



NEWSLETTER



Term 5
4th May 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

We have all felt like proud parents at Banwell this week! Our Reception class are now looking after the 10 chicks that have hatched from their eggs in our incubator. The children have been so excited waiting for them to hatch and it has been a delight to hear them talking all about the process.

We always strive to be the very best that we can be for our children and parents. We do however understand that sometimes issues arise that means children and / or parents are not happy. Please could I urge parents to contact school if they are unhappy about something. We will always endeavour to put things right but can only do this if we are informed.

We just want to take the opportunity to clarify the situation regarding supervision of the playground in the mornings before school. Mrs Lester and myself are always out in the playground at 8.40am at which time children can begin arriving in school. We stand by the gates which are adjacent to the school drive. Mrs Gould or Mrs Philpott are usually by the path which leads to the Littlefield's gate. There may be occasions when they are not at this gate however as they may need to deal with a class related issue. Please could we work together to remind the children that once they have arrived in school they must not go back outside of the playground.

Finally, a few reminders:

- Children should all be in school by 8.50 am. If on the rare occasion they are a little late please ensure that they are brought to the office so that they can be signed in.
- Please remember to keep your contact details up to date. It is so important that we are able to get hold of parents at all times but have sometimes found this difficult recently due to phone numbers not being accurate.
- Thank you to the vast majority of parents who collect their children promptly at 3.15pm - the end of the school day. Unfortunately we do have a very small number of children who are frequently not collected on time and can often be left for long periods of time not collected. Not only does this distress the child but there is also no one available to supervise at this time. Please be reminded that children can be booked into Playpals up until 12 noon on the same day if childcare after school is going to be a problem. However if the same children are persistently collected late at the end of the school day we will have no option other than to send them to Playpals and the cost charged to the parent.
- We are finding a large number of lunchboxes are being left at the end of the day. Please ensure that if your child brings a lunchbox to school that they bring it home too!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Claire Pocock
Headteacher

We are keen to start using our website for communication with parents, and will be sending home a login for you. Please login as soon as you can and ensure all details are up-to-date.

We will soon start sending text messages and sharing information via the website, and we will also be able to book parents' evenings there too.

There is also an app available for those of you with smartphones, details of this will be with the login.

Diary Dates

7th May – *Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED*

17th May – *Friends Disco*

25th May – *Last day of Term 5*

26th May – 3rd June – *Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED*

4th June – *First day of Term 6*

14th & 15th June – *Year 3 & 4 Camp*

28th June – *KS2 Production*

5th July – *Sports Day*

20th July – *Last day of Term 6*



These children read regularly over the last two weeks

Reception

- * Nathan * Roodie * Erin * Leo *
- * Penny * Kitty * Joseph *
- * Madison * Freya *

Year 1

- * Bobby S * Libby * Sebastian *

Year 2

- * Woodie * Macy * George * Lilly * Liam *
- * Noah G * Teagan * Noah L * Freddie *
- * Mia G * Dexter * Amelie *



Governor Chat

With Louise Henry
(Mum to Kitty YR)



I started as a parent Governor when my daughter started in reception class in September 2017. I wanted to take an active role within the school community and be a voice for fellow parents. I am the lead Governor concerned with Safeguarding so if you have any questions or anything you'd like to talk about, please feel free to grab me in the playground - I'm the one with the growing bump as I am expecting my second child in October.

Since joining the Banwell School community I have been on all the reception trips and was so impressed with how well they were organised - huge appreciation to Mrs Isgrove and Mrs Kent. The children all enjoyed themselves and have been very fortunate to go on such fun and educational trips. I was most struck with how they behaved themselves so beautifully, what a credit they are to the school and to you wonderful parents!

I am also part of a Governor team tasked with raising the profile of the school within the community and wider areas, if you have any ideas or suggestions then please send them my way - involvement from fellow parents is always welcomed! 😊



We have had a complaint from a resident in Littlefields about inconsiderate parking by our parents. Please can we request that you park considerately and do not block driveways or residents' cars.

Thank you

Online Safety

Please have a look at these useful links for some information about the latest online craze: Fortnite

[Besa-fortnite](#)
[parentzone](#)



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR SLIP BY 15TH MAY!