



## Message from Mrs Drew



As always, it is a busy time at Benthal. The children continue to work hard and are really focused on their learning. They are a credit to the school, of course, this

wouldn't be possible without the relentless hard work and commitment from all of the staff and the support from you. The teachers are looking forward to speaking to you about your child's progress at Parents' evening next week. Make sure you have signed up for an appointment. Some of you have already met with Ms Joseph and the feedback so far has been positive. I am looking to revamp the school website in the Summer term and would love to have some parent/carer testimonials about what you love about Benthal and why you want your child to attend here. I will be working with Ms Bryan and school council to get the children's reasons too. Look out for paper and pens at Parents' evening, at the school office, or leave a message on the phone.

It is important to me that the school community comes together to shout loud about what makes Benthal so fantastic. The world needs to know! Also I'll keep you updated on when we will be in Hackney Today. Enjoy the spring sunshine and have a great weekend!

### Dates to Remember

**Monday 25th March**  
Frylands Trip Parents Meeting 9.10am  
**Thursday 28th Mar**  
Parents' Evening

**Thursday 28th – March -Tuesday 2nd April**

Travelling Book Fair  
**Friday 29th Mar**  
KS2 Musical Show at 9.30am  
**Saturday 30th March**  
Indoor Car Boot Sale 12-3pm

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
Easter Egg competition deadline  
**Friday 5th Apr – 23rd April 2019**  
Easter Holiday  
**8th-12th April**  
Benthal Easter Holiday Play scheme  
**8th-12th April**  
Benthal Easter School, for Y6  
(by invite only)

**Friday 26th April**  
FOB Annual General Meeting  
**Year 6 SATS**  
Mon 13th-Thurs 16th May  
**Half Term**  
Monday 27th-Friday 31st May  
**Monday 3rd June**  
Inset Day  
**Last day of Summer Term**  
Tuesday 23rd July

### Assemblies

**Wednesday 27th Mar**  
Reception Singing Assembly for parents (small hall)

**Thursday 28th March**  
Drama Club Performance at 9.15am (small hall)

**Trips**  
**Wednesday 27th March**  
Year 3 to Horniman Museum  
**Thursday 28th March**  
Year 4 to Dream Centre

**Wednesday 1st May**  
Year 4 Kew Gardens  
**Friday 3rd May**  
Reception to Brooks Farm  
**Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th May**

Kench Hill Year 4 Trip

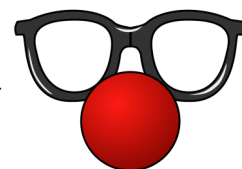
**20th-24th May**

Frylands Year 6 Trip



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank you for supporting Comic Relief Charity, your donations will help change and save lives. When you donate to Comic Relief, you're supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. We have raised £ 300.15 from selling Red Noses and £183.50 from pupils' donations for wearing red on the day. We would like to say a big "Thank you!" for your donations which will go to a good cause.



### Reminders:

- We still have spaces available for our Easter Holiday Playscheme which will take place 8-12th April. If you are interested, please pay online and fill in the form, available from the school office. We will offer children a range of indoor and outdoor activities and refreshments throughout the day will be provided.
- If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please speak to the office staff. We will do everything possible to accommodate your request as soon as possible, but it might not be possible to have the meeting on the same day. Meetings usually take place before the school starts (before 8.45am) or at the end of the school day (after 3.45pm) as at other times teachers are in class.
- Please ensure you have no outstanding balances for school services as we will not be able to offer your child a breakfast club/playcentre service or school dinner if money is owed to the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Benthal Values Certificate Winners:

**ARBUTUS**— Chloe & Hala **ASH**— Natalia and Gary **WILLOW**—Jessica & Stacy **BIRCH**—Emelia & Theo **HORNBEAM**—Abu & Anniyah **ROWAN**—Nicholas & Ayesha **MAGNOLIA**— Avri **SERRULA**—Astrid & Abdel **ELDER**—Halima & Sereise **HAZEL**—Cayanne

### School attendance

No holidays during term time will be authorised. If you take your child on holiday during term time, both parents are at risk of being issued with a penalty notice. If your child has 5 days (equating to 10 sessions of unauthorised absences) in one term, or 10 lates after 9.30am in a term, you will be issued with a penalty notice. If leave of absence for exceptional circumstances is required, please complete the form which is available from the school office. The Head teacher will consider whether or not this is authorised, on behalf of the Governing Board. Medical appointments including dental, optician and non-emergency GP appointments need to be taken out of school hours, if possible. Urgent GP appointments will require confirmation from the medical practitioner.



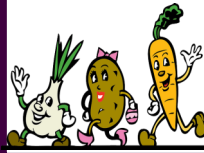
### Free School Meals

All children in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2 get free school meals, regardless of parents' income. We would encourage all children to try our tasty and healthy school lunches, which are well nutritionally balanced and include fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables, salad, dairy (milk, yoghurt, cheese), protein (meat, eggs, pulses) and starchy food (wholemeal bread, pasta, potatoes), which are essential for a healthy diet and your child's development.

However, even if your child is in one of these year groups, we still need you to apply for free meals each school year, if you're receiving benefits. This will allow school to claim important extra funding that will benefit your child and s/he can be offered subsidised trip places and Playcentre places at a cheaper rate. School gets extra funding, known as the "pupil premium" for every child registered as eligible for Free

School Meals and we can use this money for booster classes, educational trips and new afterschool clubs.

Parents of children attending nursey and classes 3 to 6 will have to pay for their meals, unless they're receiving benefits. Please speak to the office staff if you need help with the online application for Free School Meals or to check if you are eligible.



### Nursery



We made an amazing Jungle salad this week!

### Reception



Reception went to Stoke Newington book shop. We listened to a story called 'Not Lost' by John Bond. Then, we used our World Book Day token to buy our very own book!

### Year 1



In Year 1 we are growing our own bean plants. We discussed what plants need in order to grow and we are now observing and comparing how they are doing. Look at them! What do you think?

### Year 2



This week we have been researching about how to become a Knight!

### Year 3



Year 3 have been completing some fantastic Viking Homelearning

### Year 4



We had a fantastic time at the National Maritime Museum

### Year 5

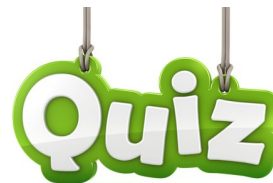


Some of year 5 have been on



a Bikeability Cycle training course this week

### Year 6



We enjoyed a quiz at Stoke Newington book shop this week

## Attendance

The winners are Hazel class with 99.2% and Arbutus with 99.3% attendance!