



Message from Ms Drew

A big thank you to all the children and staff that came dressed as a toy today. We had lots of donations of £1. The school council will now get busy with the Argos catalogue to choose toys for a range of ages. Well done everyone for participating, you looked fantastic!

We have also had a great response to Magic Breakfast @ Benthal last week. More children are coming now but it would be even better if more did. Look out for your reminder letters to ensure your child can have a tasty healthy breakfast to start the day right. I am still looking for volunteers that can spare 30 minutes once a week to run a session during breakfast time. Can you share your skills in yoga, mindfulness, dance/art then I would really love for you to

share your expertise, email
pa@benthal.hackney.sch.uk.

Finally, remember the BIG Benthal Christmas Lights switch on 4pm on Friday 7th December in the courtyard. Come along and join in the festive fun with mince pies, hot chocolate and singing. Hope to see you there, have a great weekend.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 5th December

Parents Evening for Rowan Class

Thursday 6th December

Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 7th December

Big Benthal Christmas Lights Switch On at 4pm

Saturday 8th December

Benthal Winter Fair from 12.30pm

Tuesday 11th Dec

KS2 Carol Concert @ 2pm

Thursday 13th Dec

Christmas lunch & wear a Christmas Jumper too!

Friday 14th Dec

KS1 Christmas Show

Friday 21st Dec

Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th Jan 2019

INSET Day

Trips

Wednesday 12th Dec

YR4 V & A Museum

Monday 17th Dec

Nursery, Rec & YR1 panto in the small hall

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

Reception Class Applications

The reception class application deadline is 15th January. We are offering parents application support sessions on Tuesday 4th December, 9.15-10.00 and Thursday 6th December, 3.45-4.30. There is no need to book, please report to the school office on the day.

Curriculum

The children participated in this terms Enabling Enterprise Challenge day last week. The children had to set up companies to design and make festive cards. They learned how to co-operate and work as a team, be excellent problem solvers and think creatively (our Benthal values in action!) It was a fantastic experience. They did very well. The children will now be selling their festive cards at the Winter fair. Look out for the stalls on 8th December.



School Uniform

Thank you parents/carers for making sure that children are wearing their school uniform. They all look very smart. However, we have noticed a small increase in trainers being worn. Black shoes only please. Trainers for PE lessons.

We will do another lost property collection table before the end of term, please check if you have misplaced anything.



Safeguarding

You may have noticed that some of the junior playground equipment has been cordoned off. Unfortunately many of the wooden structures have become rotten and they have now become dangerous. To ensure all the children are kept safe we will have to remove it. We will be looking at replacing but this will not be immediately. Instead we will make sure the children have lots of other equipment to play with. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Reminder

If your child has developed new allergies since last academic year or is new to the school and has allergies, please let the office staff know. If your child has asthma, please ensure that the school has asthma pumps and medication, which is in date.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ARBUTUS— Mercedes ASH— Ayesha BEECH—Michael ELDER— Anant MAGNOLIA—Esma

HAZEL— Lola HORNBEAM— Deisy SERRULA— Deniz ROWAN— Amari JUNIPER— Maya

Benthal Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers, as you have noticed, we have stopped circulating Benthal fortnightly paper newsletter due to trying to be more "green" and make efficiency savings. Please ensure you check the newsletter on the school website, we will send all parents a text to let you know a new newsletter is there! We would also like to circulate the school newsletter by e-mail to all parents, so if you have not provided your e-mail address to the school office staff, please do so as we will start a newsletter e-mail circulation from January 2019.

We still have a small number of paper newsletter copies available to parents from the school office, please ask if you do not have an e-mail or Internet access and would like one.



Winter Fair-8th December

The date for our annual fundraising winter fair is fast approaching. If you would like to help with organising the fair or on the day, please let Friends of Benthal know

(friendsofbenthal@benthal.hackney.sch.uk).

We are also offering pitches for hire on the day, so if you know somebody who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with Friends of Benthal or the school office. We hope as many of you as possible can come on the day and have a lovely fun-filled Saturday day out for the whole family, bring your friends too!

Parents' evening

Please be reminded to book a slot to meet with your child's teacher on Thursday 6th of December, using the online link you were sent by text. You can also add a note or change your slot if you need to, using the same link. Thank you.

Nursery

Winter Toy Appeal 2018



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Attendance

Well done Rowan class last weeks winners with 100% attendance