



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th July 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school,

Last weekend was a terrific one for all the amazing PTFA supporters who took part in the Buckingham Palace to Bentley Bike Ride. A huge well done to the super cyclists, organisers and PTFA members who made it such a special event. Thank you to everyone who donated. It is very much appreciated. We hope that all the cyclists (and their bodies!) are now well recovered and will be out and enjoying their bikes again this weekend...perhaps for a shorter ride this week in less heat!!! It was **very** exciting to be here at 'base camp' and get the regular updates from our super staff members Sonia Siers and Sam Kirby as to where they were and how well everyone was doing. When the hardy cyclists arrived back with the children who cycled them in' it was a brilliant moment. I know that I speak on behalf of everyone when I say how impressed and proud we were of **all** the cyclists for their camaraderie and effort, as well for their charitable commitment to support our school. A big well done!

It has been a busy and successful week of learning at school with lots packed in from French day to school visits to some fun water play yesterday. Staff have been delighted by the enthusiasm and continued levels of active learning as we start to head towards the summer holidays after a positive year of progress and attainment. Well done everyone! Keep it up - we are nearly there!

In each year group there has been much to celebrate...

- Year R have their special Teddy Bears picnic today
- Year 1 have wowed us with their super maths reasoning skills
- Year 2 have been writing great Man on the Moon stories
- Year 3 have been having an animal themed week listening to Carnival of the Animals and learning about different birds
- Year 4 have been getting excited about our local area with geocaching
- Year 5 have taken part in our very own Bentley Masterchef competition!
- Year 6 have wowed us with their amazing Andersen shelters

Have a super weekend with plenty of **rest** to complete the last full week of learning next week. Good luck to all of those entering the Bentley Flower Show and enjoy the Year 2 and 3 Maypole dancing if you are able to make it.

Yours sincerely,



Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

Well done to...

... **Henry** in Year 5 who has been promoted to the High Performance Squad - County level, at Guildford City Swimming Club

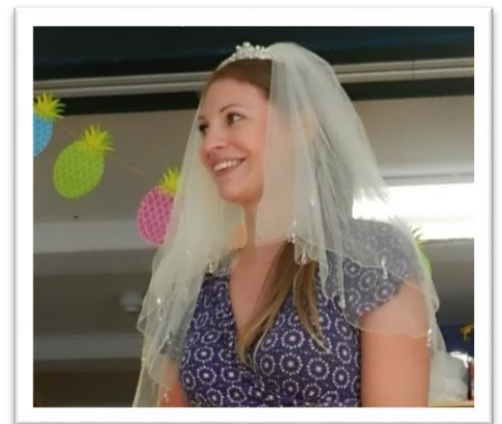
...**Eleanor** in Year 6 who achieved a fantastic Silver award in the Regional Open Water swimming competition

...**Rosie** in Year 5 who achieved a Merit in her Grade 1 flute test

Thank you Year 1

As a complete surprise, last Friday my wonderful class and their parents and carers planned the most amazing hen-do! I am getting married in Greece this summer so we celebrated in style with homemade mocktails, freshly baked goodies and a summer-feel disco. It all began with an ingenious distraction by Mrs

Pinchess while the whole class changed into their party clothes and waited in the decorated hall to surprise me. Which they truly did!



The wonderful Nancy Stuart-Bruges wrote and performed the best piece of poetry which brought more than just a single tear to my eye.

I can't find the right words to thank everyone who was involved. It truly made me feel like most special person in the world and I am enormously grateful for the effort, planning and love that was piled into the party!



Visitor Badges

Do you have any of our visitor badges lurking at home? If so, please could you return them to the office before the end of next week.

Master Chef

On Thursday Year 5 competed in the Master Chef challenge. We were divided into 8 groups and attempted to make a healthy dish with all five food groups. You could decide to do either a starter, main or dessert and we all made something different e.g. salads, kebabs and delicious fruity desserts! We had loads of fun and we all enjoyed trying each others. The winners were Bella, David and Rosie with 'Juicy Jelly Boats' and Nakeisha, Ollie, Phoebe and Rafe with 'Cheeky Chicken Salad Wraps'

Samuel, Year 5

Have your say on the design for the new, much improved Bentley Playground!

We have new, exciting designs to consider to replace our existing playground and would love to know what you think! We will have a stand at the Fete tomorrow where the designs will be displayed and you can find out more about the exciting fundraising plans we have.

In order to make one of these designs a reality we need to raise a further £30,000 to add to the £30,000 we already have. Can you help? We will be taking donations at the Fete or you can email your pledges to bentleyplaygroundproject@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk. Alternatively, please get involved in one of the fundraising events we have planned – or better still, run one of your own! Every single penny is very much appreciated!

Car Wash - Sunday 23rd July 10am – 4pm

Colin from Colin's Car Wash, Country Market, is coming to Bentley Recreation Ground and washing cars for £15 each with all profits going directly to the playground project. We do need volunteers to help on the day, a rota is being drawn up so please do put your name down for an hour or so if you can. Please email as above to show your interest or come and see us at the fete. We are hoping for great support at this event, so please show your support by coming along to get your car (or cars!) cleaned.

