



Message from Ms. Drew

Another busy week at Benthal!

OFSTED report- Benthal is a 'Good' school in ALL areas

I hope you all managed to read our fantastic OFSTED inspection report. All the Benthal staff and I are really pleased that the inspection team recognised all the aspects that make Benthal so unique. The findings about high expectations of pupil behaviour for learning, working hard and the strong curriculum offer really shine through.

Leaders have high expectations of pupils and they expect pupils to work hard. Pupils meet these expectations. They do so by focusing in class and by behaving in a kind and thoughtful manner.

Pupils focus and listen carefully to their teachers. Pupils are polite and respectful towards each other and to staff. This means that pupils learn without distraction.

Leaders have designed a broad curriculum. They have ensured that pupils have time to study all subjects in the national curriculum with sufficient rigour.

It was also really lovely to read what you, the parents and carers, think about the school.

Many parents and carers commented that this is a friendly school and that pupils make friends easily.

I am also really pleased that the inspection team have acknowledged the schools hard work and success in mental health and well-being, particularly since the pandemic.

Leaders support pupils to look after their mental health. Leaders have made this a priority following pupils return to school after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff said that school leaders listen to them and consider their workload and well-being. They also said that they appreciate the range of professional development opportunities that leaders provide.

There are so many positives these are just a few chosen from the report to share with you.

A reminder to parents and carers that use the Rendlesham Road entrance- the gate opens at 8.40am however, there is no school adult supervision until staff come on duty at 8.50am. Parents and carers are responsible for their children during those 10 mins.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the last of the September sunshine.

Ms Drew



HARVEST FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023 Friday 29th September

Supporting Local Hackney Families

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival and would love for everyone to join us by bringing donations to help local Hackney families. During assembly, we will be teaching our children to think about their lives and the lives of others who have less than themselves. Please ensure donations are factory sealed, non-perishable, with a good sell by date. Items should be dried/preserved, not frozen/refrigerated: ·

- Tinned foods: soup, beans, tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding ·
- Fruit Juice (long life carton) · Fruit Squash ·
- Pasta/spaghetti/rice/couscous · Jars: jams, cooking sauces ·
- Tea bags/coffee · Sugar ·
- Biscuits/crackers · Healthy Snacks/Dried fruits

Please bring in donations by Thursday 28th September and leave them with your class teacher or in the main school office . Thank you.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

All payments for school services need to be made online via your Scopay account as the school office is cashless. This includes school dinners, Breakfast Club, Playcentre, clubs, trips and uniform items.



Please contact the School Office if you have forgotten your username or password, or need the Internet access

Reporting an absence.



All absences must be reported to the School Office via phone, e-mail or in person the same morning that the child is off school. If you are leaving a message on the answer phone, please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for the absence.

Holidays are not authorised during term time. Pupil absence requests must be made prior to any period of leave and will be considered by the Headteacher. Please collect an absence request form from the office and fill it in prior to your child's absence. You could receive a penalty notice/fine if you take your child out of school during term time.

REMINDERS:

- If your child has developed a new medical condition or allergy, please let the school office know as soon as possible and forward us the doctors' letter regarding this. If you require to arrange a meeting with our SENDCO Ms Joseph regarding your child's medical new condition, please contact the school office.
- We take pride in Benthall's extracurricular activities, which cater for all tastes and interests and help Benthall children to learn new skills and become well-rounded individuals. We still have places in Music Clubs (taking place during the school day): Guitar, Saxophone, Ukulele, Trumpet and Trombone.

If you have a question, query or a concern about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher first in order to resolve the matter. If you feel that your question, query or concern has not been sufficiently dealt with by the class teacher then please speak to Ms Nkaka if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 then please speak to Ms Williams. They are both very happy to help to resolve the matter.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We have updated Benthall's Parent Code of Conduct, which has been emailed out to you for your information.

Please take a moment to read the document to refresh yourself on expectations. As a school community it is vital that Benthall children and staff feel valued and safe in the space in which they learn and work. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Harvest Festival

29th September 2023

Autumn Term 2023/2024

6th September – 21st December 2023

Half Term 23rd–27th October

Parents Evening

9th November 2023

Christmas Break

22nd December 2023–5th January 2024

Spring Term 2023/2024

8th January–28th March

Half term—12th February–16th February

Inset Days—8th January 2024

Summer Term 2023/2024

15th April—24th July

Half Term—27th May—31st May

Inset Days 2023/24

8th of January 2023

3rd of June 2023

24th of July 2023

WELCOME TO OUR NURSERY AND RECEPTION

We would like to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and their parents to Benthall school. All children have settled well in the classrooms and are already enjoying learning and playing with their new friends.

We would like to remind parents that all Nursery and Reception children can get free extended services provision—breakfast club from 8 am to 9am and playcentre from 3.30 to 6pm, with hot meals provided. If you are interested for your child to attend, please request a registration form from the school office. We also offer Art afterschool club for Reception children on Tuesdays, 3.30–4.15pm, please e-mail the office to register your child.

