

- Inconsiderate parking was one of the main problems highlighted by parents who completed the recent school evaluation survey.
- Please park considerately around the Horseshoe.

Road safety

We teach the children not to walk down drives or roads and to stop at a road and look both ways before crossing to make sure that it is safe. Thank you to all those parents who support us by reinforcing this message when they walk to school.



REMINDERS

Scooters

Please ensure your children do not ride their scooters around the school; this includes brothers and sisters!

Uniform

Please make sure that any hair bands or clips are in school colours. **No jewellery should be worn.**

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

This is a secure online environment, accessible only to those with a password. It is designed to be a virtual school and is where you can share your child's learning and to see recent photographs. The photo gallery has photos of children who have received Head Teacher's



Awards or who have come to Golden Tea as well as photos of events such as the May Queen country dancing. The school office and useful information rooms have copies of letters, forms, useful dates and policies should you need them. The class teachers work very hard to upload photographs, shared writing and links to websites that can help with your child's learning. I hope that you enjoy using this valuable resource with your child. I am always looking for ways to improve the learning platform and would be grateful for any suggestions. Please let me know via my email head@bansteadinfant.co.uk
Thank you.

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This is the public face of the school and can be accessed by anyone; for that reason, it does not have photographs of the children on any of the pages. It has copies of the newsletters, policies and a calendar as well as information about the school for prospective parents. There is a scrolling message on the home page which gives information for current parents.

EARLY CLOSURE – Don't forget the last day of term is

Friday 20th July and the school will close at 1.30pm.

INSET Dates for 2018/19

The first INSET days for the next academic year are 4th and 5th September

Children start back at school on Thursday 6th September 2018

Term ends at 3.20pm on Wednesday 19th December.

Other INSET dates are:

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 10th June 2019

There is also likely to be an additional academy INSET Day in the summer term. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

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

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER