



Bentfield Primary School

Issue 1

Friday 20th
September

Messages from Mr Rogers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been a great start to the term, and it has been most pleasing to see the pupils return with a hardworking and positive approach to their learning. We have all enjoyed hearing various stories from the summer holidays and we hope everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the sunshine.

We start the school year with the re-introduction of our 'meet the teacher' sessions in Years 1 to 6. We always felt that these were excellent opportunities for parents to get to know their child's class teacher, as well as hear their plans and expectations for the year including work covered, classroom routines, staffing in the class, and potential class trips or visitors. For those classes that have not yet held one of these sessions, you should be hearing from them shortly.



This approach of increasing parental engagement with school continues to be an ongoing focus, and we are currently planning further opportunities of ways to involve families with their child's learning throughout the year. One of these is our upcoming parent session with 'The Two Johns' on Monday, 21st October at 7pm in our main hall (postponed from earlier in the year). The two Johns are former police officers, who are now e-safety training experts. They have an extremely worthwhile (and very shocking) overview of the statistics associated with children's use of technology, including gaming, social media, different apps etc. and the dangers this can bring.



ROBLOX



YouTube

As parents, we can all assume that we have the correct level of security and a good understanding of what our children do online; however, in this fast moving and ever changing area, it is often a challenge to keep up. Having seen the Two Johns on many occasions myself, I would urge all parents to attend (even those parents of our younger pupils). This session will also follow on from Key Stage 2 class sessions led by the two Johns during the school day, and, therefore, it is the perfect opportunity for parents and pupils to engage in shared discussions in the future. To sign up for this event please see the free tickets in the school shop area on Arbor.



Earlier this week, from Sunday to Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils took part in their four-day residential trip to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk. They had a thoroughly enjoyable time completing activities such as abseiling, climbing, zip wire, challenge course, archery, giant swing, canoeing and a



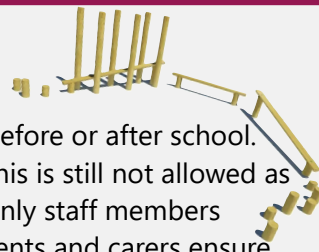
coastal walk (and, of course the obligatory campfire during the evening)! All had great fun and it was most pleasing to hear that they were extremely well behaved and represented our school brilliantly.

Our Year 4 class also took part in their one-day outdoor and adventurous trip to the Mariner Centre in Cheshunt. Catching the train there and back, they took part in bell boating, archery and bush craft activities, also having much fun and demonstrating excellent behaviour. We will have our final residential trip in a few weeks' time when Year 5 visit Gillwell Park.

There is NO SCOOTERING OR CYCLING on school grounds. Please make sure that, if these are brought into school, that pupils dismount and walk their scooter or bike into school (this includes the back path). Please also remember that there should be NO dogs on school grounds.



Pupils are NOT to use the outdoor play equipment (climbing frames or trim trails) before or after school. Even if parents are supervising this is still not allowed as our insurance emphasises that only staff members can supervise. Please can all parents and carers ensure that their children do not play on this equipment.



Year 6 → **Year 7**

Don't forget that the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Annual Consent

Please complete the annual consent on  **Arbor**

Annual consent includes all visits which take place during normal school hours



- adventure activities at any time
- off-site sporting fixtures during the school day
- all off-site activities for nursery



A Photographer is coming to take Individual School Photographs on Tuesday the 24th of September.

You will be able to order the photographs online using the order form that will be sent home with your child.

Dates For your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 24th

Individual School Photographs

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd - 4th

Year 5 Residential to Gilwell Park

Thursday 3rd

Teddy Bear Run for Cherry, Pine and Birch Class

Monday 21st

2 John's workshop - free tickets can be booked on Arbor

WC 28th

Autumn Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

Non Pupil Day

Class Emails for Bentfield

Apple Class - Nursery	apple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Chestnut Class - Year 3	chestnut@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Cherry Class - Reception	cherry@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Willow Class - Year 4	willow@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Pine Class - Year 1	pine@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Maple Class - Year 5	maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Birch Class - Year 2	birch@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Oak Class - Year 6	oak@bentfield.essex.sch.uk