



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

We have braved the cold this week and carried on working hard! Please see the 'In case of snow' advice below for future reference. A big thank you to our terrific Caretaker Mr Lucas for ensuring that the heating has kept us all warm and that the playground has been treated every morning before we all come into school. Please continue to be very mindful of the mud, ice and puddles in our rural locality and allow extra time for bad weather driving to keep safe.

Thank you to everyone who has given me great top tips and feedback about my forthcoming trip as a Bentley CE Primary School ambassador to The Gambia in February. I got (many!) inoculations last weekend and I am already starting to plan my luggage allowance carefully to fit in quite a few extra donations which have been given for the children in the schools there from many of you. Thank you.

Best learning this week...

Year R loved making the flower of Nepal – the Rhododendron

Year 1 enjoyed learning about New Zealand and looking at pictures of kiwi birds. They are very cute!

Year 2 were fascinated to learn about how different animals change as they grow in science

Year 3 & 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to Butser Ancient Fort, learning about life in the Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon lifestyle respectively.

Year 5 were very interested to learn about the Arctic Games in Greenland

Year 6 honed their PowerPoint skills making presentations about Argentina

We have all enjoyed learning more about our class linked countries over the week which were shared in a special assembly this afternoon lead by Mrs Miffing. This is part of our International Understanding work to help our pupils understand that they are part of the global community, well beyond our village.

Enjoy your weekend,

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

GUINEA PIGS

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.



THANK YOU TO...

...the **Young family** for the dressing up clothes which Year R are already enjoying

...the **Wellstead family** for the lovely doll's house furniture and people

... the **Dando family** for the contribution to the gardening fund

...everyone in **Year 2 and 4** who has kindly sent in boxes of tissues



IN CASE OF SNOW

Forecasters are telling us that snow may be on the way next week. Should we have heavy snowfall, the Headteacher will make a decision early in the morning regarding a school closure. You will be notified by text message by 7.30am if the school is to be closed for the day. Please keep a close eye on your text messages and listen on local radio for further updates.

GOVERNORS AT THE GATE

Our fantastic Governors will be at the gate at breakfast and the end of the day on 11th, 12th and 13th of February. They will be particularly interested in talking to you about how you value the school's 'Wider Curriculum'. This includes all areas of the curriculum in school from maths to geography, art to music. It also includes all the 'extras' such as whole school French lessons, sports events and opportunities, clubs, school visits and residential trips too. What helps your child to flourish? What do you value and believe must be preserved at all costs? There will also be an Early Bird representative on Wednesday 13th for those of you who drop off early.

BUSTER ANCIENT FARM

On Tuesday Year 4 went to Buster Ancient Farm.

First we went in an Anglo-Saxon house, where we were bewildered by the extraordinary facts about how they lived. Next we learned how to spin a sheared piece of wool and we learned that if you got a spun piece of clothing a year you would be very lucky.

Next we became archaeologists and we found some historical artefacts. Some people found a skull, pick head and a shovel head.



After lunch we learned how to wattle by using hazel wood. Blue house and green did the best fence for a small animal and yellow and red house did the best for a big animal.

Finally we carved chalk in Anglo-Saxon writing with flint and charcoal, it was fun.

We had a great time at Buster farm!

Harry & Megan, Year 4

INFORMATION YOU MAY FIND USEFUL



The Rural Areas Play Project (RAPP) is expanding! [Introducing RAPP+](#)

RAPP +is now developing term time activities and partnership working throughout the district.

This job would be perfect for anyone who enjoys working in a sociable, busy and well supported environment! Why not channel your skills into something that offers a meaningful and powerful impact to the lives of young people.

What we are looking for:

- Interest in a career in childcare
- Wanting to learn and develop knowledge and skills
- Understanding the varied needs of children and their families
- Understanding the issues involved in the delivery of quality play care
- Understanding the issues of equal opportunities
- Provide and facilitate safe and creative play
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work as a team member and demonstrate leadership skills
- Able to approach and overcome challenges with a positive attitude
- Sufficient understanding and use of English to ensure the wellbeing of the children

Candidates would ideally have a level 2 in Playwork or childcare for the playworker position but this is not necessary, just a passion and love for providing outstanding care for children is key! A level 3 in Playwork or childcare is essential for the play leader role.

All successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and will need a full driving license.

This will be an annualised hour 3-year fixed term contract working in both term time and school holiday periods.

For further information on these roles please contact:

Lisa Clements – Play Development Officer on 01730 234384 or email lisa.clements@easthants.gov.uk

Closing date: 1st February 2019

[Click here for more information](#)



Tea at 3!
3pm to 5pm every
Monday at Bentley
Church Hall



UPCOMING EVENTS

at Bentley, Binsted and Froyle churches

Children's Church:

Did you know that we run children's groups at our 9.30am service at Bentley? There is a creche for children up to 4 years old and three groups run for school age children:

Infant Group for Year R to Year 2

Junior Group for Year 3 to 5

Stepping up for Years 6 and above

JOIN US ON THE

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8.00am Binsted - Holy Communion

9.30am Bentley - Holy Communion

with Children's Church

5.00pm Froyle - Evensong

Alpha Course:

Tuesdays

7.30pm to 9.30pm at
Bentley Church Hall

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



Researchers from the University of Leeds are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, they are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children.

Please [click here](#) to complete the questionnaire. It should takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary.