

*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 perseverance



Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter 24th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the newsletter for the week ending the 24th January.

Help with Reading- reminder

If there are any parents or family members who feel that they could spare some time listening to children read in school, we would love to hear from you. Please let the school office know if you feel that you could help in any way. Thank you.

Head lice- the problem continues

We continue to appeal to all parents to keep checking their children and comb their hair (wet or dry) on a daily basis. The only way that we can get rid of this problem is if EVERYONE is committed to the process. Just to remind you that if your child has hair that is long enough to be put up and they come to school with it loose, we will put it up. Head lice can last for up to 30 days. If we are able to observe head lice in your child's hair, we will ask you to collect them from school and treat them. They may return to school following treatment.

Allotment for School

Having spoken to FOBS at their latest meeting, we were reminded of the VE day celebration on 7th May. As part of this, and the focus during the second world war on "Dig for Victory," we thought that it would be lovely if the children could start to plant vegetables and it would be a great outdoors learning activity. We are looking for volunteers who might be able to come in and assist the children in this activity and support with maintenance of an allotment. Please let the school office know if you can help.

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

As a small village school, we are always trying to find ways to get ourselves on the map and market our school. Many people in the local area have never even heard of Benington! Last week's newsletter focused on all the wonderful things that we can celebrate about Benington. We have used this to produce a leaflet to tell others about the things that we do so well here. If you know of anyone who is looking for a small village school where everyone knows everyone and there is a strong sense of family, please let us know and we can give you a leaflet. If you can suggest any other settings in the Stevenage area where people will be looking for places in Reception (or even a move from primary school) and might be interested, then please let us know and we can drop leaflets. The leaflet shows a map of how close the school is to Stevenage and I am sure that this will come as a surprise to many people.

We are proud of our school and we want people to know all about us. As one parent commented when the school was being inspected, "The atmosphere in this calm, warm school is where everyone is valued". Another commented, "This is more than a school" and another said, "We are one big family at Benington and the feel of the community is reflected throughout the school."

Social Aspects of Perseverance

As a community, we value and celebrate perseverance, encouraging one another consistently to take one step at a time to achieve our goals. We offer a wide range of opportunities for children to work hard to achieve their goals and to work to support others from different backgrounds to foster co-operation and collaboration.

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

Oak - 95%

Beech - 97%


Willow - 92%

Acorn - 85%

"Let me tell you the secret that has led to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity" Louis Pasteur

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Swann – headteacher



Calendar for 2019/20.

Friday 31 st January	BOBS assembly
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 2 Indoor Athletics 9-12 am
Thursday 13 th February	2.45pm Beech Class Assembly
Friday 14 th February	BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half term
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	BOBS assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Indoor Athletics 9-12 am
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day Assembly and BOBS
Friday 27 th March	Rocksteady Concert – All parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd April	Church Service - Easter
Friday 3rd April	BOBS assembly 9am School finishes at 1.05pm
Monday 6th April-Friday 17th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 28 th April	Handball – year 5/6 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
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS week
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	Wymondley Wood
Friday 12 th June	Cricket year 5 all day 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
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 Church
Friday 17th July	School Close 1.05 pm