



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18 January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

This week was started and completed with one of our pupil chosen charities for the year – Kaira Konko in The Gambia. In Monday's Collective Worship we were fortunate enough to have a talk from both our local Bentley link, Trish Slator, and the charity starter, Marion Christmas. It would be fair to say that they got the staff and children VERY excited about linking Bentley with a village school in The Gambia. We passed over second-hand Bentley uniform, a second-hand football net and some unwanted exercise books as the charity told us that these would all be very appreciated in West Africa by the teachers and children. The children at Kaira Konko are already familiar with Bentley as one of our former students was there recently the Bentley Scouts Troup.

We have had a phenomenal day today celebrating our own part as International citizens. Children have dressed in many different colours to represent flags of the world and you have all been so incredibly generous to support the Kaira Konko schools with a tremendous 531 pencils donated and a wonderful £481.17. I was particularly touched to see how the pupils talked about bringing in their own pocket money and donated their own pencils. A huge thank you from the charity who have collected our donations to send over in the shipment next week.



You may also have heard how inspired the staff have been by this work which links very well to the International themed aspects on our School Development Plan over the last two years. Several staff aim to go over in holidays next year and (with permission from my family, staff and governors!) I am headed there as an ambassador for Bentley CE Primary this half term to learn how we can deepen our partnership work. This has been rather a whirlwind as I have bought my own ticket and signed up for lots of inoculations

this weekend! I join two other Church of England schools who are going over. Yesterday I was able to tell our pupils at school about my plans, and I could see the reality of this for them as suddenly The Gambia became a 'real' place in their minds. They talked about how they could make a difference and also to link and be friends with these children living in a very different situation, which was extremely powerful. I will report back more after the school holiday on my return, but if you would like to know more about the charity [please click here](#).

In other learning at school this week:

Year R conducted science experiments and found out that ice melted faster or slower under different conditions (with or without a cover on it)

Year 1 are really enjoying their new number bond tennis game. Ask them to show you how to play the game which helps them to have super quick recall of their number bonds to 10

Year 2 are getting very knowledgeable about their history topic and have written amazing letters from the perspective of a mouse who escaped the disaster

Year 3 are developing their vocabulary bank with interesting words all stemming from the wonderful

book they are reading about a dragon's egg. They even found a real egg in their classroom!

Year 4 have been getting to grips with grid multiplication and are enjoying being times tables rock stars

Year 5 had a great secondary taster visit to Eggar's school. They enjoyed an art lesson with ceramics and a basketball lesson where they got to see some of Miss Wiggins' County level netball skills in action too!

Year 6 are being avid learners in their science lessons this term and know an awful lot more now about how the heart functions.

Have a terrific weekend and all the best to our Year 6 pupils undertaking entrance and scholarship tests at the moment – we wish you all the best!

Have a lovely weekend,



Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

STAFF NEWS

As many of you have noticed, the lovely Mrs Gallagher hasn't been in the office this term due to ill health. She is being well looked after at the hospital by the doctors and at home by her husband, Pete. We are all missing her and hoping to have her back soon. The school office will continue to be manned from 8.15am to 4.30pm each day.



Miss Wiggins is running the London Marathon in April for a charity called GetKidsGoing. This charity gives disabled children and young people the wonderful opportunity to participate in sport. They provide children with specially adapted equipment to take part in a wide range of sports such as tennis, skiing, sailing, basketball, and many more.

"I would be very grateful for your support to help through this challenge so we can send more GB athletes to the Paralympics in Tokyo in 2020. Sport is and always be a passion of mine and throughout my involvement I have witnessed and worked with many children who have a disability and sport has helped them. I strongly believe that if we have the opportunity to take part in any sport we like then ANYONE should be given the chance to with nothing holding them back.

I would be very grateful if you could help me reach my goal and support me along the way by [clicking here](#). Thank you very much for your support." *Miss Wiggins*

REMINDERS...

ALL	Craze of the week – Trading Cards Don't forget to book your place for a yummy breakfast – click here for dates DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES Friday 25 th – PTFA Cake Sale – Yr 2	
YEAR	SPECIAL EVENTS/TIMETABLE CHANGES/NOTES	STANDARD TIMETABLE
R	Show and tell this week: Monday – Orcas Tuesday – Penguins Wednesday – Turtles Thursday – Dolphins Friday – Seals	M – named wellies & coats Th – library F – PE kits & long hair tied up
1	Friday 25th – Show and Tell for Moles	M – Spellings W – PE Th – PE F – library, show & tell
2	Friday 25th – Show and Tell for Orcas Friday 25th – Please bring homemade / shop bought cakes and biscuits in the morning for the cake sale and sign up with your class reps to help sell from 3.10pm	T – PE W – PE, library F – spellings, homework due
3	Tuesday 22nd – Yr 3 & 4 to Butser Farm. Warm outdoor clothing, waterproof coat with a hood and a packed lunch Wednesday 23rd – Swimming costume/trunks, towel, swimming hat, healthy snack, verruca socks if needed Tuesday 29th – Yr 3 & 4 Recorder Concert at 9.05am Tuesday 29th – Yr 3 visit to Bentley and Froyle Churches Friday 1st – Yr 3 breakfast click here for details	M – PE, homework due W – Swimming, recorders Th – library F – spellings
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5	Thursday 31st – Yr 5 and 6 to the O2 for Young Voices concert – click here to go online, pay for the coach and give consent for the trip	W – PE, homework due, timetables Th – PE, spelling test F – homework due, library
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WELL-BEING

The children will have brought home a well-being leaflet in their book bags this week. This term's we are encouraging them to 'keep calm'. Their goal is to breathe deeply, think before you speak, check what you're about to say – is it true? Is it kind?

