



*'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 Justice



Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the newsletter for the week ending the 20th March.

School Closure

As you are aware, the school will be shut from Monday 23rd March so today is the last day for many children. It will only be open to the children of key workers. For all other children, parents will receive an email outlining initial advice and activities for children to work on. You will then receive regular updates from teachers about continued learning. Please try to support your children in their home learning and having routines will certainly help. If you have any queries please direct them to the admin@benington.herts.sch.uk email address. Please see the letter that was emailed to you on the 17th March for more information on what you can expect to receive.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Guidance for households with Coronavirus symptoms

The Government has introduced guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

Mother's Day Service - cancelled

The service in church is cancelled due to concerns about the Coronavirus.

Online Learning Links

In readiness for home learning, we have put a good selection of online learning programmes onto our website. They can be found by going to the Benington school website and selecting the "parents" tab and then "parents information" and "useful online learning links."

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

Despite the Coronavirus, the children have been very sensible and listened carefully to the advice offered by their teachers. We have been doing everything that we can to keep calm and continue with our learning. As a school, we have strong connections with other primary settings in and around the Stevenage area and we have been supporting each other with resources and ideas to help in the current climate.

The part of our mission statement that reflects the "care for all" message has certainly been lived out here at Benington. We have all tried to take care of each other and ensure that we have taken all measures to keep safe and happy.

Cultural Aspects of Justice

As a Church of England school, we believe that justice must be seen to be transparent and unbiased. Children as well as adults therefore contribute to policy making on behaviour and anti-bullying. We learn about the values that have informed our nation's justice system and the way this system functions to maintain law and order and keep us safe.

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

Oak- 94%

Beech- 96%

Willow- 98%

Acom- 88%

“True peace is not merely the absence of war; it is the presence of justice.” Jane Addams

These are very difficult and unprecedented times but we are here to help and support each other. I will keep you informed of any developments as and when they happen. Keep safe.

Mrs Swann – headteacher

Calendar for 2019/20.

Friday 20 th March	BOBS Assembly (for children and staff only) 2.45pm
Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	INSET DAY
Thursday 24 th April	Year 1 Indoor Athletics 9-12 am Stevenage Leisure Centre
Tuesday 28 th April	Handball – year 5& 6 from 1-3pm
Friday 1 st May	BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 7 th May	FOBS event for VE day
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday in lieu of Bank Holiday on 4 th May
Thursday 14 th May	Tri Golf yr2/3 1-3pm
Friday 15 th May	BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 3 team building 9-12am
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	Half term
Wednesday 3 rd June – Friday 5 th June	Wyndley Wood
Friday 12 th June	Cricket year 5 at Datchworth Cricket Club 9-3pm BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18 th June	Goal ball year 1/2 1-3pm
Friday 26 th June	BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Monday 6 th July	Yr 6 Dragon Boating at Fairlands Valley
Tuesday 7 th July _TBC	Intervillage
Friday 10 th July	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Monday 13 th July	School Play 7pm KS2
Wednesday 15 th July	School Play 7pm KS2
Thursday 16 th July	Leaver’s Service in St Peter’s Church 2pm
Friday 17th July	School Close 1.05 pm

