



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

We have had a really productive and positive first week back to kick off 2019. Great work 'Team Bentley' and a big thank you for getting your child back into positive expectations for school, on time and with all the correct uniform and the right mindset for learning which is not always easy in January!



I had an amazing Thursday of learning myself yesterday as I started the day with a wonderful 'Learning Walk' tour of the school with Mrs Scott-Bromley and Governor Greg Dalton. We were observing RE in action and saw our Bentley children in great shape learning about many different religions, delving deeper into some Bible stories and discussing their ideas with great reflection and super debating skills. My learning continued all the way up to 8.30pm when our Governor training session with Hampshire Inspector, Carol Koerner ended. Governors had time to reflect on our current curriculum and we discussed our core values; what we view as being most important and how we plan to ensure that our children develop as we believe they should. It was great to hear how well the Governing Body know our school and to hear words such as 'resilient', 'respectful' and 'curious' being used time and time again in our discussions. We are very clear as the strategic planners for Bentley, we want our young people to flourish as learners here at our school.

We have had a delicious first class breakfast of the term – if you would like to take part please book your chosen date and come along for a great start to Friday morning for the whole family. A big thank you to our super Cook Alison and to our Breakfast Club staff for accommodating all the additional people and making us all feel so welcome. It was yummy and very nice to see everyone for a good chat.

A reminder that next Friday is a Mufti day to raise funds for the Kaira Konko charity. Children may dress to reflect the colours of a flag (own choice) or can be more creative to reflect a country or culture which matters to them. Please remember that we will be outside as usual and provide appropriate clothing for playtimes whatever the weather is like! In return for non-uniform we ask everyone to bring a donation of money and a new pencil (or pack). We are going to learn much more about this charity but the School Council have already been amazed to hear some of the differences for the children of this area. Whilst it costs £2.30 for **one** school dinner in the UK, it costs £3 to feed a school child for the **year** in this school in the Gambia. Please give generously. Every penny donated will be used to help feed the children living in very different circumstances to our families. We are also sending a donation of good quality used school uniforms and some exercise books to help the school. Thank you for your support with this work.

Have a lovely weekend,

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

REMINDERS...

ALL	Craze of the week – Colouring & Drawing Headlice in school again – please check and treat where necessary DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES Monday 14 th – Kaira Konko Charity to Collective Worship Tuesday 15 th – Deadline for Yr R 2019 Applications to Hampshire Tuesday 15 th – Juniors Alton Swimming gala Thursday 17 th – Infants ‘Superheroes to Save the Planet’ workshop Friday 18 th – Whole school mufti day for Kaira Konko Friday 18 th – 2.30pm PTFA meeting in the dining hall Friday 25 th – PTFA Cake Sale – Yr 2	
YEAR	SPECIAL EVENTS/TIMETABLE CHANGES/NOTES	STANDARD TIMETABLE
R		M – named wellies & coats Tu – PE kits & long hair tied up Th – library F – show & tell
1	Tuesday 15 th – Alice Holt trip – school jumpers and mufti bottoms, plus named wellies	M – Spellings W – PE Th – PE F – library, show & tell
2		T – PE W – PE, library F – spellings, homework due
3	Wednesday 16 th – Swimming costume/trunks, towel, swimming hat (optional), healthy snack, verruca socks if needed Tuesday 22 nd – Yr 3 & 4 to Butser Farm (info to follow)	M – PE, homework due W – Swimming, recorders Th – library F – spellings
4	Tuesday 22 nd – Yr 3 & 4 to Butser Farm (info to follow) Friday 25 th – Yr 4 breakfast click here for details	M – homework due W – PE Th – PE, library, recorders F – spellings
5	Wednesday 16 th – Eggar’s School for art and PE curriculum day – school PE kit, school jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings, water bottle needed Friday 18 th – Yr 5 breakfast click here for details	W – PE, homework due, timetables Th – PE, spelling test F – homework due, library
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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

