



Message from Ms Drew

This will be my last newsletter of the academic year. It has been a fantastic year for Benthal and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Headteacher of the school. The children's eagerness to learn and focused attitudes have been complimented upon many times across the year by visitors from the borough and out and about on trips. I feel very privileged and proud to be leading such a fantastic school.

I would also like to thank the staff for all their continued hard work and commitment to the school. Whilst we say goodbye to three teachers, we are equally excited about the new staff joining us in September.

Finally, a thank you to you for your continued support and commitment to myself, the staff and the children. I am certainly looking forward to the new year ahead and driving my continued vision of all children having the opportunities for 'Irresistible Learning' at Benthal.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer, I will be having a good rest too and see you all in September.

Dates for Next Year

Autumn Term Starts
Wed 5th Sept

Meet the Teacher (for parents/carers)
Wed 12th September
5-6pm

FoB Welcome Picnic@ Hackney Downs Park
Fri 14th Sept



Trips

Reception Clissold Park

Tues 17 July @ 9.30

Year 2 Discover Centre

Wed 18 July @ 10.00

Year 3, 4 & 5

Clacton - on - Sea @ 8.30

Thur 19th July

Assemblies

Year 6 Graduation & Prize Giving

Wed 18th July 6:30 pm

Curriculum

Calling all parents/carers of children in the juniors. We will be having an open visit for you to come and see our reading lessons in action. 'Destination Reader' is the approach we use to teach reading. Look out for the dates early next year! Come along and see how your child is taught to understand what they are reading .

Safeguarding

We have noticed an increase in dogs being brought on to school premises. Whilst it is lovely for a few children to be greeted by a family pet at the end of school, we do have many children and families that are not so confident around dogs.

It is my responsibility to make sure everyone feels happy and safe when coming in to the school grounds. Therefore, I must insist that dogs are not brought into school, including the playground from now on. I hope you understand.

Office Notices

Parents must make sure all school accounts have been cleared

Please Note

The office will be going cash less from September 2018



Benthal Values Certificate Winners
ARBUTUS Zainab **BEECH** Pa Musa **HAZEL** Rico
HORNBEAM Lydia **ELDER** Destiny **JUNIPER** Theo



Summer Holidays Mon 23rd July - Tues 4th Sept
Autumn Term starts Wed 5th Sept 9am Start



Class Parties

Years 3-5 Tuesday 17 July

Year 6 Wednesday 18 July

EYFS and KS1 Thursday 19 July



You child is welcome to bring an outfit to change in to for the party.



Please bring in some snacks/drinks/food



STRICTLY NO FOODS THAT CONTAIN NUTS

Fob Summer Fayre

Friends of Benthall raised £2026.36 at the Summer Fayre!

A huge thank you to those parents/carers that organised and ran stalls, and to all the visitors that came. It was a great afternoon and has really helped to boost school funds. If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact Vicky, Chair of FOB on friendsofbenthall@benthall.hackney.sch.uk

Democracy Week

The Tough Speakers Party

S.E.A Party (Save Enhance Achieve)

Civil Party

Passionation Party



Four parties were created on Monday. Each party came up with 3 pledges; 1 for Benthall, 1 for Hackney and 1 for the World.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw KS2 classes getting creative making banners and posters ready to support each party during their first hustings with each candidate making their final speech. Votes were made in specially designed booths so children and staff had a real voting experience! Friday, our cabinet was formed

Benthall Does The Musical!

The Key Stage 2 singing group were fantastic on Friday morning. I had many parents/carers



coming up to me to congratulate the children. It was a fantastic show! Look out for the next one in the Autumn Term.

School Improvement

We will be having some improvements made in the school over the summer holiday. Please can I ask that the yellow bike rack by the music hut is completely empty by 4pm on Friday as it is being moved. Also, some of the old wooden infant playground equipment has to be removed. Have a think about what you would like in it's place. I will be asking you during the Autumn term.

Attendance

Well done Arbutus class, this weeks winners with 98% attendance