



'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 courage.

Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter 1st February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a snowy end to the week and the children have been very excited about playing on the field. It was wonderful to watch them making snowmen and snow angels. Please see the website and FOBS page for photos. There is a list of dates at the end of this newsletter.

Thought of the week- "I can overcome my fears"

Children who have tried hard to incorporate the *Thought of the Week* and value into their learning are Ava in Acorn, Zara in Willow, Mason in Beech and Roxanne in Oak. Well done to all our Benington Bees.

Handwriting and Presentation Workshop

The presentation and resources from this workshop are now on our website.

Reading- please help- reminder

Please be reminded of the importance of your child reading at home every night. We would also be really grateful for any help from parents to help hear children read in school. Please let the school office know if you can assist. So far we have had no volunteers.

Raising Money for the School- reminder

If you shop at Asda, you will see that Benington School is now part of the "Green Community Token Scheme." When you purchase your goods, you will get tokens (or you may need to ask if they forget) to post into our charity box, located in the store. We are one of three charities that are in the running to win money for our school. At the moment we are losing. Please support the school and tell your friends and family that if they are shopping in Asda that they could support us too.

NSPCC Number Day

This will take place next Friday 8th February. The "Oak Class Café" will run between 9-10.30. You are all warmly invited to come along and sample the delicious food that the children have made. The children's homework has been to look at all the number work involved in cooking, like weighing, temperature etc. They will then be able to use their money skills to take payments for and give change on the day. At 2.45 parents are welcome to come and see what children have been doing across the whole school. There will therefore be no celebration assembly next week, but there will be a bumper one on the 15th of February.

Snowdrop Teas

FOBS will be serving teas and cakes at the village hall on Sunday 10th February. They are looking for offers of help as well as donations. Please see Caron Jackson, Karen Mays or other FOBS members if you are able to help. This event could raise lots of money for the school.

School Finish Time

We have been advised to ensure that all of our staff leave promptly tonight, after children have been collected at 3.15. Please can I ask that children are collected promptly so that staff can get away before the roads freeze. Please leave plenty of time for your journey here this afternoon.

Attendance this week

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

Oak- 88%

Beech- 98%

Willow- 95%

Acorn- 95%

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

We are constantly striving to make improvements to the resources that we have in school, to help the children in their learning. FOBS play a big part in helping us to get the things that we simply can't afford. As you are aware, the prognosis for school budgets doesn't look good and we have to be very careful in our spending.

FOBS are currently fundraising to buy a set of iPads for the school, to help improve our Computing provision. Some of the funding is being very

kindly provided by Councillor Ken Crofton, who came to school last week to talk to us and the FOBS team. A big thank you to Mr Crofton.

If you can help us with any aspect of fundraising we would be most grateful.

Cultural Aspects of Courage

As a Church of England school we take inspiration from those who have been uncompromising in standing for justice and have been true to their Christian faith in the face of persecution. We celebrate individuals such as William Wilberforce and Elizabeth Fry who through courage and perseverance have influenced the political and social life of Britain, and those such as Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela who have also powerfully informed our values and culture.

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs Swann - headteacher

Calendar for 2019.

Thursday 17 th January – 9am	Sex-education talk to Oak Parents
Thursday 24 th January- 9 am	Parent Workshop on Presentation and Handwriting
Thursday 24 th January- 1 pm	Table tennis tournament
Friday 8 th February	NSPCC number day
Sunday 10 th February	FOBS Snowdrop teas at village hall
Thursday 14 th February – 2.45 pm	Beech Class Assembly
Friday 15 th February	FOBS School Disco Non-Uniform Day
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	Half term week
Thursday 28 th February – 2.45 pm	Oak Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March- 6pm	Storytelling evening
Saturday 16 th March	FOBS Race Night
Tuesday 19 th March	Bags 2 School
Friday 29 th March	Mother's day secrets room Rock Steady Concert
Monday 1 st April – 3.30pm	Parents evening
Wednesday 3 rd April – 5pm	Parents evening
Thursday 4 th April – 2pm	Easter Service
Friday 5 th April 1.05pm	Last Day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of Summer term
Thursday 25 th April – 1pm	Fencing Competition years 2-6
Saturday 18 th May	FOBS Quiz Night
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 3 Team Building morning
Thursday 23 rd May – 2.45	Acom Class Assembly
Friday 24 th May	Non-uniform day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half term week
Monday 3 rd June	Occasional Day – school shut
Friday 7 th June	FOBS Secret's Room – Father's Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day Bags 2 school
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th June	Wymondley Woods –Oak Class
Thursday 13 th June- 1 pm	Handball Competition
Week commencing 17 th June	Money week
Friday 28 th June – 9pm	Year 4 multi sports
Tuesday 2 nd July	Intervillage Sports
Friday 5 th July -1pm	Rounders Competition
Tuesday 16 th July – 7pm	Key stage 2 play

Wednesday 17 th July – 7pm	Key stage 2 play
Thursday 18 th July	Leavers Service in Church and yr 6 bowling
Friday 19 th July – finish 1.05pm	Last day FOBS “Fun on the Field”