In previous years we have celebrated Mums and Dads at our Spring Term breakfasts – this year, all family members and friends are welcome! Come along to the dining hall from 8am and enjoy a delicious breakfast, with your child. There are only 20 spaces per week so sign up fast! You may choose from; Bacon or Vegetarian sausage sandwich & a drink – £3 or Toast & a drink – £1. Sign up at the office for one of these dates



18th January – Year 5

25th January – Year 4

1st February – Year 3

8th February – Year 2

15th February – Year 1

1st March – Year R

8th March – All welcome

15th March – All welcome

22nd March – All welcome

29th March – All welcome

5th April – All welcome

MATH LESSONS

This term we would like to invite you to come along to a maths lesson. This is to give you a good understanding of what really happens in school, how a lesson is made up and to help you to see what the national expectations are in each year group in order to support your child at home.

We hope that an adult from your family will be able to come along and work with your child, as the task will be interactive to benefit from the high adult ratios. We are happy to have a mum, dad, childminder, nanny, grandparent or family friend but sorry no younger siblings on this occasion.

Lessons will take place in the morning. Please put the date(s) in your diary and we will provide more information nearer the time.

Year R – Tuesday 26th March

Year 1 – Tuesday 2nd April

Year 2 – Tuesday 26th February

Year 3 – Tuesday 12th March

Year 4 – Tuesday 12th February

Year 5 – Tuesday 19th March

Year 6 – Tuesday 5th February

CLUB INFORMATION

Staff clubs have now been allocated. If your child has a place at a staff led club you will have received a text today confirming. Please go online to www.scopay.com to confirm attendance and pay for the club. All places which remain unpaid on 21st January will be offered to another child. Clubs will begin next week (with the exception of Film Club and Multi-skills Club which start the following week).

We have a few additional spaces in clubs so please contact the school office if your child would like another club choice or you missed the deadline. We hold waiting lists for the most popular clubs and will contact you directly should a space come up. Our wraparound childcare spaces are now being booked online. Please see the office if you have any queries or requests.

As usual, parents/carers sign up and pay for other clubs directly with the outside providers, ensuring all places are paid for in the first week in order to secure your child's place. These are small businesses which rely on prompt payment in order to run.

AUTUMN TERM UPDATE FROM MADAME JONES

This term in French the children at Bentley have really shone with their fabulous French, particularly with regard to their speaking and writing skills. Bravo à tous!

Reception At the start of term the children were introduced to French with some basic greetings and enjoyed singing some songs too, including the French Christmas song Vive le Vent. Since learning the days of the week and some weather phrases in French, they are now able to change their own French calendar every day at school with Miss Smith. Next term the children will be exchanging pictures with a school in Coulommiers near Paris which is very exciting.

Year 1 In September the children showed that they were able to remember lots of their French from last year and since then have been building and extending their knowledge of the days, months, numbers and weather phrases so that they can change their own French calendar in class. They have especially enjoyed singing and learning some French phonics as well.

Year 2 The Autumn term started off brilliantly in year 2 with the children



learning and recalling words linked with the calendar in French. Since half-term, they have been learning vocabulary to enable them to enjoy the French book Va t'en Grand Monstre Vert which included singing the French version of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. This week year 2 have finished a self-portrait to launch a new link with a school in Coulommiers near Paris.

Year 3 This term the children have been using French phonics to help revise numbers, months and days of the week in order to give a date in French, including their birthday. They can also answer lots of questions including Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire? (When is your birthday?)

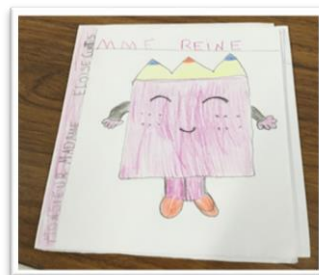
Year 4 The children in year 4 have enjoyed learning how to write French sentences this year in order to

write to their penfriends in Coulommiers near Paris. Once the letters have arrived in school, the children will be able to bring them home. In addition, the children have been developing their reading skills in French with some focused phonics work as well as exploring both the French alphabet and the Braille alphabet. (Braille was developed in French by Louis Braille!)

Year 5 This term the children have learnt how to give opinions in French to talk about their hobbies.

