



*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 Trust



Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter 13th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the newsletter for the week ending 13th December.

Head Lice- reminder

Further to the parentmail that was sent out last week, we are appealing to all parents to continually check their children and comb their hair (wet or dry) on a daily basis. The only way that we can get rid of this problem is if EVERYONE is committed to the process. Just to remind you that if your child has hair that is long enough to be put up and they come to school with it loose, we will put it up. Head lice can last for up to 30 days. If we are able to observe head lice in your child's hair, we will ask you to collect them from school and treat them. They may return to school following treatment.

Boiler

It has just been confirmed that work on the new boiler will now start on Monday 16th December. Some work began on Monday but a decision was made to start the main works a week later. Contractors will arrive at school between 3 and 3.30 but will not start work until parents and children have left. Work will continue during the Christmas break and into the new year.

Christmas Appeals-reminder

Further to our recent parentmail, we would like to remind you that we are supporting the homeless charity "Feed Up Warm Up". Please bring contributions to the Sycamore room. You can bring complete boxes or one or two items. Anything will be gratefully received. Also if you have spare shoe boxes they would be useful too. Please remember to leave

your boxes UNSEALED, as they have to be checked by the charities before distribution. A list of suggested items was sent out with the original parentmail.

We are also collecting for a Christmas hamper or money for a day out for a local family in need. Please give contributions to the office.

We understand that Christmas is an expensive time of year, but any donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

Nativity

Children in Acorn and Willow class performed their Christmas Nativity on Wednesday and Thursday. They worked really hard and everyone enjoyed the wonderful singing and acting. The costumes were fantastic too. There were lots of lines to learn and everyone did really well. This really got the school into the Christmas spirit.



Christmas

Everything is now in full swing with lots of events taking place for Christmas (please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter). Today was Christmas jumper day and a Rocksteady concert got the morning off to an exciting start. Thank you for your donations for "Save the Children." Decorations afternoon and assembly followed with Film Night after school. The Christmas countdown is now on.

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

Before the end of term, we will be sending out the attainment and progress results for your child (children from year 1 to year 6.) Just to reiterate, assessment results will say whether your child is 'exceeding', has 'met' or is 'working towards' expected standards for their year group in line with statutory guidance. This is based on teacher assessment. Progress is based on your child's ability and their starting points. For example, if your child's starting point is "met" and they are still "met" this is deemed positive progress. If they started as "met" and they are now "exceeding," they have made significantly positive progress. If your child was "met" and is now "working towards" they are at risk of not making positive progress.

Social aspects of Trust

As a school, trust is important to us all to help us succeed in all our endeavours. The school council is given the responsibility of representing the pupil voice in key matters. They are trusted to represent views in line with our Christian and British values.

The school's attendance target is for 96% attendance minimum.

Oak - 97%

Beech - 94%

Willow - 98%

Acorn - 92%

"And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you."

Psalm 9:10

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Swann – headteacher

Calendar for 2019/20.

Friday 13 th December	Christmas jumper day Rocksteady Concert Parent's afternoon to help make decorations from 1.15pm Christmas Film Night
Monday 16 th December	Pantomime – Rumpelstiltskin (in school)
Wednesday 18 th December	Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th December	2pm Church Service
Friday 20 th December	School ends 1.05 pm
Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January 2020	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Thursday 23 rd January	Football Tournament yr 1-2 1-3pm
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 2 Indoor Athletics 9-12 am
Thursday 13 th February	2.45pm Beech Class Assembly

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half term
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Indoor Athletics 9-12 am
Friday 27 th March	Rocksteady Concert
Monday 30 th March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 1 st April	Parent's Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Church Service - Easter
Friday 3 rd April	School finishes at 1.05pm
Monday 6th April-Friday 17th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 28 th April	Handball – year 5/6 1-3pm
Thursday 7 th May	FOBS event for VE day
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday in lieu of Bank Holiday on 4 th May
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS week
Thursday 14 th May	Tri Golf yr2/3 1-3pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 3 team building 9-12am
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	Half term
Wednesday 3 rd June – Friday 5 th June	Wymondley Wood
Friday 12 th June	Cricket year 5 all day 9-3pm
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18 th June	Goal ball year 1/2 1-3pm
Tuesday 7 th July _TBC	Intervillage
Friday 10 th July	Rocksteady Concert
Monday 13 th July	School Play 7pm
Wednesday 15 th July	School Play 7pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers Service
Friday 17th July	School Close 1.05 pm