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Our School value this half term is Trust

Benington Primary School Newsletter November 19th 2021

Attendance

Acorn 100%

Willow 94%

Beech 964%

Oak 912%

Dates

There are now lots of events planned. Please see the end of this parent mail for a list of dates taking you up until February. These are subject to change depending on current guidance.

Enrichment

Gold gymnast Steve Frew led a fast paced exercise session with the whole school and showed off some of his skills. This was paid for with sports premium money. Beech Class had a visit from the Museum service and learned all about the Egyptians.

I invited our Oliver Heald, our MP, to visit us to talk about democracy. He met with our School Council and they grilled him about his policies. The children have helped write an article for the Hertfordshire Mercury all about it.

Our article is to be published on IYA and on the Good News Hertfordshire FB page on Friday, December 3 at 12:30 (links below) - please note you will not be able to view the article until it's been published.

Good News Hertfordshire FB

group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GoodNewsHertfordshire>

IYA online hyper-local useful sign-up

link: <https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/how-do-i-create-an-account-on-inyourarea-co-uk/>

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 Parentmail. If you need to phone, please phone between 8:45-9:15. Thank you

Lunches

As we're not in school on Friday 26th, Thursday 25th will be the Friday menu of chips and pizza options.

Christmas

Secrets room letters have now gone out. We also have a raffle planned. As always if you'd like to help with anything just let me know. Can we ask that children don't send Christmas cards to each other again please. This is due to a myriad of reasons including; reducing rubbish left around school, environmental concerns, cost and parental workload. They will be making cards for their family in school.

Uniform

Please ensure everything is labelled with your child's name. Uniform should all be navy, please check the website for more information if you're unsure. This includes socks which should be plain navy or white. If you have any spare pants your child has outgrown we'd appreciate having them for our spare box, thank you.

Friday Celebration Assembly

We are inviting parents into school if their child is a BOB (best of Benington) or Star of the week, for Acorn. Each child will be able to invite two adults to watch them. You will have at least a week's notice. Please check your child's classroom window for your child's name. Willow Class information is displayed on the lobby door. This will enable us to limit close contacts. Maintaining any level of social distancing with all our parents would be very challenging. As many of you are aware, generally we're at full capacity for our assemblies. The majority of local schools are not inviting parents in at all. Please wear a mask unless you are exempt.

Office Hours

The office will be open from 8:30-2:30 every day. The answer phone will be turned on from 2:30.

COVID

Please let school know if you or your children test positive for COVID. Close contacts are advised to take a PCR test, but do not have to isolate if they are under 18 or have had two vaccines. Masks now need to be worn if you're in the building in line with County guidance.

Parentmail

All official information on FB can also be found on the website and in parent mails and the newsletters, such as dates, payments required and trips. FB is usually more for last minute reminders. Please continue to check newsletters and parent mail for information.

Support in school

Mrs Dean is running interventions for Beech and Oak on a Wednesday morning. Mrs Cotton is running interventions across the school every afternoon. In addition, Mrs Baker is also running interventions.

Doodle

We have bought memberships for every child using our Catch up money from the government. Research has shown children make huge progress when it's used daily. Please encourage your child to Doodle regularly. Oak Class are barely using this and we're considering not continuing to pay for their subscription.

Homework and Spellings

Homework is now optional in all classes except Oak. If your child completes the activities they will earn a certificate at the end of half term. Please encourage your child to at least pick a few tasks to complete. There will be no formal spelling test. Children will have spellings to learn at home. We will test informally during the half term and spend time teaching the spelling rules.

Safeguarding

Please ensure we have your most up to date permissions for photographs and your emergency contacts are up to date. I have just completed my GDPR training which helps us stay compliant.

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.

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.

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

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

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Tyler

Date	Time	Event
24.11.21	Morning	Oak Class Rye Meads Trip
26.11.21	OCCASSIONAL DAY	
02.12.21	am	Bags To School
03.12.21	9:15	Rock Steady concert Parents welcome
03.12.21	2:45-3:15	Friday Celebration If your child is a BOB you're welcome
06.12.21	10:00	Acorn Class Nativity dress rehearsal
8.12.21	2:15	Acorn Class Nativity Parents of Acorn Class welcome
09.12.21	Afternoon	Flu spray catch up session
10.12.21	8:00am	Breakfast with Santa
10.12.21	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
	5:30	Christingle Service in Church Yard
13.12.21	Morning	Secret's Room Acorn & Willow
14.12.21	Morning	Secret's Room Beech & Oak
15.12.21	12:00	Christmas Dinner Day
16.11.21	8:45	Draw raffle
16.12.21	2:00	Carol Concert in church
17.12.21	1:05	Break up
17.12.21	Evening	Carol concert in church

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14.01.22	2.45	Friday Celebration If your child is a BOB you're welcome
26.01.22	All day	Coding Day
27.01.22	All day	Coding Day
28.01.22	2.45	Friday Celebration If your child is a BOB you're welcome
02.02.22	Al day	Sublime science workshop
11.02.22	2.45	Friday Celebration If your child is a BOB you're welcome
11.02.22	3.15	Break up for half term