



*'Inspiring pupils to reach their full potential in our Christian  
Family through  
trust, respect and care for all.*

**Our School value this half term is Courage**



## **Benington C of E Primary School**

### **Newsletter December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **Attendance**

Attendance is still 98% across the school. This is fantastic for this time of year. Thank you for your support in getting your children into school.

#### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Next Wednesday will be Christmas dinner day. Please wear festive Christmas non-uniform.

#### **Christingle Service 17<sup>th</sup> December 4:00**

We are planning to have a family Christingle service after school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will dismiss the children as usual and then families are invited to come to the grounds of St Peter's Church with their Christingles. Everyone will then stand with their families, socially distanced from the other families. We will sing; Little Donkey, Away in a Manger and Silent Night. We chose these carols as we hope most of you will already know them. This meets current guidance, but as you are aware, could change at any time. We hope you will be able to join us.

#### **FB – Benington Primary School**

We now have an open and closed FB group. The closed one is for sharing photos and current school news. It's also a place for you to ask questions to our school community. The open one is for publicity purposes. I'd be grateful if you could share, like and follow this page. Our virtual tour is now live on our FB page and on the website.

#### **Feed up Warm Up**

We are collecting for Feed Up Warm Up again this Christmas. Please bring your donations into school by Monday morning. Thank you

#### **Free School Meals**

Some of you may now be eligible for FSM. You can ask the office for a form or can apply directly. on the HCC website. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) This can then entitle you to other benefits such as free residential trips.

#### **Families Hertfordshire Magazine**

The magazine has now gone online it is full of home-based activities and Christmas fun that are appropriate for this new lockdown situation. There are some great competitions too!  
[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesherts\\_nov\\_dec2020issue95?fr=sZGFIMTIyNzI5NDg](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesherts_nov_dec2020issue95?fr=sZGFIMTIyNzI5NDg)

## **Questionnaires**

Thank you to everyone who completed our well-being survey. It was helpful to learn more about how you view our school. The majority of the results were positive.

## **Children's Illness**

This is the time of year when children often develop coughs and colds. If you are at all unsure whether your child might be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, please phone 119. There is also lots of advice on our website. We realise it can be very frustrating keeping your child off school, but we must follow government guidelines. Thank you everyone for being so sensible at following advice and keeping us updated.

## **Benington Online News**

If you'd like to receive the village news please email Heather to be included on the mailing list. We contribute to this too. [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Medication**

Children can bring in a single dose of medication such as Calpol melts or sachets for self-administration. If you wish your child to self-medicate please send it in with a signed note explaining what time they can take this from and the dosage.

## **Contacting Staff**

All staff email addresses are now on the website. Please email your child's class teacher directly with any class issues. Please be aware that they are teaching during the day and will not be able to read or respond to communications until the end of the day. If it's an urgent matter, please email admin or phone the office.

## **Safeguarding**

Please be careful on the stairs outside the school. They are getting quite congested again. Be considerate of each other and allow people to pass if necessary.

## **Our Vision through our Mission Statement**

"Inspiring pupils to reach their full potential in our Christian family through trust, respect and care for all."

A huge thank you to Ms Khambhaita for putting together our virtual tour. It has been viewed over 1.5k times.

Have a lovely weekend  
*Mrs Tyler*

**“COURAGE DOESN'T  
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SOMETIMES  
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VOICE AT THE  
END OF THE  
DAY SAYING,  
'I WILL TRY AGAIN  
TOMORROW.'”**

- Mary Anne Radmacher