



## Message from Ms Drew

What a very busy term it has been and here we are the Autumn Term is nearly over. We have had so many exciting events this term from dress up days, Destination Reader & Phonic parents/carers drop-ins and workshops in early September, cake sale, Active Benthal, Magic Breakfast @ Benthal launch, new style Home Learning launch (look out on Monday for your parent feedback survey), class trips & visits, YR3 being part of the Steve McQueen photographic project, Bike ability for YR5 and lots more.

Thank you to Friends of Benthal and to those parents/carers and children who joined us for the Big Benthal Christmas Lights Switch On on Monday. Read over the page for the Winter Fair.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Benthal staff for their commitment and hard work this term. With their dedication it makes my job as Head Teacher easier. I would also like to say thank you to all the children and all parents/carers for your continued support and kind words said over this term. It really demonstrates how strong Benthal School community is. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope for a peaceful New Year.



## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday 18th Dec

After School Drama Club performance 9.00am small hall

### Thursday 20th Dec

Class Christmas Parties Afternoon

### Friday 21st Dec

Last day of Autumn Term

### Monday 7th Jan 2019

INSET Day

### Tuesday 8th Jan 2019

Pupils return to school

## Trips

### Monday 17th Dec

Nursery, Rec & YR1 panto in the small hall at 9.30am

### Tuesday 18th Dec

YR4, YR5 & YR6 Panto @ Hackney Empire

### Wednesday 19th Dec

YR2 & YR3 Panto @ Hackney Empire

### Monday 11th Feb—Friday 15th

Feb 2018

YR5 Spain, Madrid



## Reminder

Please check your child's account and clear any outstanding balances before the end of the term. Please be reminded that Breakfast & Playcentre fees need to be paid 1 week in advance and if you have any outstanding balance in January 2019 your child will not be able to use the school services.

## Curriculum

The children have all learned about the 'Christmas Story' during these last few weeks, through fabulous singing, narrating and acting. It is important that children have these opportunities to share their talents. A huge thank you to all these parents/carers that came to support the children at the wonderful KS2 Carol Concert on Tuesday and the lovely KS1 Christmas show on Friday.



## Parents Evening & SEND IEP Meeting

Thank you to all those parents/carers that attended Parents Evening last week and SEND meetings with Ms Joseph. It is really vital that teachers are able to share with you your child's progress. It was lovely to see so many of you attending the meetings. All the teachers enjoyed it too and reported that they have had successful meetings.

## Toy Appeal

Ms Bryan and Ms Cyrus took Benthal School Council last week to visit our local branch of Argos in Dalston to spend the money raised from the Toy Dress Up Day. We raised £262. They chose, reserved and paid for all the toys using the money raised. Well done to all the children. These toys will be given to local Hackney children that do not have the things we have.



## Benthal Values Certificate Winners

**ARBUTUS**— Lucas & Eleanor **WILLOW**—Amit & Stacy **ASH**— Tiannah **BEECH**—Valentina & Jasmine **ELDER**— Sonja & Carey **MAGNOLIA**—Baran & Emilia

**HAZEL**—Georgia & Daisy **BIRCH**—Rhea **HAZEL**— Lola **HORNBEAM**— Holly & Rueben **SERRULA**— Maya & Liberty **ROWAN**— Finn & Winner **JUNIPER**— Sukhmani & Elke

## The Christmas Forest

A huge thank you to 'The Christmas Forest' for donating our beautiful Christmas tree. There is a pop up shop at St Paul's Church on Stoke Newington High Street. They will be selling a fabulous selection of sustainably grown freshly cut trees.

For every tree sold, they donate to plant a tree in the African drylands through Tree Aid.



A huge THANK YOU to Friends of Benthall for organising a fabulous Winter Fair on Saturday. We had lots of parents/carers, pupils and teachers support the fundraising event and a big thank you to Davina Stevens who oversees the Winter Fair on behalf of FoB and all the parent volunteers running the stalls.

It really had a festive atmosphere with lots to do and eat. At the last count £2474.05 from the Winter Fair and £267.50 from the Cauliflower Cards was raised. This will go towards the refurbishment of the school library.



## Nursery

### Christmas Jumper Day 2018



## Reception



## Year 1



## Year 2



## Year 3



## Year 4



## Year 5



## Year 6



## Attendance

Well done Rowan class last weeks winners with 98.7% attendance