

*Our School value this half term is Perseverance*

## **Benington Primary School Newsletter**



**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

*Inspiring care, respect and trust for all, in our Christian Community*

### **Enrichment**

Willow Class led a worship assembly all about baptism. Marianne from Stevenage Liberal Synagogue visited Willow to talk about Judaism. Willow Class went to St Peter's Church and designed their own clergy robes. Choir sang at the Snowdrop teas in the village hall and lots of our families helped to make the event really successful. Thank you for all your support with this. Choir also sang at an over 60s lunch. Acom class made pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Mark led an Ash Wednesday service in school and ashed the children. Lots of children did litter picking as part of Stevenage litter picking week.

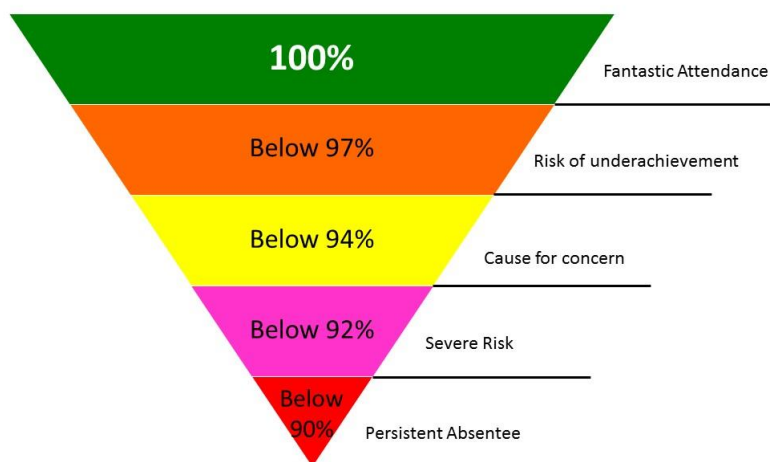
### **Attendance**

92.7% overall this week      95% overall this year (94% national average)

5.8% authorised      14.9% persistent absentees this year

1.6% unauthorised      1% late this year – Please note that school starts at 8:45

Please be aware that term time holidays and low attendance could incur a fine this year. Please make routine appointments for the dentist, optician etc outside of school time as this can also have a detrimental effect on your child's attendance. Thank you



### **Safeguarding & Health and Safety**

Mrs Presland and Mrs Pulfer both successfully completed their paediatric first aid award.

### **Emails**

Please be aware that if you email staff during the school day it's unlikely they'll respond. If you have an urgent request such as a change as to who is collecting your child, please email admin instead.

### **Absences**

If your child is absent for any reason please let the office know by 9:30. Please ensure that you do this even if you've let your child's class teacher know. Our preferred method is Arbor. This saves the office phoning you. If your child is off sick for more than 3 consecutive days we will be asking for medical evidence.

### **Uniform**

We have lots of uniform available free of charge. You can just come to the front of school after drop off and go through to the Sycamore Room and help yourself.

### **Sports**

We have a dedicated sports board in the corridor. We use this to share success in sport such as earning swimming certificates, passing a ballet exam or earning a medal in football. Please send in a photo of your child with an explanation of their achievement and we can add it to the board.