



Banstead Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed your half term break and are looking forward to all the Christmas celebrations! Song practices have begun and children are busily rehearsing for their productions. Thank you for all the costume making and support for our Christmas events. Separate letters have been sent out to let you know about the Christmas Productions and other events.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our extremely hardworking PTA and everyone who helped at last week's 'Santa's Funtime'. It was a wonderful event that really started the festive season. Santa's Funtime involves a lot of time, worry and energy on the part of the committee but thanks to their commitment and your generosity it was a great success.

The reception children have settled in so well. Thank you for all your support in helping them to become so confident and independent. They are becoming excellent learners already; we have seen them so absorbed and enthusiastic in their learning, it is a delight to see. The older children have been helping the younger ones to settle in and are growing up so quickly.

Mrs Kate Maginess will be going on maternity from the end of November and we wish her all the best with the new addition to the family. Mrs De-Crescenzo will be extending her week to Thursday and Mrs Lee will be teaching in Orange on Fridays. I would also like to welcome to the team three new lunchtime supervisors: Tracey Dale, Sana Mustafa and Anita Jenner.

Best wishes

Andrew Burbidge
Head Teacher

Safety

Parking

I know our school is situated in a very congested area but please park considerately and safely. Be careful as you open your car door in case you knock over a passer-by and please do not park on the pavements as they are narrow enough already. Please think of others, find a safe place to park and ensure that you walk on the pavement and not down the school drive.



The youth centre has asked me to remind you that the youth centre's car park is only for people that are working or using the youth centre and should not be used for parents dropping their children off at school.

Parking in school is for staff only or for parents who have special permission. Contact the school office if you find yourself in a difficult position and need to park in our car park. Please do not park in the ambulance station, The Children's Centre, Squirrels or Bentley Day Centre car parks as these are needed for their staff and users.

Arriving at school

We are so proud of the confidence and independence of our children. We would like all the children and especially Year 2, to come into their cloakroom to hang up their things on their own where possible now. Please try not to bring buggies into the back cloakroom as there is not room for all the adults and children never mind the wheels too!

Harvest



Thank you very much for all your generous gifts. Thank you too to all those who helped to set up the display, take it down or transport the gifts. Your help is very much appreciated. The Harvest assemblies were lovely, thank you to all of you who were able to join us. All the children enjoyed sharing their harvest with you. It was lovely to see them being so confident. Eighteen Year 2 children took gifts to the elderly at Ridgemount and the residents have sent us a thank you card that they made between them. Thank you to all those who donated to Farm Africa: You raised £196.

PTA News

Thank you to all those who came to the AGM for being so enthusiastic and willing to take on roles on the committee. Thank you too to those who have volunteered to help in any way. Your support is very much appreciated.

Last year the PTA provided £2300 for an interactive whiteboard for Purple Class, £900 for the visit from the children's author Neil Griffiths, £580 for a playground play table, £1200 for digital headphones for Reception and £900 per term for classroom resources. This is an exceptional level of funding and I would like to thank all parents and PTA members for their commitment and generosity. Your hard work helps to make this a very special place to be.

This term the PTA held a successful movie night – the children loved it. This raised £900!

Please help in any way you can, thank you.

Values– Co-operation

Last half term we concentrated on teaching the children about the 'Jammie Dodger' and respect. This is the most important value and the one that makes the greatest difference in school. We talk about respect all the time. Now we are adding or re-introducing, co-operation to the children's vocabulary. This term is all about co-operating with one another in the Christmas plays.

We tell the children it means:

- Listen
- Share your ideas
- Share and take turns



Teaching the children the key values is helping them to develop into responsible citizens for the future. Please help with us by using the same terminology at home. Thank you

Learning to Learn – Resilient

We also teach the children what a good learner looks like. This half term we will concentrate on being resilient.

Resilient is:

- Ignoring distractions
- Finishing your learning right to the end
- Never giving up



We have a 'resilient tortoise' in each class room!

YMCA Children's Centre Consultation

We have recently been informed that some YMCA centres in the county have been earmarked for closure. Sadly, Banstead Children's Centre has been highlighted as one of these who are at risk. The centre prides itself on providing a unique hub for parents of young children. The services that the centre provides include; health visitor drop-ins, play sessions and advice for parents/carers. They also provide outreach support to parents who need extra support.

I urge you to take some time to share your thoughts in support of the centre.

Every single voice counts!!

www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/

Uniform

Please check to make sure that you have named your child's clothing. It can be very difficult to return lost items without a name. Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are labelled so that they can be found quickly and easily if they are misplaced. It is also important that PE kit, coats, hats and gloves are labelled so that they can be identified easily in the cloakroom.

A reminder please: no hair gel or earrings to be worn in school.

If you are intending to pierce your child's ears please wait until the summer holiday. We cannot allow your child to do PE if they have their ears pierced as we cannot remove their earrings.

Admissions for the School Year 2019/20

Parents of children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 will be required to complete **one** Admission Form on line and submit it to Surrey County Council by **15 January 2019**. If you, your friends or neighbours have children who come within this category it is important that they have applied on line by this date. You can pick up a leaflet explaining the procedure from the school office.

Year 2 children will also need to apply for junior school places through Surrey County Council by **15 January 2019**. Leaflets and a covering letter from Banstead Community Junior School explaining this procedure have already been sent home with your child.

School Gate

Please be aware that external gate opens automatically at:

7:50am - for clubs

8:40am - for the start of the day

3:05pm - for the end of day collection

If you are a little early please allow for these times to pass before ringing the buzzer.

Golden Tea

Golden Tea is an award (like Head Teacher awards) for the children to all work towards. It is awarded to children who **always** do their best. They receive a special invitation (which they get to keep) to come to tea with me in my office. Everything is golden – the table cloth, cups, plates and a sparkly golden centre piece for the table. We even have a golden curtain for the children to walk through! They are given juice, biscuits (chocolate and, of course, Jammie Dodgers) and fruit.

Jeans for Genes Day



Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause. We collected £200 to donate, thank you.

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