



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

01 February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

As I am writing this we are very unusually not at school due to the snow. For some of our far flung pupils this may seem very odd as the weather has truly been very erratic. Everyone collecting from the coach late last night can contest that the snow had certainly not covered Bentley then, but by 6am this morning there was a very different picture; most of our staff were unable to get into school safely today and the forecast was for a lot more snow. We take the decision to enforce a school closure very carefully and in consultation with our local schools cluster to help parents and I am very glad for the input of the local heads and our Caretaker Mr Lucas. Hopefully we will be back to normal on Monday and snow will be a distant memory but we will keep you posted if anything changes.

We know that children have homework set plus daily reading and Time Tables Rockstars which are all available to keep them busy but should you wish to send in a photograph of your children enjoying the snow we would love to see this – very much an optional homework task!

Our BIG news of this week was the Year 5 and 6 classes amazing concert at the O2 yesterday. I felt incredibly proud of our young people as they exceeded our (very high) expectations in their positivity, singing and great humour. We had an absolutely terrific day with them and they danced, sang and smiled with such energy and enjoyment. Their care and concern for one another shone through and we had many compliments from different people about their manners, respect and performance – particularly amazing considering that there were over 7700 children at the event! As ever I need to thank all our brilliant staff who made this event possible.

Thanks to; Mrs Rushin, Miss Wiggins, Mrs Krempel, Mrs Patey, Mrs Rodger, Miss Triggs, Mrs Drew and an extra special thank you to Mrs Miffing who led the entire event which has been a BIG commitment of time, energy, risk assessments (which worked as they should covering lots of different eventualities from the M25 being shut to snow!) and good humour. Thanks to everyone who came, cheered, bopped and supported our wonderful choir. Not forgetting the rest of the (jealous) staff team who were back at the school keeping the home fires burning so a big thank you to them also. It was certainly a once in a lifetime experience for our pupils and one which they will never forget.



Governors have been undertaking Learning Walks this half term to see everyday life in the classrooms. This has included; school visits, maths and English lessons, STEM activities, humanities, Collective Worship and much more. This is some of what they have observed so far;

“I observed lessons across the school on a busy Friday morning and observed an air of concentration, attentiveness and enjoyment in learning in every class. This is a happy, orderly and calm place to be a learner”

Parent Governor

“I was impressed by the leadership of the Infant Senior Teacher. She is knowledgeable and I was able to see excellent progression in phonics across the three classes. Children were engaged and staff were teaching confidently using the Read Write Inc programme”

English Link Governor

“In Collective Worship children clearly demonstrated their engagement and there were good opportunities for pupil reflection. They were enthusiastic and questions were well focussed around the value of ‘Peace’”

RE Link Governor

“I looked at the progression of Geography and History throughout the school. Children could articulate their ideas well. There is a build-up of skills and topics were clearly reflected in the pupils feedback”

Co-opted Governor

Have a good weekend,



Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

VERY EXCITING SITE NEWS!

We have been successful in gaining a grant fund from the Lottery to complete our Early Years playground. Those parents who were here during the Big Build Fundraising will remember that the final aspect of the project was always planned to further develop our outdoor classroom to match the lovely new building inside. We are delighted to announce that Miss Smith and Mrs Pinchess heard that we have been successful with this grant bid. We



had already researched this project fully over the last five years, by visiting other schools and nursery settings to find out what would work best for our space and children. We had also tendered for this piece of work to find the best value and most hard wearing resources. We had used the very last of our Big Build money to install the water equipment in the Reception outdoor space last autumn and we have been absolutely delighted with it. Pentagon will be working with the staff in creating the design (see drawing) to further enhance our Early Years learning experience. We are **really** excited and look forward to finding out when the work can start!

