



## Message from Ms Drew

It's the last day of term today, I cannot believe the Spring Term is over already. All the classes have been working really hard and have been busy with trips into Central London and more locally, assemblies and concerts. It is really important to me that all children have a range of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge in creative ways.

We say goodbye to Mr. Price who has been at the school for six years. We wish him well for the future. We also say goodbye for now to Ms Pandor who is going on Maternity Leave. We will keep you updated with the news!

Thank you to all those parents and carers who completed the "What you like about Benthal?" surveys. The comments were thoughtful and wonderful to read. There were lots of acknowledgments of the creative learning for the children, the friendliness of all of the staff and the welcoming atmosphere at Benthal. They reflected how inclusive Benthal is, a sense of belonging, family and most of all a community.

Thank you again for your continued support. Happy Easter and enjoy a good restful holiday.



## Dates to Remember

**Easter Holidays**  
8th-22nd April

**8th-12th April**  
Benthal Easter Holiday Play scheme

**8th-12th April**  
Benthal Easter School, for Y6  
(by invite only)

**Tuesday 23 April**  
Pupils return to school

**Friday 26th April**  
FOB Annual General Meeting 9.15am

**Year 6 SATS**  
Mon 13th-Thurs 16th May

**Half Term**  
Monday 27th-Friday 31st May

**Monday 3rd June**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 10th July**  
Year 6 End of Year Show 6.30pm

**Tuesday 16th July**  
Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm

**Thursday 18th July**  
Parent's Evening

**Last day of Summer Term**  
Tuesday 23rd July

## Assemblies

### Trips

**Wednesday 1st May**  
Year 4 Kew Gardens

**Friday 3rd May**

Reception to Brooks Farm

**Wednesday 8th May**  
Y3 Hornbeam trip to British Museum

**Thursday 9th May**  
Y3 Serrula trip to British Museum

**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



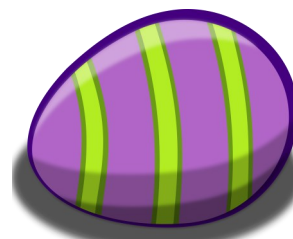
## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evening and filled in the survey. The response was very positive, please see some of the quotes below. We will use your quotes on our new website, so watch out for that.

*"Staff friendly and polite" "Community spirit" "It's very nice and friendly. My children are very well educated from it and have so many friends" "My children are learning a lot at Benthal Primary school and I am very pleased with the learning and education you're giving to my children" "Great outdoor space, Very professional and friendly teachers and staff" "My daughter enjoys going to school. There is a nice community around the school" "Motivating children, great community spirit, creative encouragements provided, emotionally nurturing" "Children helped to reach their maximum ability without overstretching them" "Good community school. Good mix of pupils reflecting community"*

## Easter Egg Competition

The painted/decorated Easter Egg competition was again very successful. Have a look at the winners on the other side.



## Reminders:

- **Benthal Easter playscheme starts on 8th April.** If you would like your child to attend, please speak to the office staff, we still have a few spaces available.
- **Please ensure you make an advance payment for playcentre, breakfast club and dinners before your child returns to school after the Easter holidays.** Your child will not be able to use any school services if you have any outstanding balance. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. All payments should be made online at least one week in advance before using the service.
- **We now have playcentre and breakfast club spaces available for summer term,** please pick up an application from the school office if you would like your child to attend. Playcentre is open 3.30-6pm and breakfast club is open 8-9am. We accept payments by Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare account transfers and online payments.
- **As it gets warmer, we have uniform summer dresses on sale from the school office.** We currently have all sizes, so please come to see the designs. Please pay online and collect from the school office.
- **Please remember to book afterschool clubs for your child for summer term,** we have a range of great new clubs including clubs such as gymnastics, street dance, cricket, tennis and more! Please pay online and return the form to the school office.

## Benthal Values Certificate Winners:

ASH— Isabelle ARBUTUS—Beray WILLOW—Shae BIRCH—Ibrahim BEECH—Uma HAZEL—Isiah & Keyaan HORNBEAM—Alyssia and The Class SERRULA—Aaisha & Emmanuella ROWAN—Ayesha, David & Dylan ELDER—Halima & Ezra MAGNOLIA—Abdul JUNIPER—Darius

### School Clothing Grant for Secondary School

Your child can get a clothing grant if they are transferring from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7). To qualify, you must be a Hackney resident and getting one of the benefits below:

Income Support

Income-based jobseeker's allowance,

Child tax credit and getting no more than £16,190 a year

Working Tax Credit

Guarantee element for pension credit

Income-related employment and support allowance

Universal Credit with a new earnings threshold of £15,400 a year.

#### **How to apply**

Apply when you get the secondary school transfer letter/email with an offer from Hackney Learning Trust. Applications should be made online before 30 June. The clothing grant is still available for Year 7 pupils who have started secondary school from September 2017 and meet the eligibility criteria above.

The grant will be paid in £100 vouchers. These can only be exchanged for school clothing. If you need help with the application, please speak with the school office staff.

### SCHOOL NEWS

- Rowan and Willow classes have had the **best attendance** in the Autumn/Spring terms. Rowan's attendance was 98.2% attendance and Willow's — 97.4% . As a reward we arranged a trip for them to a Zap Space trampoline park in Stratford this week. Children had an amazing day out and we would like to congratulate both classes on having the best attendance. I wonder who will be going trampolining in the Summer Term?
- **Benthal Football team** took part in a football tournament with Baden Powell and Parkwood school team on 3rd of April. Harold said "Although they didn't win, they represented the school well and showed excellent team spirit" That's what we like to hear!
- **Magic Breakfast Bagel Bar.** All parents/carers and children are invited to come to the Playground Bagel Bar on 23/04, 5/05, 23/05 and 13/06 at 8.45am.

# Easter Egg Competition 2019

Nursery Winners and runners up.



Reception Winners and runners up.



Year 1 Winners and runners up.



Year 2 Winners and runners up.



Year 3 Winners and runners up.



Year 4 Winners and runners up.



Year 5 Winners and runners up.



Year 6 Winners and runners up.



Attendance - Winners are Ash Class with 98.6% and Birch Class with 100% attendance. Well done!