



## Message from Ms Drew

This Autumn term has flown by. I cannot believe that it is over already. It has been very busy from dress up days, visitors from the Dog's Trust, gardening, Big Benthal Light Switch On, the Winter Fair, cake sales, concerts, wearing Christmas jumpers and so much more. The Spring Term diary is filling up already. Please check this first set of dates, especially Yr4 who will be going to Kench Hill residential in the Spring Term. Lots more details for this trip at the meeting on Wed 10th Jan at 6pm. Children must bring their parents/carers.

I would like to thank all the Benthal Staff for their commitment and hard work this term and to the children and all the parents and carers for their continued support. It reaffirms how wonderful and strong Benthal School community is. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



### Dates to Remember

#### Start of Spring Term

Thurs 4th Jan

#### Fluoride Varnish

Rec & Year 1

Thurs 18th Jan

#### Year 4 Kench Hill

#### Parent Meeting

Wed 10th Jan

6:00 pm

#### Spring Half Term

Mon 12th Feb -

Fri 16th Feb

#### Parent's Evening

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Wed 21st March

#### Easter Holidays

Thur 29th Mar -

Fri 13 Apr

### Assemblies

9:15am

Large Hall

#### Hazel Class

Fri 26th Jan

#### Beech Class

Fri 2nd Feb

#### Birch Class

Fri 9th Feb

#### Willow Class

Fri 23rd Feb

#### Hornbeam Class

Fri 2nd March

#### Serrula Class

Fri 9th March

#### Juniper Class

Fri 16th Mar

#### Magnolia Class

Fri 23rd Mar

## Safeguarding

Thank you for attending the SEND Individual Education Planning (IEP) meeting for your child.

There was a high rate of attendance and the feedback has been good. It would be very helpful for me to have the parent survey forms back in order to improve the service we are able to provide for you and your child.

If you were unable to attend the SEND IEP meeting for your child, please would you be kind enough to return a signed copy of the plan back to school by 5th January 2018. **Jill Joseph - SENco.**

## Curriculum



The children have all learned about the Christmas Story during these last few weeks, through fabulous singing, narrating and acting. It is important to us all at Benthal that children have these opportunities to share their talents. A huge thank you to all those parents and carers that came to support the children in their performances. I have never seen the large & small hall so busy!

## Office Notices

Did you know you can pay for Dinners, Playcentre & Breakfast Club online ?

Ask the office for an access letter



**Please make sure all school services are paid for by the start of the new term.**

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

from the team in the office!

## Benthal Values Certificate Winners

**ASH** Keisha **ARBUTUS** Syrus & Natali **WILLOW** Eray & Azra **BIRCH** Philomena & Frances

**BEECH** Clementine **HAZEL** Shae & Gunja **HORNBEAM** Jackson **SERRULA** Jasmine

**ELDER** Aaliyah & Seyitan **ROWAN** Summer & Long **JUNIPER** Ayesha & Harsika **MAGNOLIA** Dilek & Cameron

Reminder to contact the office regarding change of contact details

## Toy Appeal

Ms Nkaka & Jaydean took Benthall School Council last week to visit our local branch of Argos at Dalston to spend the money raised from the Toy Dress Up Day. 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.



## Book Fair

Thank you to every one who came to the book fair. We made £932.22. This means that we get £932.22 worth of books for free!

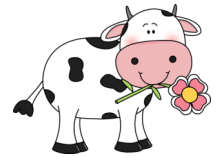
What a result!

The next book fair will be in March!



## Nursery & Reception @Panto

**"Muriel the cow was funny!"**



## Year 1 @ Panto

**"My favourite part was when Jack went to the Giants castle because it was very scary!"**



## Year 2 @ Panto

**"My favourite part was when the Giant said 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum' "**



## Year 3 @ Panto

**"We loved all the costumes and songs. It was brilliant!"**



## Year 4 @ Panto

**"I loved the cat, It was really funny!"**

**"I really like the modern songs!"**



## Year 5 @ Panto

**"The best bit was when the Queen threw sweets at us !"**



## Year 6 @ Panto

**"We had a bright and magical afternoon, we loved it when they went to the ball"**



## Attendance

Well done Rowan & Beech class this weeks winners with 100 % attendance

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