ALL	Craze of the week – Squishies DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES Friday 8th - PTFA Yr R & 1 Film night – Sherlock Gnomes Click here to book	
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 8th – Show and Tell for Owls Wednesday 6th – The Giant Sing Click here to consent & pay	M – Spellings W – PE Th – PE F – library, show & tell
2	Friday 8th – Show and Tell for Seals Friday 8th - Yr 2 breakfast – book with the office	T – PE W – PE, library F – spellings, homework due
3	Wednesday 6th – Swimming costume/trunks, towel, swimming hat, healthy snack, verruca socks if needed	M – PE, homework due T – Recorders for concert W – Swimming, recorders Th – library F – spellings
4	Tuesday 12th - Yr 4 Maths Lesson for parents	M – homework due T – Recorders for concert W – PE Th – PE, library, recorders F – spellings
5		W – PE, homework due, timetables Th – PE, spelling test F – homework due, library
6	Tuesday 5th - Yr 6 Maths Lesson for parents	M – timetables W – PE, homework due, spellings F – library

If anyone would like to take care of the guinea pigs over a weekend or during half term, please let Mrs Pinchess or Miss Kirby know.



BENTLEY BALL

We are really excited to announce the very first Bentley Ball to be held on 29th March 2019 from 7pm in order to raise money for a much needed replacement minibus for our children! We have listened to your feedback and are delighted to be hosting in the beautiful setting of Bury Court Barn to include a welcome drink on arrival, a delicious 3 course meal, dancing and a promises auction.

Now we need your help! During the evening there will be a promises auction and we would love for you to make a contribution and the more the merrier. This could be anything from babysitting to pet sitting, car washing to baking cakes once a week for a month or taxi rides to cleaning....perhaps you have a holiday home which could be used for a weekend/week or you have a company that could donate a prize? We are open to anything and everything! If you have any ideas, suggestions or offerings, please email ellenabentleywoods@gmail.com.

Have you got a business and like some advertising? Would you like to place an advert in our programme for the evening? We are offering page, half page and quarter page ads. For more information please contact Serena (serena@serenabuselli.com) for further information.

With tickets being sold already, don't miss out on this evening to remember. Book your tickets via the PTFA website or, if you do not have access to this, please email zoe_mayho@hotmail.com who will be delighted to assist you. It's the perfect opportunity to get some friends together, so perhaps you could secure a table of 10 and make it a good excuse for an evening out!

Come and let your hair down, put your dancing shoes on and join the fun!

THANK YOU TO...

...the Wellstead family for the kind donation of a school banner which helped us to be located at the O2 last night!

... everyone who collected all their Lost Property last week – the cupboard is now nice and clear again. A reminder to LABEL all new clothes and shoes as you buy them throughout the year. Also remove old name tags from second hand items otherwise we cannot return them to the new owner. Second hand uniform sales continue to take place every Monday morning from 8am. A big thank you to Sian and Juliette, our super PTFA members, who continue to run the shop. It helps so many parents with providing uniform and saves good condition items going to waste. Please continue to donate good quality items which your child has grown out of, to the grey box by the office door.

INFORMATION YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

Wootey Infant School Holiday Club



Art & Craft including making Bird Feeders

Robot Junk Modelling

Bird Watching Games

Outdoor sport Indoor sport

Cooking Talent Show

**Wootey Infant School will be running a Holiday Club for the
February Half Term**

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

The Club will run from 08.00 - 18.00

Cost will be £22.50 per day per child

If you wish your child to take part, and you have already registered, places can now be booked online. If you are not registered with the club please contact the school office: Telephone No. 01420 83656 or email adminoffice@wootey-inf.hants.sch.uk

THE RED DISCO

DISCO - PIÑATAS - REFRESHMENTS

Bring a friend for free! £5.00 on the door.

Date: Sunday 17th February

Time: 4:30-6:00pm

Place: Bentley Primary
School





Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

WORRIED OR CONCERNED ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON'S EATING?

HAVE THEY LOST A
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
OF WEIGHT OVER A
SHORT PERIOD
OF TIME?

ARE THEY
RESTRICTING THEIR
EATING AND NOT HAVING
FOOD THEY PREVIOUSLY
ENJOYED?

ARE THEY
PREOCCUPIED/REALLY
CONCERNED ABOUT
BODY WEIGHT/SHAPE
IMAGE?

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Disorder Service for information,
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0300 304 0062

www.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk

For more information visit: b-eat.co.uk

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