



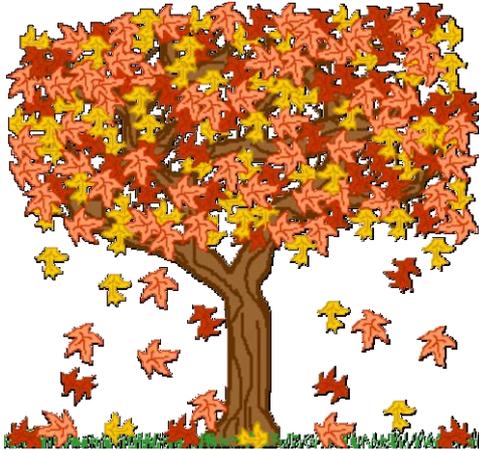
Bentley St Paul's Newsletter

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



20th October 2017

Dear Parents



The end of the first half of term has come around all too quick. The children have been working exceptionally hard and I'm sure you will agree all deserve a good rest. Next week is half term and the children will be returning to school on Tuesday 31st October. Year 6 have spent time with the Belgian children and have made good friends. The children spent the day together at Roperunners taking part in team building exercises. On Thursday the Belgium children spent the day at

Chessington World of Adventures. Tomorrow they head for home and we wish them a safe travel.

Defibrillator

We are delighted that our Debrillator has now arrived. This will now be in school. Although we hope that we never have to use it, it is a vital piece of equipment in saving lives during a heart attack. Thank you to everyone that helped raise enough money to purchase this bit of kit through the fun run.

IT suite - Fund raising

We are delighted that we have now nearly reached our target of £10,000 for a brand new IT suite for the children. We have fund raised for the last 3 years and have all pulled together to see if we can make our target. The new IT suite will have 30 brand new computers for the children and a new high speed server. All the children will be able to use the suite and we will have enough computers and screens for each child in the class. We still require a further £2000 to make this happen. Can we ask that if any parents feel that they could make a donation to the school no matter how small, we would be extremely grateful. We want the children to experience technology at its best and currently they are struggling with computers that are over 10 years old.

We always appreciate your continued support and I'm sure if we all work together we can make this happen for your children.

Children In Need

Children In Need day will be taking place on Friday 17th November. We will be celebrating all things teddy in honour of Pudsey. As we all take our teddy to bed please dress in your pyjamas **and bring your favourite bear to school with you.**



At lunchtime the hot dinner option will be a teddy bears picnic, the hall will be decorated and all our teddies are invited along! The food will be pizza, sausage rolls, pasta salads, potato salad and selection of picnic nibbles, followed by a special Pudsey jelly and biscuit.

In the morning and afternoon the classes will be having a decorate a giant Pudsey competition.

Cake sale -please send your donations into the office on Thursday 16th or Friday 17th in the morning. These are very much appreciated - thank you in advance.

Recommended donation for dressing up is £1.00, if your child would like a cake please send them in with some extra pennies to enjoy one.



At the end of the school day there will be a giant Pudsey that we will be asking everyone to cover in coins! Don't forget the old style £1 coins go out of circulation on the 15th but Children In Need will still take them - bring them along to cover our Pudsey! Lets see if we can make this our best year yet.



Flu Vaccination Forms

Our Flu Vaccine day is 14th November, forms must be received back at school by **Tuesday 31st October** at the very latest as the forms are collected by the nursing team and the vaccinations are pre ordered.

Summer Reading Challenge

Could we please ask the children that took part in the Summer Reading Challenge to bring into school their certificates that were given to them by the library. We would like these in school after half term. (they will be returned)

Essex Highways - Cycling Team

On Monday 23rd October the cycle safety team will be running a series of led rides along predetermined, low traffic, traffic free routes, designed to boost confidence for a variety of people. Participants can be new to, or returning to, cycling, the rides aim to encourage regular cycling for all ages.

The rides will be relatively short and focus on leisurely, pleasant and practical routes without too many steep hills; they are not designed for sports riding or training for experienced cyclists. The rides will be 5 miles long with a break half way.

The rides will be led by fully qualified Bikeability instructors who are all enhanced DBS checked.

Cycle helmets must be worn.

Monday 23rd October 10.30am - 12.30am from Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood.

Attendance for week ending 20th October 2017

Reception Class - 92.3%

Class 1 - 83.3%

Class 2 - 93.1%

Class 3 - 100%

Class 4 - 88%

Class 5 - 92%

Class 6 - 96.7%

Well done to Class 3 an outstanding week.



100-99%	Excellent
98-96%	Good
95-91%	Cause for Concern
90-87%	Unsatisfactory
86%	Serious Cause for concern
85-80%	Critical

If you would like to know your child's attendance figure please contact the school office after 9.30 am every Monday morning.

School Dinners

Our return to school will see the kitchen serving our new dinner menus. These have already been emailed home.

On our return we will be serving week 1. This is attached with the newsletter.





Events Diary for week beginning 30th October 2017

Mon 30th – Non-pupil day

Tues 31st – Children return to school

Dodgeball competition selected children

Wed 1st –Prospectus Parents Tour

Growth Mindset Workshop –parents invited

2.15pm school hall

Thursday 2nd – Year 3 inclusion workshop

Fri 3rd – E.C.C. Firwork safety talk

A reminder that Mon 23rd – Fri 27th is half term

On Monday 30th October we have a non-pupil day

Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October



Let Us Pray

Dear God

We pray that we all have a restful and enjoyable half term, that everyone keeps safe. We pray that the Belgian coach arrives home safely and the children have had a fantastic time in England

Amen