



*'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 Compassion



Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter January 14th

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for all your messages of support to staff through phone calls, emails and FB. We truly appreciate each one. We know that this is a challenging time for all of you and the fact that you took time out of your day means a lot.

Collective Worship Resources

Please find attached the first of the weekly 'Worship at Home' resources. These are available on www.stalbans.anglican.org/schools/worship-for-home/. Future materials will be posted directly on the webpage.

Remote Learning

Feedback has been very positive for our remote learning activities. The children in school are completing the same activities so everyone is getting a similar experience. Our KS2 CWV children are now pretty independent at accessing their learning. Hopefully this is similar for you at home. If you are struggling to access activities or to keep your child engaged please let your child's teacher know. We are here to support you, not to make judgements.

Engagement

Most of you are now showing engagement towards home learning. This might be through joining zooms, accepting a supportive phone call or directly emailing your child's teacher. We still have a duty of care under our safeguarding policy. Please ensure you continue to keep in touch with school through our FB page, emails, zoom or phoning school.

Zoom Calls

Each class should now have a zoom timetable. These sessions are proving popular and give an opportunity for engaging with staff and class mates. Please follow our rules and remain muted until asked to unmute. These are optional. I know some children find them difficult.

Homework

Homework is now optional. We realise that for many of you staying on top of home learning is enough of a challenge. However, if anyone still wants to continue doing it or wants to choose the tasks they'd like to do this is fine, too. We will still mark it when we return to school and celebrate your child's achievements.

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.

Borrow Box

Our borrow box is back at the front of the school alongside a box for returning resources. If you need more reading books or other resources please let your child's class teacher know.

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 This can then entitle you to other benefits such as free residential trips. We are providing food parcels for those of you learning from home. Please let the office know if you would like one.

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

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

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.

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

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

Please take care of yourself. These are challenging times for everyone. Your mental health continues to be a priority.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Tyler