

*Our School value this half term is Thankfulness*

## **Benington Primary School Newsletter** **September 21<sup>st</sup> 2023**



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

Thank you for such a great turn out to our first Friday Celebration of the year.

### **Attendance**

96% overall this week

97.1% overall this year

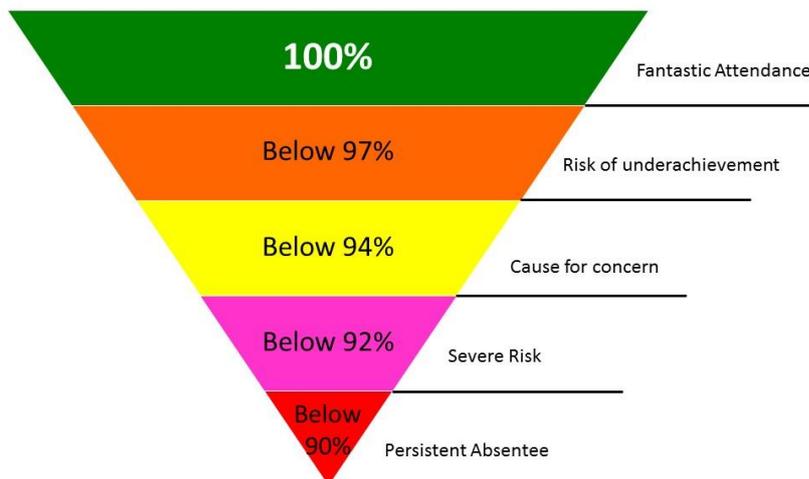
2% authorised

14% persistent absentees this year

2% unauthorised

0.2% late this year

Please be aware that term time holidays 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 have signed up to Stevenage Sporting Futures this year using Sports Funding. This will involve opportunities for the children to attend various sporting fixtures and also for workshops in school. Staff will also attend training to upskill themselves. This week they attended dance CPD.

### **Safeguarding & Health and Safety**

Please ensure you only use the slope if you need to bring buggies through, the gate post is now fixed. Please don't leave bikes in front of the boiler room, it blocks the kitchen's emergency exit.

## 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
22.09.23	1:30-3:00	New parent's afternoon	Please share this with anyone who might be interested. We're offering tours and a free bouncy castle!
27/09/23	All day	Individual and sibling photos	Georgina will be in school taking photographs of your children. These will be available to purchase.
27.09.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
27.09.23	6:00	FOBS (Friends of Benington) AGM	All welcome to see how you can support our school and celebrate all the achievements of the past year.
29.09.23	9:00	FOBS Coffee morning	A chance to have an informal chat with other parents.
29.09.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
02.10.23	All week	Harvest collection	Please bring in non perishable food donations for Feed Up Warm Up and our local elderly community
04.10.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
05.10.23	All day	Census Day	Budget set for school meals and the academic year 24/25
06.10.23	2:30	Harvest Festival celebration	All welcome into school to watch your children perform in a harvest celebration.

08.10.23	11:00	Harvest family service in St Peter's church	Choir are singing and doing readings and leading prayers. All are welcome to attend.
11.10.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
13.10.23	All day	FOBS break a rule day	Fund raiser for FOBS
13.10.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
18.10.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
19.10.23	2:50	Oak Class worship assembly	Oak Class parents welcome into school to watch a re-enactment of a bible story.
20.10.23	9:00	FOBS Coffee morning	A chance to have an informal chat with other parents.
20.10.23	All day	Oak Class Singing	Run by Music Service at Herts All Saint Church. Transport needed
20.10.23	3:15	Break up for half term	
20.10.23	Evening	FOBS adult race night	Fund raiser for FOBS