



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. I cannot believe we are in the Summer Term already, this year is certainly rushing by.

The infant playground looks wonderful with its brand new surfacing. The new infant playground equipment should be installed over half term. The year 5 & 6 toilet refurbishments have finally begun and are looking good so far. They should be finished soon. Also, I hope you all spotted the new metal sign on the fencing at the front of the school. It looks fabulous. A few school parents and grandparents have told me how lovely the school is looking, I would have to agree.

There are still lots of refurbishments and repairs continuing over this term into the Summer holiday. I'm hoping we can open the new ICT room this term. We are still at the design stages for the library and a whole new look ready for September. I will keep you updated.

Lastly, all the children came home with their Summer Term curriculum letters this week. This gives you an overview for the curriculum for your child this term. Have a great weekend and enjoy the Bank holiday. See you all on Tuesday 7th May.

PS. I am looking in the sky above the school for the swifts to arrive. They are late this year, although they have flown all the way from South Africa. If you see or hear them let me know!



Dates to Remember

Year 6 SATS

Mon 13th-Thurs 16th May

Friday 17th May

Friends of Benthal Cake Sale

Half Term

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June

Inset Day

Wednesday 19th June

Spanish lunch

Saturday 22nd June

School Summer Fair

International Evening

Friday 5th July

Wednesday 10th July

Year 6 End of Year Show 6.30pm

Friday 12th July

Peter Pan Drama workshops for Reception-Year 2

Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm

Thursday 18th July

Parents' Evening

Friday 19th July

Benthal 70th Anniversary Tea Party and dress up day

Last day of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July

Assemblies

Trips

Wednesday 8th May

Y3 Serrula trip to British Library

Thursday 9th May

Y3 Hornbeam trip to British Library

Tuesday 7th— Friday 10th May

Kench Hill Year 4 Residential Trip

20th-24th May

Frylands Year 6 Residential Trip

Friday 24th May

Year 2 to Waterworks Centre

Thursday 20th June

Year 3 to Museum of London

Thursday 11th July

KS1 Trip to Shoeburyness

Friday 12th July

Year 3-5 Trip to Shoeburyness

Friday 12th July

Year 6 End of year trip



School Nurse

If you would like to book an appointment with our school nurse, Ms Angela Onyia, you can contact her on 020 7863 4991 or email her on angela.onyia@nhs.net. Please update us on any new medical conditions your child might have developed since the beginning of the academic year.

Ms Onyia would also like to invite you to a 'Coffee morning' which will be held here at Benthal on Friday 10th May from 9-10am. If you have any concerns about your child's health or would like information or guidance about health issues, please come along for a chat.

Workshops

At Benthal, we work with Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Inclusion and Health Services. The services have offered to run workshops for parents/carers and would like to know what you would be interested in. Are you interested in learning more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities? Do you have an interest in a particular area of need, such as ASD, ADHD, Dyslexia etc? Would you like more information about SEND procedures at Benthal? Have you wondered what Speech therapy or speech and language sessions are about? Would you like to attend a workshop in Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy or any other medical need?

Please register your interest with the main office by phone or in person to allow the Assistant Head of Inclusion to organise relevant and interesting workshops for you.

Friends Of Benthal Update

Cake Sale and Summer Fair



Our next fundraising cake sale will be held in the school playground at 3.30pm on Friday, 17th May. Please leave your cakes in the school office in the morning (please no nuts).

Our fundraising Summer fair will be held this year on **Saturday 22nd June**. If you would like to hire a stall, donate prizes for the raffle, decorate the playground or help out on the day, please contact Friends Of Benthal on friendsofbenthal@hackney.sch.uk. We hope as many of you as possible can come on the day. We are currently fundraising for a new library and Key Stage 2 playground equipment, so each donation makes a difference and brings us closer to our target. We would like to say a big "Thank you" to Friends of Benthal for their continued support over years.

Reminders:

- We still have afterschool club spaces available. Unfortunately if we don't reach the minimum numbers on **Archery, Get Growing, Chess, Martial Arts, Table Tennis and Keyboard**, some clubs may need to be cancelled.
- We would like to remind you that the office is cashless. If you are having problems making online payments, please come to the school office and we will help you to reset the password.
- Please pay online for end of year trips to secure your places.
- **We have 50 Basketball play-off finals tickets for sale at £3.50 each on May 19th at the 02. Two matches are available at 1.30pm and 4pm. Please enquire in the office for more details.**
- Our school nursery is open 8am—6pm (term time only). We currently have both part and full time spaces available for September 2019. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know. Application forms are available from the school office.
- Please remember that if you do not call to inform us that your child is absent due to sickness, this will be treated as an unauthorised absence.
- Please be reminded that school finishes at 3.30pm, so if you are running late, please call the school office to let us know. Late collection charges could apply.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners:

ASH— Junaid ARBUTUS—Morayo WILLOW—Gunja HAZEL—Blue HORNBEAM—Aaliyah and Levi SERRULA—Steven ROWAN—ELDER—Siyar

Easter School

Some of our Year 6 pupils attended Easter School over the holidays in preparation for their SATS. Children worked hard and enjoyed the experience.



Easter Playscheme

Our first play scheme over Easter was a great success and the children enjoyed the range of activities on offer. We are planning to run a further play scheme for the part of the Summer holidays— from Wednesday 24th of July until Friday 2nd August. Please register your interest with the school office so we estimate the numbers. Please see the pictures from Easter play scheme below: children had fun playing games, participating in sport, cooking and showing off their creative side during art sessions.

Easter Playscheme



Attendance - Winners are Beech with 100% attendance and Arbutus with 98.6% attendance. Well done!