



*'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. Next half term it will be courage.'*

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

### **Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thoughts of the week- "I care for others" & "I notice when someone needs me"

Children who have tried hard to incorporate the Thoughts of the Week and value into their learning over the last two weeks are Seth, Beau and Yasmin in Acorn, Emma and Cayden in Willow, Frankie, Anastasia, Ava and Kate in Beech and Isabel and Ellie Mays in Oak. Well done to all our Benington Bees.

#### **Food Restricted items- Reminder**

Please ensure that children do not bring in any of the following items for their packed lunch or snacks at break time:

- \* Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- \* Chocolate products / sweets / confectionary
- \* Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- \* Chewing gum, sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- \* Any packet savoury snacks high in salt and fat
- \* Any nuts, as we are a nut free school
- \* Energy drinks

This is outlined in our "packed lunch and snacks policy."

#### **Children in Need**

Children came in today in non-uniform to raise money for children in need. The sale of books at the end of today is to raise money for this good cause. There is also a cake sale, kindly run by Mrs Traill, which is to raise money for our family in need.

#### **Oak Class trip**

On Monday, Oak Class went to the British School's Museum in Hitchin. They experienced what it was like to be in a Victorian School. They all agreed that things have certainly changed in education!

## **Christmas Countdown**

Please find a countdown to Christmas list of dates and activities in the run up to the festive season. This is at the bottom of this newsletter. We will add any further information as time goes on.

Attendance this week- below minimum attendance target.

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

Oak-83%

Beech-87%

Willow-84%

Acorn-86%

Losing valuable learning time can affect children's life chances.

## **Moral aspects of compassion**

We try to explore what it means to live out Jesus' teaching, exemplified in the command to do to others as you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7.12). This is sometimes known as The Golden Rule and underpins all our relationships and our Behaviour Policy.

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

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

Through our value of compassion, children are learning how important it is to show empathy to others. In our Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, we talked about those who gave their lives so that others would live. Those individuals showed great compassion and courage for others. We also reminded ourselves about how lucky we are to live in a country that is not at war. Our two minutes silence allowed us to show deep respect for those people who gave and who continue to give their lives for others.

“The lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love” Psalms 145:18

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Swann

Headteacher

## **Christmas Countdown**

Sunday 2nd December – School Christmas tree goes up

Thursday 6th December – 1.30pm Panto at Hertford- “The Astonishing Adventures of Pinocchio”

Tuesday 11th December – 2pm Nativity Performance

Wednesday 12th December – 6pm Nativity Performance

Thursday 13th December– 2pm Christmas Service in St Peter’s Church

Friday 14th December – A.M. Christmas jumper day, Secrets room,

Rocksteady Assembly 9am

P.M. Making Christmas decorations (parents welcome)

Wednesday 19th December – A.M. Breakfast with Santa

P.M. School Christmas dinner

Panto – “The Snow Queen”

Friday 21st December - School close 1.05

Christmas Carol Service in St Peter’s Church – 6.30 pm