In addition, they have been taught how to give the time in French and how to talk about routines. This language has been used to create their own books based on a story called 'Quelle Heure est-il, Monsieur Loup?' These will be on display very soon in Year 5!

Year 6 This term the children in year 6 have been enthusiastically creating their own French Mr Men and Little Miss characters. These characters star in their very own books which they are currently writing and illustrating. A few weeks ago they were treated to French and German lessons delivered by year 8 'Language Leaders' from Amery Hill School. This was great fun and the children enjoyed participating in the learning of new words through actions, different voices and games.



French Termly Awards Every term Madame Jones awards the children in key stage two with certificates for great work in French. This term the following children have received a French award:

Year 3 – Charlotte

Year 4 – Harry

Year 5 – Hazel

Year 6 – Maisie

Well done to all of these children. You have all worked very hard this term and shown great enthusiasm for learning a language.

Madame Jones

COULD YOU HELP WITH PHONICS?

As you may be aware, in the infants we teach phonics daily using a programme called Read, Write Inc. It is a structured way of teaching which enables all children to build up their sound knowledge in order to be able to read and write. The children are making such excellent progress that we are looking for somebody to be a temporary part of the phonics team to enable the children to stretch themselves even further by running a small phonics group. We are looking to find one or two very kind volunteers to come in from 9.30-10.30 every day for this term to teach a small group. (One person could do it by themselves or it could be shared between two people.)

We will train you up and give you support with how to teach the group, provide all necessary resources and assist you with anything you need. It will only be until the Easter break, therefore it is roughly 10 weeks with some specific dates unavailable due to trips etc. Consistency with phonics is really key which is why we are hoping to find someone who would be able to come in regularly for these upcoming weeks. You do not need to have any teaching qualifications or previous experience as we will support you with how to deliver the lessons. This would ideally be started as soon as possible. If you think you might be interested or would like some more information, please email the office or catch Mrs Vogel at the end of the day.

THANK YOU TO...

... **everyone who donated to CRISIS** at the end of term service. We collected a whopping £441.43. Your very generous donations will have helped feed lots of people over the festive period.

...**the Stratton-Brown family** for the Mr Men books (already a big hit in Year 1!)

...**the Hawkes family** for the dressing up clothes, stickers and books

CALLING ALL ENGINEERS!

We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in the Primary Engineer Leaders Awards during the 2018-2019 academic year. The competition will be challenging primary pupils in our region to research engineering, interview inspiring engineers and answer the question "If you were an engineer – what would you do?"

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage our pupils with real engineers who will convey the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their daily lives. Pupils will be able to let their creativity run free and draw and write about how they interpret the question and come up with inventions and ideas.

Last year over 37,000 pupils from across the UK took part in the competition. Hundreds of shortlisted entries were displayed at public exhibitions across the nation and were visited by thousands of people. Visit www.leadersaward.com for details of this year's exhibitions.

Are you an engineer or do you have links to the engineering industry? If the answer is YES, then we would be delighted to have your help and support as we embark on the Primary Engineer Leaders Awards 2018-2019.

If you are interested in helping please contact the school office and register with Primary Engineer at engineers@primaryengineer.com. For more information on the Leaders Award please go to Twitter @Leadersaward or the Facebook page, Primary Engineer Engineer Leaders Award.

NOTES FROM THE GARDEN...

After a busy first half of last term, exploring soils, setting up our worm observatory, and then spending time pruning, planting and taking cuttings, we enjoyed the half term break. Then back to school for one and all, and it was time to prepare for the Christmas Fair. Good gardening isn't instant, you have to think and plan ahead which is a good lesson for all of us, and a very important one children living in a digital age when so much comes lightning fast at the press of a button. Fortunately the lovely ladies of the Gardening Team are not only highly creative but also good forward planners and while old Grumpy Grandad was still fiddling about taking the splinters out of his fingers having scratched his head too hard trying to think up what to do as the nights lengthen, and the sun when it manages to peek out from behind dark clouds is weak and watery well they were already on the case, spraying tins and gathering in collections of bulbs to plant for the season of Xmas sales.

