



Message from Ms Drew

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fantastic few weeks, a real positive start to the new academic year. I would like to thank all the parents, carers and children that have spoken to me with such kind words of encouragement and support in my new role. The children and staff have been very busy already from orienteering to a treasure hunt, have a look at our photos overleaf. We will be having lots of exciting events happening this term to celebrate the school community. The first will be Stay & Play (see overleaf for dates). FOB also have a cake sale planned soon watch this space. Thank you to the parents/carers that came to our Meet the Teacher evening this week. Your child would have been given a curriculum newsletter sharing all the creative learning that will be taking place in the class this term. EYFS is next week.

I have to report some sad news at the sudden passing of Miss Emma Kelty, Head Teacher at the school five years ago. Our older children and their parents may remember her. Our thoughts are with Miss Kelty's family at this sad time.

Dates to Remember

Afterschool Clubs Start

Mon 25th Sept

Meet the Teacher EYFS

Wed 27th Sept

Reception

Settling in Review

Thurs 12th Oct

INSET day

Fri 20th Oct

Half Term

23rd - 27th Oct

Parents Evening

Tues 5th Dec

Last Day of Term

Thurs 21st Dec

Finance

Please note that all school services; Dinners, Playcentre & Breakfast Club need to be paid 1 week in advance. Payments can be made in cash or cheque through the office or online. (Ask the office for details to pay online) Afterschool Clubs must be paid in advance or your child will not be able to start.



Safeguarding

We have noticed some children bringing in nuts to eat as a snack or part of their packed lunch. Please can we remind parents that we have many pupils that have severe nut allergies so we are a nut free school.

Just a reminder, if you wish to speak to the office staff please can we ask parents and carers to use the main entrance and not walk through classrooms or across the small hall. Thank You.

Curriculum



A BIG thank you to all those parents and carers that came to help with clearing weeds from the beds and borders on Wednesday and Thursday after school. We can now think about what we can plant and how the garden can be used in the curriculum.



Also it was lovely to see so many donations from families as part of our Harvest Festival.

The teachers are following this up in circle time with being thankful for all the things we have and others so little: Thank you again.

Uniforms

The children continue to look smart and ready to learn in their school uniforms. Please remember children need to wear black school shoes not trainers (except for PE).

Jumpers are not yet in stock, the office will send a message to parents when they are available.

We have Book Bags on sale for £4. If you would like to purchase a book bag please speak to the office staff.



Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ASH - Josh ARBUTUS - Ameeran WILLOW - Ayesha BIRCH- Harry BEECH - Tre HAZEL- Tayyibah
 HORNBEAM - Nifemi SERRULA- Anna ELDER - Sophie ROWAN- Summer
 JUNIPER - Suraya MAGNOLIA - Abubakker

Reminder to contact office regarding change of contact details

Benthal Family Singing and Music Club

will start up again from
next **Friday 29th Sept**
Miss Louise G says
"Come and join in with
your little ones."
Every **Friday 9- 9:45am**
in the music hut



Stay and Play Thursdays

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm
Whilst the nights are still
light we would like to
invite you to Stay and Play
Thursday 28th Sept
Thursday 12th Oct
Thursday 2nd Nov



Secondary Transfer Drop-In

5:00 – 5:30

If you would like help with
your secondary school appli-
cation please sign up via the
school office.

Tues 26th Sept
Fri 29th Sept
Thurs 12th Oct



Friends of Benthal
are having their first
meeting of the new
academic year on

Friday 6th October at 2.45 pm
in the small hall.
This is an opportunity for new
parents to find out about FOB
and exciting events ahead.
Please come along and see
where you can help.

Year 6



Arbutus and Ash went
Orienteering at
The Queen Elizabeth
Olympic Park.

Year 5

In Year 5 maths we have
been using resources to
make sequences and find
the term-to-term rule.
Can you work this one out?



Year 4

As archaeologists, we went on
a hunt around the school and
discovered these hidden treas-
ures! Now we are ready to
learn about Ancient Egypt.



Year 3

Year 3 are working on the
project Early Man - one
class met an early woman
called Tamesbuga at the
Museum of London.



Year 2

In Year 2, Rowan and Elder Class have
been making rockets to kick-start their new
topic *The Brave and the Bold*, which starts with
looking at astronaut Neil
Armstrong and his crew.



Year 1

We went on a treasure
hunt to look for objects
related to our topic
'Celebrations'



Reception

In Reception we ate
gruel like Oliver
Twist, and now we
are making our own
glorious food!



Nursery

We are all settling in
nicely in Nursery and
have made caterpillars
based on our story *The
Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



Attendance

Well done Rowan class this week's winners with 100%