

*Our School value this half term is Trust*

**Benington Primary School Newsletter**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**



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

**Enrichment**

OAK Class had a workshop about black history with Cass from Hitchin Museum. FOBs ran a Christmas film night. We had a whole school dance day which lots of parents came to watch. Oak and Y2 had a visit from the NSPCC. We celebrated our new Benington Book Worms. Oak Class took part in team building activities. Acorn Class have been practising their nativity play and the whole school have been learning carols for our carol concerts. Finally, choir sang to the lunch club.

We're collecting food for our reverse advent collection. We're also collecting old laptops for our cash back scheme.

**Attendance**

**We'll be giving out certificates soon for fantastic attendance this term.**

97% overall this week

96% overall this year (95% national average)

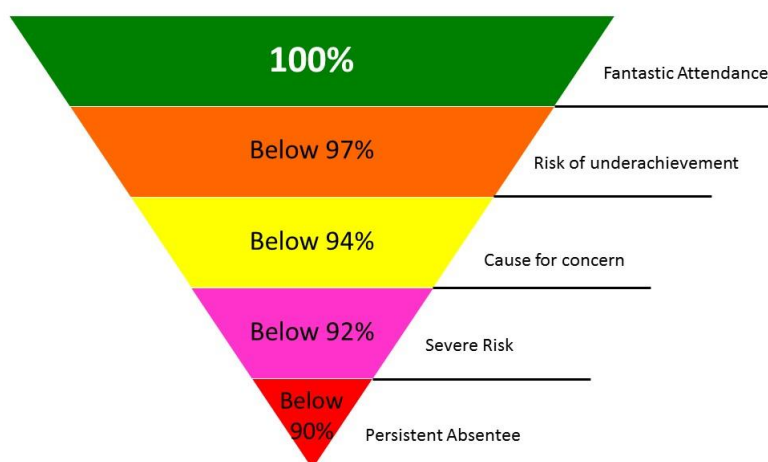
3% authorised

13% persistent absentees this year

0% 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**

The playground can get quite icy at this time of year. Please be careful and try to avoid the far side as this gets less sun.

## **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
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.
09.12.23	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 continues	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 Christmassy 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 Christmassy 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 Christmassy listening to our choir sing.
18.12.23	9:00	Assembly	Parents welcome, we'll be celebrating attendance, birthdays and bees.
19.12.23	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 Cristingles.
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!

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04.01.23	8:45	Back to school	
10.01.24	9:30	Acorn School nurse visit	School nurse checks receptoin children
10.01.24	2:00	Oak Class Judaism visit	A visit from Marianne Lederman from the Stevenage Lieral Synagogue
12.01.24	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
17.01.24	All day	Beech and Oak Coding workshop	A chance to create robots ad make them move
22.01.24	1:30-2:30	Oak Class OAA activity	Team building activities led by Stevenage Sporting Futures. Funded with sports money
26.01.24	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
26.01.24	After school	Kid's disco	FOBS led kid's disco
29.01.24	1:30-2:30	Oak Class OAA activity	Team building activities led by Stevenage Sporting Futures. Funded with sports money
31.01.24	8:50-9:45	Family maths morning Acorn & Willow	Chance to come into school and complete math's activities with your child.
01.02.24	8:50-9:45	Family maths morning Beech & Oak	Chance to come into school and complete math's activities with your child.
01.02.24	All day	NSPCC Number Day	Wear maths themed non-uniform to raise money for the NSPCC
02.02.24	2:50	Willow Class Worship Assembly	Parents invited in to watch Willow Class share a bible story
07.02.24	1:30	Willow Class church workshop – Clothes	Willow Class attend church to complete a workshop led by Mark
09.02.24	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
14.02.24		Ash Wednesday	Mark in to Ash adults and children. Parents welcome.
16.02.24	3:15	Break up for half term	Non-uniform day