We hope our parents, carers and friends of the school will also find some time to look after their own well-being. You may find **Connect to Support Hampshire** useful – it is an online information and advice website for Hampshire residents.

It contains a wealth of information on how Hampshire residents can manage their care and wellbeing, stay independent and connect to their local community. Practical Information includes:

- Eating, Smoking and Weight Management
- Alcohol and Drug Support Charities
- Physical disabilities and conditions
- Mental Health advice
- Employment, training and learning
- Information for carers

[Click here](#) for the link to their website.



WE ALL CAN BECOME A ROCK STAR!

We have signed all children to TT Rock Stars which is an engaging and effective on-line programme to boost our knowledge of times tables. I believe knowing and quickly recalling times tables facts is an essential skill in maths as it is applied to many topics within the maths curriculum. Therefore I have been looking for a fun and exciting way to help your children engage in learning and TT Rock Stars rocks!

Each child has now been given their own log-on so they can regularly practise their times tables facts and rock. Your child can access TT Rock Stars on a



home computer, I-pad, tablets, or you can download the app. A five minute daily practise would be sufficient to improve this vital skill. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Thank you in advance for your support in your child's learning and let's rock.

THANK YOU TO...

...the Bowler family for the games

...the Tewkesbury family for the books for the library

ATISHOOOO!

Please could each child in Year 2 and Year 4 bring in a box of tissues this month. Thank you!

PE UPDATE

We have had a fantastic year so far and the participation from children has been amazing. So far, we have had 127 individual children take part in one or more sporting events. This is more than half of the school which is fantastic! There are many more opportunities to come so please keep an eye out for dates as they come up in the newsletter and on the PE notice board.

Our most recent success was the Key Stage 2 swimming gala ...

“On Tuesday 16 children went to Alton Sports Centre to compete in the Alton Schools Swimming Gala. Everyone who took part cheered on their teammates and swam fantastically. It was so tense but after a long afternoon of swimming we got the results. After many wins we got second place losing first place by only three points!”

Gabriella, Year 6

Both Mrs Hamer and I were so proud of the children and could not have been more impressed with their behaviour, effort and enthusiasm for all swimmers. It was an absolute pleasure to take them however, my voice is a little hoarse now due to all of the shouting!

Well done to Gabriel, Luke, Olivia, Sophie, Tilly, Megan, Darrell, Harry, Isabel, Eva, Idan, Harry, Gabriella, Charlotte, Rafe and Sam.

In other exciting sporting news I am absolutely delighted to announce that Cameron, Cam and Millie are through to the County Individual Table Tennis finals next month. Good luck to all of you!

Upcoming events:

7th February	Year 5/6 boys Football competition	Anstey Park	12.30 – 3.30pm
12th February	All Years Cross Country	Alton College	4pm-5pm
7th March	Year 5/6 Rugby training	Eggar's	4pm – 5pm
14th March	Year 5/6 Rugby match	Eggar's	4pm – 5.30pm
21st March	Year 5/6 Netball training	Amery Hill	4pm – 5pm
28th March	Year 5/6 Netball match	Amery Hill	4pm – 5.30pm
2nd April	All Years Cross Country	Eggar's	4pm – 5pm

Excluding Cross Country, please let Miss Kirby know if your child would like to represent our school in any of the above events. Letters will be sent out as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, throughout the Spring term we will be taking part in the Year 5 and 6 friendly football and netball league. Please let Miss Kirby know if your child would like to take part.

PE KIT REMINDER

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. Kit should consist of:

- White PE shirt
- Black/Green PE shorts
- White PE socks
- Black/green/grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings – after half term only
- Please ensure all items are labelled and fit correctly

INFORMATION YOU MAY FIND USEFUL



UPCOMING EVENTS

at Bentley, Binsted and Froyle churches

Live@5 is our family-friendly service.

Babies, toddlers and kids of all ages are very welcome. We serve a light children's meal at 4.30pm in Bentley Church Hall before the service.

Please do come along this Sunday!



Tea at Three

Every Monday

3pm to 5pm

at Bentley Church Hall

All are welcome!

JOIN US ON THE

20TH

OF

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9.30am Binsted – Morning Worship

11.00am Froyle – Holy Communion

5.00pm Bentley – Live@5

Alpha Course:

Tuesdays

7.30pm to 9.30pm at
Bentley Church Hall

**JOIN US FOR FOOD
AND DISCUSSION
CALL 01420 23339
FOR MORE INFO**

Interested in a **career** in **teaching?**

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6th March, 6-8pm

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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Come along to the dining hall from 8am and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your children

Bacon sandwich & a drink – £3

Vegetarian sausage sandwich & a drink – £3

Toast & a drink – £1

Sign up at the office for one of these dates

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

DANCE - CREATE - PERFORM



Thursday Morning Ballet Classes at Bentley
Primary School,
8-8:30am starting during term time.
Contact lucy@thedanceproject.co.uk for further
information.

STEM RETURNERS PROGRAMME WITH FLUOR IN FARNBOROUGH

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the FLUOR

'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Farnborough. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.



More information on the programme is also available by clicking [here](#)

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PARTICULAR PARENTING
STYLE?

ARE YOU PROUD
OF YOUR
PARENTING?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
SHARE YOUR APPROACH
WITH OTHERS?

WHETHER YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT, WE
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