

Our School value this half term is Trust

Benington Primary School Newsletter
November 24th 2023



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

Enrichment

Beech Class led worship assembly, re-enacting the story of Elijah's Big Day. Acorn Class had a visit from the sports partnership team. We had a successful HIP visit where maths was looked at in detail. Shameem was impressed with the children's behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

Attendance

99% overall this week

96% overall this year (95% national average)

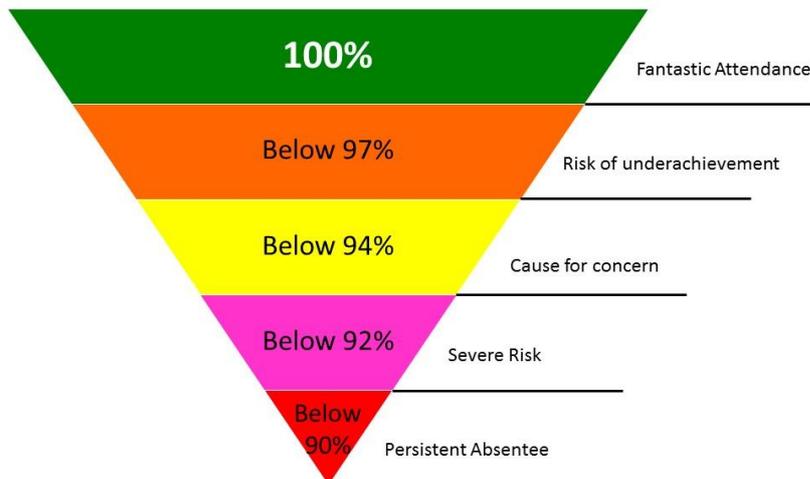
2.8% authorised

14% persistent absentees this year

1.8% unauthorised

1% late this year

Please be aware that term time holidays and low attendance 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



Safeguarding & Health and Safety

Our attendance officer visited and was pleased with the safeguarding measures we have in place to monitor children who are absent from school.

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. If your child is off sick for more than 3 consecutive days we will be asking for medical evidence.

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 |
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| 23.11.23 | 3:15 | Home football Game | Come and support the Benington Ballers |
| 24.11.23 | 9:00 | FOBS Coffee morning | A chance to have an informal chat with other parents. All welcome |
| 24.11.23 | Afternoon | Hitchin Museum workshop Oak Class | A workshop about black history to support Oak Class's history learning |
| 24.11.23 | Evening | Children's film night | FOBS run event where children watch a film and all proceeds go to the school |
| 27.11.23 | All week | Feeling Good Week | Children will take part in a range of activities to help support their mental health. Kicked off by watching the film we were involved in. |
| 29.11.23 | All day | Dance Day | Children to come into school in their PE kit for a day of dance workshops paid for with Sports Funding. |
| 29.11.23 | 8:45-9:00 | Parent/carer reading morning | Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class. |
| 29.11.23 | 2:45 | Dance celebration | Parents invited in to watch their child perform their dance. |
| 30.11.23 | Afternoon | Y2 and Y5/6 NSPCC workshop | NSPCC in to school to teach children about keeping safe |
| 01.12.23 | 2:45 | Celebration Assembly & Benington Book worms | Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements. Book tokens will be given to children who have really engaged with reading this term. |
| 04.12.23 | All week | Reverse Advent calendar | Please bring any non perishable food or toiletries into school during this week for the Food shed |
| 06.12.23 | 8:45-9:00 | Parent/carer reading morning | Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class. |
| 06.12.23 | 1:00 | Mark leading assmblly | Mark (our vicar) is coming into school to lead an act of worship |
| 06.12.23 | 2:00 | Beech Class Dance workshop | Christina Marks school of performing arts running a dance workshop with the possibility of starting a club in January |

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| 07.12.23 | Morning | FOBS Secrets Room | The chance for your children to come and choose Christmas presents for family members while raising money for FOBS. |
| 08.12.23 | 9:30 | Rock Steady Concert | Lessons before school this day as usual Please come and support your child as they perform to an audience. |
| 08.12.23 | Morning | Flu Vaccinations | Look out for more information so you can give permission for an in school flu spray. |
| 09.11.23 | 3:00 | Choir singing in Stevenage Town Centre | Please come and support our school by listening to our children sing. |
| 11.12.23 | All day | Reverse Advent starts | Bring in an item of food or toiletries for our collection for the Foodshed. You can bring items in all week to support our appeal. Thank you |
| 11.12.23 | 9:30 | Acorn Nativity Dress Rehearsal | Pre-school and any Acorn parents with younger siblings who would like to attend are welcome |
| 11.12.23 | 7:00 | Wreath making evening | Support FOBS and create your own wreath out of foliage while having a Christmasy evening |
| 12.12.23 | 1:30 | Little Red Riding Hood Panto | All the children get to watch the pantomime in school paid for by FOBS |
| 13.12.23 | 2:00 | Acorn Nativity Performance | All Acorn parents are welcome to attend |
| 15.12.23 | All day | Christmas jumper day Save the Children | Please wear Christmas clothing to support the charity |
| 15.12.23 | 8:00 | Breakfast with Santa | Please book with FOBS for a special Christmasy breakfast. We also need adults to help. No breakfast club this day. |
| 15.12.23 | 2:30 | Carol concert in church | Please join us in St Peter's Church to listen to Christmas carols |
| 16.12.23 | 7:00 | Choir singing at All Saints Church Hertford | Come and get Christmasy listening to our choir sing. |
| 19.11.23 | All day | Trampoline Day | Children need to wear PE kit for a day of trampolining paid for with Sports Funding |
| 19.12.23 | 5:00 | Christingle service | Children will make Christingles in school (everything provided by FOBS). Please bring them back to church for our special outdoor carol service, the whole family is welcome. Please bring matches to light the Christingles. |
| 20.12.23 | All day | Non-Uniform day | Please still follow basic rules, no jewellery, sensible footwear and hair up . |
| 20.12.23 | 12:00 | School Christmas dinner | Please encourage your child to have a school dinner this day. |
| 20.12.23 | 1:05 | Break up | Time to go home early for a well earned break! |