

Our School value this half term is Thankfulness

Benington Primary School Newsletter **October 18th 2023**



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

Thank you for supporting our harvest collection.

Attendance

96% overall this week

96.3% overall this year (95.2% national average)

3% authorised

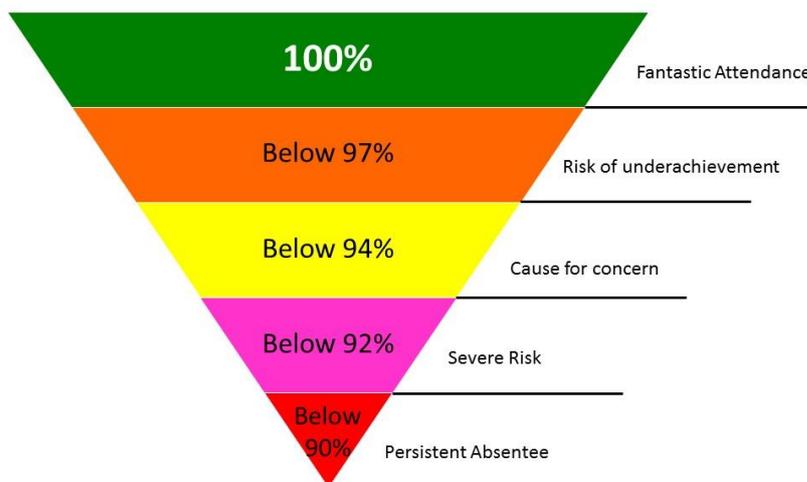
(we have quite a few cases of COVID)

11.6% persistent absentees this year

1% unauthorised

0.5% late this year

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



Enrichment

We had a successful harvest festival both in school and in church. Thank you to Louie and his family for delivering our harvest contribution to Feed Up Warm Up. Acorn Class had a lovely afternoon exploring our school environment. They enjoyed roasting marshmallows on the fire pit. Oak Class are leading worship tomorrow and sharing the song they've been learning.

Safeguarding & Health and Safety

Please don't allow your children to ride bikes or scooters on the playground as they can easily collide with others. Please park all vehicles behind the gates. Large bikes can be left behind the gates in between the two sheds as it can get quite crowded next to Beech. Thank you

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. Thank you

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.

Date	Time	Event	Information
19.10.23	2:50	Oak Class worship assembly	Oak Class parents welcome into school to watch a re-enactment of a bible story and hear them sing a special song.
20.10.23	9:00	FOBS Coffee morning	A chance to have an informal chat with other parents.
20.10.23	3:15	Break up for half term	

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31.10.23	3:15-5:00	Parent's consultations	Please sign up on the clip board to choose a time to meet your child's teacher. If you have concerns before this please don't wait.
01.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
01.11.23	3:30-7:00	Parent's consultations	Please sign up on the clip board to choose a time to meet your child's teacher. If you have concerns before this please don't wait.
03.11.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
08.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
08.11.23	1:30	Oak Class church visit	Oak Class to walk down to St Peter's Church to work with Mark looking at symbolism
09.11.23		FOBS elf on the shelf sale	Opportunity to buy an elf and raise money for school
09.11.23	6:00	De-fibrillator training	Run by the Parish Council. Please enquire with them for a free place

10.11.23	2:50	Beech Worship assembly	Beech Class parents invited to school to watch their children re-enact a bible story
14.11.23	Morning	Hertfordshire Improvement Partner (HIP) visit	HIP comes into school to assess how we're doing in different areas including curriculum and safeguarding
15.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
16.11.23	Evening	Shopping evening in school	FOBS run event where you can get pre-loved clothes and raise funds for the school
17.11.23	All day	Children in Need Charity Day	Come to school in pyjamas or non-uniform in return for a donation to charity.
17.11.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
20.11.23	All day	Occasional Day	NO SCHOOL
22.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
24.11.23	9:00	FOBS Coffee morning	A chance to have an informal chat with other parents. All welcome
24.11.23	Afternoon	Hitchin Museum workshop Oak Class	A workshop about black history to support Oak Class's history learning
24.11.23	Evening	Children's film night	FOBS run event where children watch a film and all proceeds go to the school
27.11.23	All week	Feeling Good Week	Children will take part in a range of activities to help support their mental health
29.11.23	All day	Dance Day	Children to come into school in their PE kit for a day of dance workshops paid for with sports money.
29.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
29.11.23	2:50	Dance celebration	Parents invited in to watch their child perform their dance.
30.11.23	Afternoon	Y2 and Y5/6 NSPCC workshop	NSPCC in to school to teach children about keeping safe
01.12.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
06.12.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
06.12.23	1:00	Mark leading assembly	Mark (our vicar) is coming into school to lead an act of worship
07.12.23	Morning	FOBS Secrets Room	The chance for your children to come and choose Christmas presents for family members while raising money for FOBS.
08.12.23	9:30	Rock Steady Concert	Lessons before school this day as usual Please come and support your child as they perform to an audience.
08.12.23	Morning	Flu Vaccinations	Look out for more information so you can give permission for an in school flu spray.
09.11.23	3:00	Choir singing in Stevenage Town Centre	Please come and support our school by listening to our children sing.
11.12.23	9:30	Acorn Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Pre-school and any Acorn parents with younger siblings who would like to attend are welcome

11.12.23	7:00	Wreath making evening	Support FOBs and create your own wreath out of foliage while having a Christmasy evening
12.12.23	1:30	Little Red Riding Hood Panto	All the children get to watch the pantomime in school paid for by FOBs
13.12.23	2:00	Acorn Nativity Performance	All Acorn parents are welcome to attend
15.12.23	All day	Christmas jumper day Save the Children	Please wear Christmas clothing to support the charity
15.12.23	8:00	Breakfast with Santa	Please book with FOBS for a special Christmasy breakfast. We also need adults to help. No breakfast club this day.
15.12.23	2:30	Carol concert in church	Please join us in St Peter's Church to listen to Christmas carols
16.12.23	7:00	Choir singing at All Saints Church Hertford	Come and get Christmasy listening to our choir sing.
19.12.23	5:00	Christingle service	Children will make Christingles in school (everything provided by FOBS). Please bring them back to church for our special outdoor carol service, the whole family is welcome. Please bring matches to light the Christingles.
20.12.23	All day	Non-Uniform day	Please still follow basic rules, no jewellery, sensible footwear and hair up .
20.12.23	12:00	School Christmas dinner	Please encourage your child to have a school dinner this day.
20.12.23	1:05	Break up	Time to go home early for a well earned break!