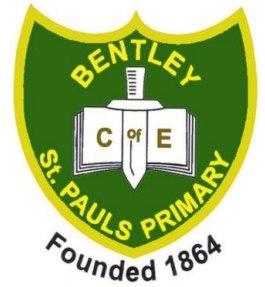




Bentley St Paul's Newsletter



"Growing together in faith, love and trust, we will succeed"

16th March 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents afternoon/evening this week. This is always a busy day and it was great to see so many of you showing an interest in your child/children's school work and progress. If there are any of you who were unable to attend but would like to find out about your child's progress please make contact with your child's class teacher.

School Dinners- Change

After much consideration, conversations with children, staff and yourselves with the aim of increasing our school dinner uptake I have decided to make some changes to the way we serve dinners at school. For the last 3½ years we have run a family service system for our school dinners, this has been something that has really promoted children talking to others across the year groups and really brought out their caring, supportive nature. However, it has also posed an issue for the children. No matter how we plan it, the children are unable to sit with all their friends. Especially if their friends are having a packed lunch when they are having a school dinner, sadly this has resulted in children not having a dinner. From Monday we will be introducing a canteen style service where the children will go to lunch with their class. This will mean that they will be able to sit with their friends no matter what they are eating. I hope that this will encourage more of you to sign up for school dinners, especially those who are in KS1 and therefore don't have to pay for them. Can I also remind you that we do offer a sandwich option - next week this will be given to the children in a bag - similar to the ones you might get in a soft play area or Sainsbury's. You are able to select what your child would like in their sandwich online when you book the lunch. Our school dinners are really good and I would love to see more of our children taking them up. I hope that this new system encourages more children to do this.



If you would like your child to have school dinners, jacket potato or school sandwich next week please can you go online and book it as you would normally.

We will be changing our dinner menus after Easter, to a new and exciting Summer menu. These will be sent home in due course.

Don't forget if you are in Reception class, Class 1 or Class 2 you will receive a free meal. Parents who are receiving certain benefits are entitled to Free School Meals whatever the age of your child. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please take a look on the Essex County Council website: enter Healthy Living in the search bar at the top left hand side. You will now be on the Healthy Living/School Meals page. This then shows you which benefits parents are entitled to claim. If you are receiving any of the listed benefits carry on and make an on line application. You may be asked for your National Insurance number.

Easter Eucharist - 26th March

Our Easter Eucharist will be taking place on Monday 26th March at 9.30 am at St Paul's Church Bentley. The service will be led by Year 5. All family and friends are welcome. If you would like to accompany the children to the Church please meet in the front playground just after 9.

Request for Absence

Can I remind you all that any requests for term time absence should be made at least four weeks prior to the requested absence and not simply the week before. The law states that it is your legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school during the allocated term time, there are 13 weeks per year when the children are officially not at school. 13 weeks when you can take your children away. I am fully aware that for those 13 weeks the travel companies increase the price of the holidays and this makes them more challenging to afford, I understand your frustrations; school staff also only have these periods as an option. By choosing to take your child away during the school term you are putting yourself at risk of receiving a penalty notice. Consider this when planning your holiday, I cannot stop you from going and I don't begrudge the family time but I will not authorise it during school term. This factor needs to be taken into consideration. Please do not get angry with us as a school, these are the rules and we will stick by them, if other schools choose not to do this I cannot be responsible for them. Please also be aware, it is my responsibility to maintain high levels of attendance and we as a school are judged on this, we do not benefit from any of the fines issued by the Local Authority but simply are acknowledged for following the rules.

PLEASE NOTE THAT HOLIDAYS DURING TERM WILL ONLY BE AUTHORISED
UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Brentwood School

Brentwood School will be holding its annual Open Morning on Saturday 9th June 2018. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective parents and pupils to explore the school, enjoy a flavour of Brentwood life and learn more about applying for our generous scholarships and bursaries.

Tours of the senior school campus will be held at 9.30 am and 10.30 am and the Head Master will be addressing parents at 10.30am and 11.30am in the Wessex Auditorium. Parents can register on line at www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/open-morning



Sport Update

On Tuesday we took 4 teams ranging from Yr3- Yr6 to a cross country event. The park was absolutely thick mud which made running conditions very tricky. The children coped really well and all completed their race. Two of our children Louis and Marcie finished in the top 10 and have made it through to the county round. A big thank you to Mr Delea for his help and well done to all the children that took part.







Events for the week beginning 19th March 2018

	Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
Classes	Beckett Keys maths Competition Selected children/ Swimming Year 4/Kazen Kai Year 4	Tag Rugby Tournament Selected children	Brentwood Youth Trust Drama workshop all day all classes/ Brentwood Prep maths competition selected children year 6	Yr 6 Easter Cracked Workshop/ Frontline Drama Group Year 4	Yr 5 out Colchester Zoo Sport Relief Day Dress up day as your favourite sports person
Clubs	Boys football match (H) K/O 3.30pm		No Badminton Yr 5 & 6 'This has now finished for the term'	Boys Football match(H) K/O 3.20pm	

Next week we are on Menu 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>A Hearty slice of Homemade Pepperoni Pizza</p> 	<p>Pork meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce</p>	<p>Local Butchers Roast Turkey Served with sage & onion stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy</p>	<p>Homemade Chicken Casserole and Baby Dumplings</p>	<p>Fishwish Fish Fillet in a Crispy Crum served with Lettuce and Mayo in a Bun</p>
<p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)</p>	<p>Quorn Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (V)</p>	<p>Sage Topped Quorn Fillet served with a Yorkshire (V) Pudding & Gravy</p>	<p>Mixed Bean Goulash & Baby Dumplings (V)</p>	<p>Spicy Beanburger in a Bun (V)</p>
<p>Oven Baked Homemade Crispy Potato Cubes Sweetcorn Salad Bar</p>	<p>Wholegrain and White Rice Homemade Garlic Bread with salad Bar</p>	<p>Roast Potatoes Fresh Carrots Shredded Savoy Cabbage</p> 	<p>Creamy Mashed Potatoes with Garden Peas and Sweetcorn</p>	<p>Chips Baked Beans Salad Bar</p> 
<p>Ham or Cheese Sandwich</p>	<p>Jacket Potato with Beans</p>	<p>Jacket Potato with Cheese</p>	<p>Jacket Potato with a Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings</p>
<p>Warm Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream or Organic Yeo Valley Yoghurt or a selection of fruit</p>	<p>Waffles with Warm Winter Fruits or Organic Yeo valley Yoghurt or a selection of Fresh fruit</p>	<p>Frozen Yoghurt Pots or Organic Yeo Valley Yoghurt or a selection of Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Homemade Gingerbread Men served with an Orange Smile or Yeo Valley Yoghurt or a selection of Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Homemade Flapjacks with Fruit Slices or Yeo Valley Yoghurt or a selection of Fresh Fruit</p>

Let Us Pray.....

Dear God

Thank you for making us who we are and making us imaginative and creative.

Amen

By Ope

Class 2

Dear God

Thank you for making the world Jesus, and making everything.

By Evie

Class 2

Dear God

***Please make everyone be friends with each other.
If you have one friend it's okay to have other friends.***

Amen

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Reception Class