Promises Auction – Saturday 14th October 7.30pm

Join us at the Memorial Hall for fish and chips and a chance to bid on amazing auction items such as a beautiful cottage in Ventor for the weekend, a clay pigeon shooting experience, some fabulous art by local artist Anna Stevens and a two course meal at the Jolly Farmer! Tickets are £10 each and full details, along with a list of all of the auction lots, will be available in due course.

Please keep an eye on our website www.savebentleyplayground.com for more information and further fundraising activities. And come along to the Fete tomorrow to view the exciting potential designs and let us have your feedback!

Bentley Fete

It is Bentley Fete time again on Saturday 15th July and a great time for young and old to come together and have some fun!

Our theme this year is 'An English Country Garden' and I've heard that the after school club have been producing some marvellous artwork to decorate the trailer that will lead the procession up to the opening of the Fete.

With this in mind, we would like to invite any children to join the procession in fancy dress in keeping with our theme - you could be Fairies, Elves, Flowers, a Strawberry, Bugs (maybe a Spider!) - there will be prizes for the best dressed or most creative! Timings! The procession will leave Bentley Village Hall at 1.45 and we would like all children taking part to meet at the hall car park between 1.30 and 1.45. The procession will follow the classic cars for the short walk to the Fete.

As always we'll have lots of fabulous things to do including the 'Cadbury Chocolate Milk Float' giving out free Chocolate, Tots Tombola and the Alton Fire Station crew with their Fire Engine!

Debs King, Bentley Fete Committee

PTFA NEWS

BP2B Bike Ride

Our team of 29 cyclists were amazing on Saturday, WELL DONE and THANK YOU to you all. Through sponsorship they have raised an incredible £2,900 (not including gift aid) Just brilliant! It was such a lovely afternoon at the school and we were delighted to welcome them all back at around 5.15pm.

The atmosphere was amazing and all the cyclists were in fine form after their 57 miles of biking. We raised £200 from the welcome back BBQ so thank you to everyone who came along and supported our cyclists. There is chat of another adventure next year so we will keep you posted! You are all fantastic and we can't thank you enough for your enthusiasm and support for the PTFA.

Just to remind you who our amazing cyclists were: Ian Hobbs, Tessa Laughton, Mike Kennett, James Stanley, Sonia Siers, Ed Pinchess, Martin Pratt, Oscar Pratt, John Ormond, Sam Mizen, Emma Price, Rob Price, Briony Cavell, Jonny Boston, Stephen Tarrant, James Aston, Finley Brown, Karen Brown, Russ Brown, Sully Brown, Jo Beardsley, Sacha Moore, Claire Hobbs, Alison Morris, Peter Morris, Syreeta Mansfield, John Mansfield, Richard Myers and Sam Kirby.

THANK YOU goes to the following people for all their hard work in making this happen

- Ian Hobbs and Tessa Laughton - our route planner and chief organiser
- Gill Ormond and Andrew Rae for being fantastic supporters following the cyclists throughout their journey and providing tea, coffee, flapjacks and ice lollies to keep our cyclists going through the heat of the day
- Chris Day from Mack Logistics for transporting the bikes to London early on Saturday morning
- Colin Sarling & Yann Dubreuil for driving the minibuses to London to drop our cyclists off

Back at headquarters for the welcome home party we had a great team setting up, cooking and serving food and drinks. So another THANK YOU to:

Andy Phillips and Alex Perry for cooking 50 sausages and 75 Burgers in the soaring heat, Kathleen Proud for chopping and cooking the onions, Dominique Lucas, Jo Dobson and Victoria Rae for serving at the BBQ. Hannah Dubreuil, Georgia Boston, Ursula Phillips, Cress Mizen and Jon Bowler for running the bar and children's refreshments, Craig Lucas and Miss Triggs for your help with set up and finally Eliza Bell for providing the music.

PTFA Meeting

Our final PTFA meeting is on Monday evening at 8.00pm in the School Dining Hall, you are all very welcome to come along and hear how we've done over the year and to have a drink to celebrate our achievements!

PAPERWORK WHICH CAME HOME THIS WEEK

Year 6 – Leavers Evening information

Year 2 – INTEC visit letter

Year R – Teddy Bears Picnic letter

All children – Primary Times

Juniors – Activ8 leaflet

Infants – RAPP leaflet

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17th

Year 2 – INTEC visit

PTFA meeting in Dining Hall 8pm

Tuesday 18th

'Comfy' Mufti Day £1 per child &

Bakesale for MacMillan

Reports out

Year 1 & 4 Listen2Me concert – 2.30pm

Thursday 20th

Thank you assembly (invitation only)

Friday 21st

Open Afternoon 2-3.30pm

Year 2 – Ice Cream Sale

Monday 24th

Year 6 – Leavers evening 6pm

Tuesday 25th

Break up for summer holiday at 3.15pm

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Monday 4th September

INSET day

Tuesday 5th September

Back to School

Friday 8th September

Welcome BBQ 4-8pm