

ISSUE 01

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BENTHAL



NEWS

Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all had a lovely and restful summer holiday. It was lovely to see all the children and parents starting the new school year. I am very excited about being Benthal's new Headteacher. Going into my 4th year here at Benthal, I know the school very well and I have worked hard in contributing to the amazing school that we have today. We secured a 'Good' OFSTED rating last September and I want to ensure that Benthal maintains high standards for your children. I want Benthal to become a beacon school in the middle of Hackney where other schools look to us as a measure of their success. This can only happen with the continued hard work and commitment from all of us at Benthal to ensure that we deliver high quality lessons, maintain high expectations and standards, ensure that all children have equal access in all that we do and that the children feel happy and safe. Of course we need your continued positive support in order for us all to give the children at Benthal the best possible start to be valuable citizens of our community. I am looking forward to this year.

Dates to Remember

Meet the Teacher

KS1 & KS2

Tues 19th Sept

EYFS

Wed 27th Sept

INSET day

Fri 20th Oct

Half Term

23rd - 27th Oct

Parents Evening

Tues 5th Dec

Last Day of Term

Thurs 21st Dec

Finance

Dinners are now
£2.25 per day or
£11.25 per week
in advance.

Reception to Year 2
receive
Universal Free
School Meals



Safeguarding

To ensure the health and safety of the children and staff the school gates will open at 8:30am and will be locked at 9:05am, in the afternoon they will open at 3:15pm and will be locked at 3:45pm. To further ensure the safeguarding of the children and staff at Benthal parents and carers picking up their child from play centre will now need to wait at the play centre entrance whilst staff bring their child to them. I'm sure you will agree with me that these measures will make the school far more secure.

Curriculum

We will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday 19th September at 5:00pm for KS1 & KS2 and Wednesday 27th September for EYFS. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about expectations and what exciting and creative learning your child will experience this year. We will be having a parent's evening later on in the term where you will be able to discuss your child's attainment and progress. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher before then, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Harvest festival will be coming soon look out for the flyer.



Uniforms

All the children look very smart and ready to learn in their school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform this also includes black school shoes. We are expecting a delivery of Jumpers and Cardigans in sizes - 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 & XXS. We will keep parents informed. Please also ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit for their PE Lessons.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ASH - Melissa **ARBUTUS** - Tafari **WILLOW** - Pharrell **BIRCH** - Emma **BEECH** - Lucas **HAZEL** - Scarlett

HORNBEAM - Ummayah **SERRULA** - Idalia **ELDER** - Karima **ROWAN** - Ridwaan

JUNIPER - Ayesha **MAGNOLIA** - Sonja

Reminder to contact office regarding change of contact details

Help Wanted!

We would like to start the year by making the outside areas attractive as possible. If you are available to do some weeding and clearing in our raised beds, please stay behind after school on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st for half an hour. We can provide you with gloves and trowels, but if you have your own please bring these along. Come and meet the SLT in the infant playground.
Hope to see lots of you there.

SEND Professional Drop-In

Friday 29th September

9:00 am -10:30 am

Parents are invited to a SEN professional Drop - In to meet the services who support our school. Such as Educational Psychologist , Speech and Language and the School Nurse.

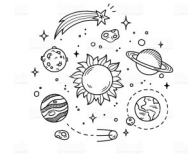
In Year 6 our topic this term will be

Light and Electricity



In Year 5 our topic this term will be

Earth and Beyond



In Year 4 our topic this term will be

Ancient Egypt



In Year 3 our topic this term will be

Early Man



In Year 2 our topic this term will be

The Bold and The Brave



In Year 1 our topic this term will be

Celebrations



In Reception our topic this term will be

All About Me



In Nursery our topic this term will be

Marvellous Me



Attendance

Well done Serrula class this weeks winners with 98%