As for the soil well the nurturing continued, with the fetching of steamy manure from Mrs. Moore's mountain of Horse dung and the feeding of our six compost bins, our soil factories, with all the leavings of break time healthy snacks, pears, carrots and apple cores and the like. With the kitchen joining in with its contributions of peelings Team Bentley is getting good at composting, and this will save us from having to buy in so many bags of soil for our beds.

But what about those tins and bulbs? It was time for Class One to the rescue Granddad from all that head scratching. The tins, gold and a very attractive dark maroon were planted up with Hyacinths, the adults handled these bulbs as they can cause skin irritation, however the younger members of the gardening team planted the grape hyacinths, an ideal gift for Christmas. Hey Granddad as you mention Christmas what about the Christmas roses? Oh yes, you mean the Hellebores with rich dark foliage that sets off the delicate white flowers so well. Class one to the rescue again.

Yes it has been another busy half term of gardening, and all that forward planning paid off. Come Fair day and the tables at the Gardening stall were groaning with plants and decorative goodies for sale. A big thank you to all who braved a windy wet afternoon and who patronised our stall, the pennies and the pounds will help us to "Keep on Gardening."

We look forward to an exciting Spring Term ahead with the Gardening Club Team and our super Year 1 gardeners as well get preparing and planting for an excellent 2019.





UPCOMING EVENTS

at Bentley, Binsted and Froyle churches

JOIN US ON THE

13TH

OF

JAN

9.30am Bentley - Morning Worship with children's groups

11.00am Froyle - Holy Communion

3.30pm Binsted - Messy Church at Binsted school

Alpha Course:

Starts Tuesday 15th January 7.30pm to
9.30pm at Bentley Church Hall

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Come along to
Messy Church
for fun, craft,
celebration and
food - all ages
are welcome!

Sun 13th Jan

3.3.0pm at Binsted school

Tea at Three

Every Monday 3pm to 5pm
at Bentley Church Hall
All are welcome!



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Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Starting Wednesday 23rd January, 9.30-11am
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Session 1: **Why** do children behave as they do?

Session 2: **What** can we do to change it?

Session 3: **How** do we change it?

Session 4: **When** do we see improvements?

Session 5&6: **Where** do we go from here?

Enjoy parenting!

To book a place please contact Alton Buckle Family Support
Team on 01420 542873 or email
s.spears@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk



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Alton, GU34 2JA

For families with children aged 5-12

- develop your relationship with your child
- effective parenting styles
- understand and manage feelings and behaviour
- simple cognitive-behavioural techniques (CBT) for managing your child's fear and worry
- professionally led group.

Enjoy parenting!

Book your place: Please contact Alton Buckle Family Support Team on **01420 542873** or email **s.spears@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk**. This course is being co-facilitated by Alton Buckle and Victoria Wakeford from Hampshire County Council Primary Behaviour Support.

* Thanks to the kind generosity and support of the RAF Benevolent Fund, The Big Lottery Awards For All and HCC we are able to deliver this course to families in the community.

workshop home learning

National Teaching School
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A practical session for parents and practitioners to think, create and produce a home learning activity to use with their children at home or school. Parents are the child's first educators and it is important to spend quality time every day with them. Home learning packs are a great resource to aid in this and are easily created from simple packaging and items that are available in the home.

Objectives

- To be able to design a suitable home learning activity
- To create resources to take away and use with their child at home/school.

Delivered by

Audrey Murch is a SEN Outreach practitioner, working with children in their home, pre-school or school settings. She is also a Thomas Outreach Programme (TOP) worker and has a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with children with social communication or autistic spectrum difficulties.

Other information

Glue, laminates and card will be available to use during the workshop, but please bring along suitable packaging from Christmas presents to enhance your activities. Tea and coffee will be provided.

To book

For more information or booking, please contact us:
Tel: 01420 87675 (option 2) or email:
teaching.school@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

For other courses, please visit our website - www.FTSA.org.uk

 **Foundations**
Teaching School Alliance

£20 per delegate

18 Jan

9am – 11.30am
or
1pm–3.30pm

Location:

Bushy Leaze Children
& Families Centre
Eastbrooke Rd
Alton GU34 2DR

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