



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. The children have returned looking very smart in their uniform and all ready for learning.

As you can see the 'Portakabin' finally arrived! I can now begin the process of overhauling the library to enable us to have Benthal Family Library up and running in the Spring Term. We also had further maintenance work including walls rendered and repainted at the front of the school and the courtyard tidied up, it looks really smart. We also had a tree surgeon in as the Arbutus tree was becoming heavy and dangerous. I know it looks really clipped but it will grow back and will look even more beautiful. It is a rare tree and we need to look after it. Finally, we will be launching our new look Breakfast Club, Magic Breakfast @ Benthal is coming soon, look out for a flyer with details. On our launch day I invite you all to come to breakfast!



Have a great weekend!

Dates to Remember

Monday 19th Nov
Magic Breakfast @
Benthal Launch

Tuesday 27th Nov
Reception & YR 1
Floride Varnish
Application

Wednesday 5th December
Parents Evening for Rowan
Class

Thursday 6th December
Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

Friday 7th December
Big Benthal Christmas
Lights Switch On at 4pm

Saturday 8th December
Benthal Winter Fair from
12pm

Tuesday 11th Dec
KS2 Carol Concert @ 2pm

Friday 14th Dec
KS1 Christmas Show
9.30am

Monday 17th Dec
Nursery, Rec & Yr 1 panto in
the small hall

Tuesday 18th Dec
Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 Panto @
Hackney Empire

Wednesday 19th Dec
Yr2 & Yr3 Panto @ Hackney
Empire

Friday 21st Dec
Last day of Autumn Term

Assemblies

Friday 9th Nov
Hornbeam Class at 9.15am

Trips

Friday 16th Nov
YR 3 British Museum

**Monday 11th Feb—Friday
15th Feb 2018**
YR 5 Spain, Madrid

New Style Home Learning at Benthal

A big thank you to those parents/carers that attended the Homework Workshop to launch our new style home learning. Reading, talking and creating. We will ask you for some feedback later on in the term. All children for Year 2-6 should have a home learning project book which contains a 6 week cycle of home learning with deadline dates every 2 weeks starting from next week.



Office Notices

Parents are reminded the office is cashless and all payments should be made online using your child's Scopay account. If you need help to register, please speak to a member of the office staff.

Please make sure all school services are paid in advance to avoid your school services being suspended. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Attendance at Benthal

We have set ourselves a challenging target of having 96.3% whole school attendance by July next year.

Every half term I will announce the class with the best overall attendance and they will have an exciting treat and celebrate together. Eight classes were above 96.3% for the last half term. However, we can only have 1 winning class. This class had 98.9% attendance and that class was **WILLOW**. Well done to the children and Ms Levy and Ms Haffeji.



Which class will have the best overall attendance this half term?

Please remember all unauthorised holidays will now incur an automatic fine.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ARBUTUS— Frances & Red **ASH**—Llaf **WILLOW**—Sadife & Tom **ELDER**—Janiyah & Jannat **MAGNOLIA**—Avni & Zelat

HAZEL— Jasmine & Hawabibi **HORNBEAM**— Ridwaan **SERRULA**— Nyi-Ala & Aaisha **ROWAN**— Rosy & Kaiya **JUNIPER**—Iqra & Khadija

Stalls for the Christmas Market at Benthall Winter Fair



As part of the Winter fair we will be holding our first Christmas Market in the courtyard at the front of the school. You can hire a pitch for £30. We are looking for local, small enterprises that would like to rent a pitch and sell all kinds of seasonal treats, gifts and goodies. If you are interested or know someone who might be then please email: friendsofbenthall@benthall.hackney.sch.uk. A member of FOB will get back to you.

Reminders

Cauliflower Cards deadline is on **Friday 9th November 2018**. Please bring your order form and exact cash/cheque to the office.

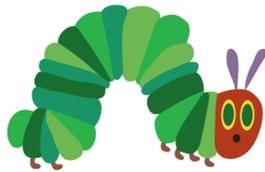
School photos deadline is on **Monday 12th November 2018**. You can order the photos online or you can drop the form and the exact cash/cheque to the school office. Thank you.

Hire of School Halls

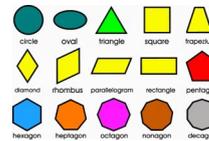
We are pleased to let you know that the school halls are now available for hire out of school hours (evenings, weekends and school holidays). For more information, booking form and the prices please enquire in the school office.

Nursery

This week we have been learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar!



Reception



We have been learning about different 2D shapes. Look out for your shape challenge on Tapestry!

Year 1



We learnt about Aretha Franklin a famous singer with a beautiful voice!

Year 2



We learnt about Rosa Parks and her famous bus boycott story.

Year 3

We learnt about Harriet Tubman, she was an American abolitionist and political activist.



Year 4



We learnt about Martin Luther King.

Year 5



We learnt about Neil Degrasse Tyson.

Year 6



We learnt about Jesse Owen the famous American Olympian.

Attendance

Well done Elder class week beginning 15th October 2018 winner with 99.2% attendance