



'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 compassion. Next half term it will be courage.'

Benington C of E Primary School

Newsletter 30th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thought of the week- "I care about my environment."

Children who have tried hard to incorporate the Thought of the Week and value into their learning are Ava in Acorn, Thea and Lucas in Willow, Ava in Beech and Rebecca in Oak. Well done to all our Benington Bees.

Cake Sale

There will be a final cake sale after school today.

Christmas Countdown

In case you missed it last week, please find a countdown to Christmas list of dates and activities in the run up to the festive season. This is at the bottom of this newsletter. We have added one extra event to the list this week.

Photo Permission Slips and Home/School Agreement

For any unreturned photo permission slips, we are now assuming that no permission is given for any photos of your child. Please return the home school agreement as soon as possible.

Pantomime

The children will be going to Hertford theatre to see the pantomime Pinocchio on Thursday 6th December. They will be leaving Hertford to return to school at 3.45 so should be back in school by 4.15-4.30. In the interests of safeguarding, please wait on the playground, as normal, to collect your child/children when they return to school. Please do not wait at the front of the school as this can cause a bottleneck, which is dangerous.

Children in Need

The total amount raised for Children in Need was £168. Many thanks for all your generosity.

PTO/....

Nativity Arrangements

Tuesday 11th December

There will be the first official nativity performance at 2pm. This is a ticket only event and no pre-schoolers are allowed. FOBS will be serving refreshments from 1.30.

Wednesday 12th December

There will be an evening performance of the nativity at 6pm. This is a ticket only event and no pre-schoolers are allowed. Please could all children in Acorn and Willow be back in school for 5.15pm on this day, to get ready for the performance. FOBS will serve refreshments from 5.30.

Attendance this week

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

Oak-96%

Beech-96%

Willow-98%

Acorn-92%

Cultural aspects of compassion

We recognise that our nation has, throughout its history, offered a safe place for those fleeing persecution and disaster. We celebrate the rich diversity that this has brought to our culture and seek to play our part in offering a welcome to all those joining our school community, especially anyone in any kind of need.

Our Vision through our Mission Statement

We are all now looking forward to Christmas, with three major inspections under our belt in the space of less than a year. Ofsted recognised in our recent inspection that we are on a journey to be outstanding and that we have a clear vision of the future and the changes that will be made.

We constantly strive to ensure that the children are getting the best possible education, set against a strong values driven culture. We are clear about our areas for development as well as our strengths, as highlighted by our inspector. It is a very positive picture and the team are working hard together to achieve our vision. We look forward to working with you in partnership to help your children increase their life chances.

PTO/...

It has been proven that statistically parents have 6 times more impact on learning than school does! If you are unsure, please come in and ask us what you can do to support your child's learning. Please tell us if there are any areas where you would like to learn more about any aspect of your child's learning.

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. “

Dalai Lama

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Swann

Headteacher

Christmas Countdown

Sunday 2nd December – School Christmas tree goes up

Thursday 6th December – 1.30pm Panto at Hertford- “The Astonishing Adventures of Pinocchio”

Tuesday 11th December – 2pm Nativity Performance

Wednesday 12th December – 6pm Nativity Performance

Thursday 13th December– 2pm Christmas Service in St Peter's Church

Friday 14th December – A.M. Christmas jumper day, Secrets room,

Rocksteady Assembly 9am

P.M. Making Christmas decorations (parents welcome)

FOBS disco -4.45-6.45

Wednesday 19th December – A.M. Breakfast with Santa

P.M. School Christmas dinner

Panto – “The Snow Queen”

Friday 21st December - School closes 1.05pm

Christmas Carol Service in St Peter's Church – 6.30 pm

