

BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 9

Message from Mrs Crolla

Our value for this term is: Forgiveness

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. School has been really busy, with children thoroughly enjoying their new topics. This is topic homework term so please do look out for the submission date on your class letters.

The school, like many others has experienced the seasonal flu and other bugs. Please do keep your child at home if they have a temperature or if they have been sick. This prevents it spreading to staff and children alike.

A huge thank you to all those parents who supported us on census day. This makes such a difference to the school funding.

Key Dates

February

9.2.18 Maple Class Celebration Assembly

End of Term 3

12.2.18 – 16.12.18 Half term

19.2.18 Term 4 Begins

26th and 28th February Parent's Evenings

March

9.3.18 Chestnut Class Celebration Assembly

23.3.18 Hawthorn Class Celebration

Assembly

April

27.4.18 Sycamore Class Celebration

Assembly

Other Dates

14.5.17 Key Stage 2 Sats Week

18.5.18 Oak Class Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to:

Ash Class for the highest percentage of attendance terms 1 and 2

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners:

Beth C

Amelia S

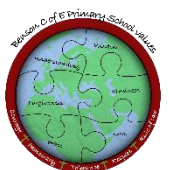
Maggie B

Kai M

Conor M

Olly H

Reighley-Tyler H



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Sickness

It is the season for colds, flu and sickness. Please stop this spreading by observing the 48 hour rule if your child is sick or has diarrhoea. Please also ensure that your child brings in their own water bottle. These can be used at any time and children are strongly encouraged to drink water during the school day.

Attendance

In line with the attendance policy, I am unable to authorise any family holidays in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For any appointments or time out of school, please complete an absence request form found on the school website. For exception=<http://www.bensoncofeprimary.org.uk/key-documents>
Where unauthorised holiday is taken, this will now be followed up with a county monitoring letter.

School Expansion

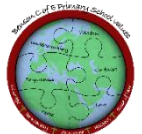
A selection of governors, members of the Voluntary Trust and I met with the new project manager this week. This meeting was to discuss where more classrooms could be built and access for site traffic during the building process. At all times the safety of the children, families and staff are considered. There is still much to be decided but we should prepare ourselves for the changes that will come whatever our feelings. As soon as there are plans to share, parents will be invited to see these.

Parent's Evenings 26th and 28th February

These seem to have come around again very quickly!
Please add these dates to your diaries. This is an opportunity for teachers to report on your child's attitude to learning, their progress and behaviour whilst providing you with the opportunity to share any concerns. Next step targets will be shared at this meeting.

Independent Learning

The spring terms are a good opportunity to encourage your child to be more independent. For younger children, this could be organising their coat, book bag and water bottle or for older children taking greater responsibility for homework. Please talk to your child about what they can't do *yet*, to encourage a next step toward independence. This will support our Growth Mindset at school and hopefully make your life easier!



Meet the staff - Mrs Reddy

My name is Mrs Reddy, previously known as Miss Berry. I am the Assistant Head at Benson and currently teach in Year 3. I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was in primary school (where I was inspired by my very tall teacher Mr MacKeigan). Therefore, I worked hard throughout primary, secondary and college and went onto complete my four Year BA Hons degree from the University of Cumbria.

After completing my degree, I moved down South and worked as a supply teacher initially and then became a permanent member of the team in a private special school for children who have social, emotional and behavioural issues. Working in this school allowed me to gain lots of knowledge of teaching in a different type of setting and build my foundations for excellent behaviour management.

After working in the private school for 4 years, I decided that I wanted to pursue my career in a mainstream setting, where I could focus on the teaching and that was when I came to Benson.

I have worked at Benson now since January 2014, where I have had the opportunity to work in Year 2 for 2 years, Year 3 for nearly 2 years and mixed Years 3 and 4 as a classroom teacher and have now been given the great opportunity to develop my leadership skills by being appointed Assistant Head this year.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with friends and travelling back to see my family. I love walking in the Lake District with my reliable furry friend Astrid and my husband.



Follow us on Twitter @BensonCofE



Teachers will **trial** this over the next term to share photos of learning or celebrate curriculum news with our followers. **Main school notices will still be shared via the School Website and text messaging service.**

For Safeguarding reasons, this is a closed group so if you wish to follow us, **please email your name and twitter handle to the office when you request via the twitter page. This just tells us who you are if we don't immediately recognise you.**

Please be patient whilst we add those requesting to follow us. We aim to share other sites that may be of interest to you as parents. Please note, no photographs of children will be shared without parental permission.





Sports and Clubs News

Wake Up, Shake Up Every Friday at 8.30am

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the recent swimming gala. You represented the school brilliantly.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. This should include a Benson t-shirt, blue shorts and well fitting trainers.

Latin Club Thursday at 3.3.0pm

Thank you to Miss Long, who has advertised a Latin Club. We have a few enthusiasts so far so watch out for latin appearing or being used around the school!

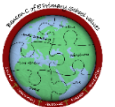
Choir Friday at 3.3.0pm

There has been an enthusiastic uptake for choir. Thank you to Mrs Tanner and Mrs Batt for organising this club. We look forward to hearing a performance soon.

FOBS News

Having a clear out over the weekend? 'Bag 2 School' is the company we use to recycle your jumble into cash for FoBS. Please deliver your bags to the school by 9am on Wednesday 31st January.

FoBS are delighted to announce that the Summer fayre will be going ahead this year. We have a new enthusiastic group of mums who are busy putting ideas together. Watch this space to find out more about how you can get involved. The date is set for Saturday 30th June.



Full Circle Sports Holiday Sports & Activity Camp



Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children age 5 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include: Trampolining, Climbing Wall, Martial Arts, Cycling, Zumba, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Dance Workshops, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 February

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

Cost: £32 per day (sibling and full week discounts available)

We are also running Focus workshops, 9.30 - 3.00pm -

Tuesday 13 Feb - Football

Wednesday 14 Feb - Climbing

Cost £35

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk



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children aged 5-12
years.

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