

Our School value this half term is Trust

Benington Primary School Newsletter November 9th 2023



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

Enrichment

Oak Class led worship assembly, re-enacting the story of The Tower of Babel. Oak Class also went to the village hall and sang to the over 60s group. The school took part in filming for Stevenage Feel Good Week. We welcomed Kenny from the Food Shed to introduce the reverse advent calendar. Oak Class visited the church to learn about signs and symbols with Mark

Attendance

95.2% overall this week

96% overall this year (95% national average)

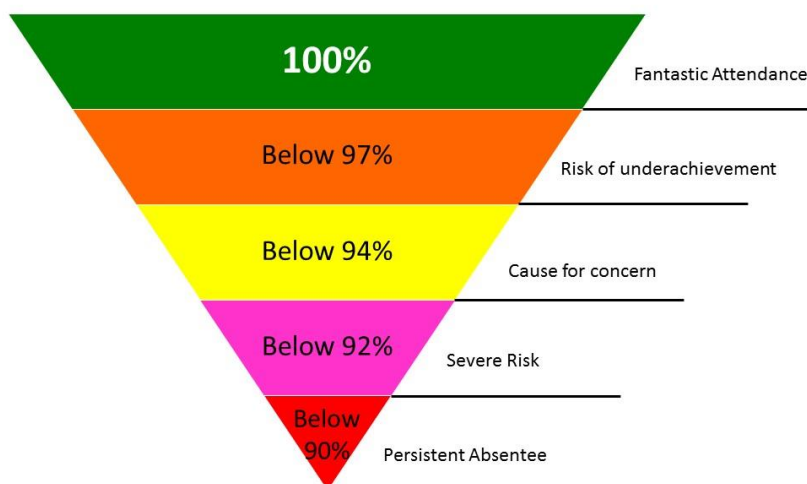
5.2% authorised

15.1% persistent absentees this year

2.1% unauthorised

0.5% 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

We had a successful county led safeguarding inspection. Our inside and outside PE equipment also passed inspection.

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
10.11.23	2:50	Beech Worship assembly	Beech Class parents invtd to school to watch their children re-enact a bible story
14.11.23	Morning	Hertfordshire Improvement Partner (HIP) visit	HIP comes into school to assess how we're doing in different areas including curriculum and safeguarding
15.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
16.11.23	Evening	Shopping evening in school	FOBS run event where you can get pre-loved clothes and raise funds for the school
17.11.23	All day	Children in Need Charity Day	Come to school in pyjamas or non-uniform in return for a donation to charity.
17.11.23	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements.
20.11.23	All day	Occasional Day	NO SCHOOL
22.11.23	8:45-9:00	Parent/carer reading morning	Come into school and share books with your child and other children in the class.
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. Kickstarted 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	2:50	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.
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 assembly	Mark (our vicar) is coming into school to lead an act of worship
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 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.
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!