



'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 25th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another week. Where is the time going?

Thought of the week- "I can challenge myself"

Children who have tried hard to incorporate the *Thought of the Week* and value into their learning are Imogen in Acom, Kylan in Willow, Amelie and Luca in Beech and Chloë Webb-Ingall in Oak. Well done to all our Benington Bees.

Handwriting and Presentation Workshop

There was a workshop on Thursday which was delivered by all teaching staff on handwriting and presentation. Lots of parents attended this and it was good to see so much support for children's learning. We will be putting the presentation onto the website for those of you who were unable to make it. There will also be resources that parents can use to support children.

Reading- please help

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.

Non-uniform Days

There will be non-uniform days on Friday 15th February and Friday 24th May.

FOBS events

On Friday 19th July, which is the last day of term, FOBS will be hosting "Fun on the Field." This event took place last year and was a great success. Also FOBS Gameshow Night on Saturday 18th May, has been changed to a quiz night. Father's Day Secrets room will be on Friday 7th June. These changes/additions have been put on the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Raising Money for the School

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.

First Aid

As part of our drive to improve health and safety, Beech Class took part in first aid training this week. Following the training of our Oak children last week, "Keepabead" came in to school and worked with the children on valuable first aid matters.

Attendance this week

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

Oak- 87%

Beech- 96 %

Willow- 92%

Acorn- 93%

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

During our workshop on "Handwriting and Presentation" we talked about how we are adopting the cursive style of handwriting. Research suggests that learning a cursive handwriting style improves presentation. Other small schools in the local area that have adopted the cursive format have achieved outstanding results. The aim of cursive is that all lower case letters will join to all other lower case letters and the entry point is on the line. Capital letters will never join.

Fully cursive handwriting helps children to develop a muscle memory of the word as well as its formation. This will also support the learning of spellings.

Our expectation is that fully cursive handwriting will be used across all subjects including: homework books, reading records and written in pencil until children are awarded a pen licence.

As a result of these changes, we are already seeing huge improvements in children's handwriting and presentation.

We also spoke about how it is important to have a sense of pride in our work and also our surroundings. The ongoing improvements to the fabric of our school reflect this pride.

Social aspects of Courage

As a community, we explore the Christian belief that almost anything is possible because God is *for* us. We therefore encourage one another to reach our God-given potential and participate in artistic, sporting and cultural activities that take us outside of our comfort zone.

"You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."

— William Faulkner

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 Thursday 24 th January- 1 pm	Parent Workshop on Presentation and Handwriting 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 Thursday 7 th March- 6pm	World Book Day 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 Thursday 23 rd May – 2.45	Year 3 Team Building morning Acorn 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"