



# BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome Back!

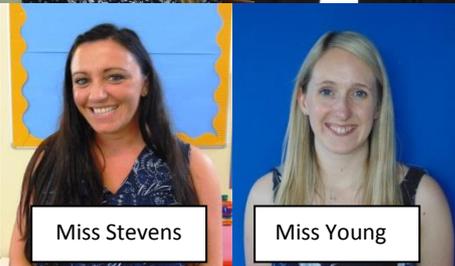
I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and welcome back to what promises to be a busy Autumn term. In particular I would like to welcome all new children joining us in reception as well as new starters across the school. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time at our school.

We also welcome our new teachers: Miss Young, Miss George and Mrs Guy. We also have new support staff; Miss Stevens & Mrs Wilkinson who have both joined the Early Years team and Mrs Bull, our Speech and Language specialist.



Miss George

Mrs Guy



Miss Stevens

Miss Young



Mrs Bull

Mrs Wilkinson

## News on the Ninth!



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### Early Years Pupil Premium

For all parents with children in our nursery, you might be able to help us claim additional funding for your child if you are in receipt of certain benefits. A letter and application form was in the welcome pack. Should you require any assistance, please pop in to the office.

### School Council

Each year, children from Y1 - 6 are elected to represent their class. They will be involved with driving forward initiatives for the school as well as being the pupil voice to improve Bengeo even further. The election takes place next week. Should children want to stand they should prepare a speech outlining why they would be a good candidate for the role.

### Y2 Camp Day



On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Year 2 had a super camp day, and were very fortunate with the weather. The day was enjoyed by both children and staff.

### **School Photos**

The school photographer will be taking individual and family photos of the children on Monday 2nd October. Individual/siblings (at Bengeo) photos will be taken during the normal school day. If you would like family photos, (parents/siblings not at Bengeo) appointments can be made nearer the time, for these to be taken before school. Class photos will be taken on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Policeman visited Apple Class**



At the end of last term, Mr Pidduck visited Apple class to tell them all about his job. The children were very interested and had lots of questions.

### **Office Opening Times**

The school office is open for parents at the following times: 8.30am – 9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm. Please could you avoid coming to the office outside these times wherever possible, thank you.

### **Attendance**

If your child is unwell, please email or ring the school first thing in the morning, and every subsequent morning for the duration of illness. The telephone line is open from 8.00 and the phone number is 01992 582765. To contact us by email the address is [absence@bengeo.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@bengeo.herts.sch.uk)

If we have not heard from you by 9:30am you will receive a call from

our attendance coordinator Mrs Spring, to enquire as to why your child is absent.

With regards to holiday absences, we will again be following the local council guidelines, which can be found on the Hertsdirect website. Absences over 15 sessions, which equates to 7 full days and one half day, per academic year, may result in a penalty notice.

We look forward to working with you on securing excellent attendance for your child.

### **Equipment**

A gentle reminder - please do not allow your children to play on the school equipment before and at the end of each day.

### **Year 4 Recycling Workshop**

On Tuesday 5th September Year 4 had a visit from The Recycling Unit.

‘We first had an assembly and were reminded about how important it is to recycle and what bins to put our waste in. Each class then had a workshop where we learnt more about sorting our rubbish and what items can then be recycled into. Did you know that 60% of what we throw into general waste can be recycled? Also if we throw a glass bottle away and it goes into landfill it will be there forever! We found out through looking at the labels of our school jumpers, that lots of them have recycled plastic in!’

*‘We must all remember to ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycle’.*

*Mrs Carter – Willow Class*

### **School Uniform**

Your children have looked very smart in their school uniforms this week. To clarify, please could all children wear black shoes (not trainers), limit earrings to small studs and ensure long hair is tied back using a plain hair tie. Watches and Fitbits (used as a watch) are fine to wear, but staff will ask pupils to remove any wrist bands or additional jewellery/accessories.

### **School Dinners**

School dinners are £11.50 per week (£80.50 this half term) for children in KS2. This fee is payable weekly or half termly. Unfortunately, we are not able to allow a charge of more than £23.00 (2 weeks) to remain unpaid. Should this happen, your child will have to revert to packed lunches until this amount has been settled.

### **Trips**

We have worked hard this year to book trips and invite in visitors that would enhance the learning of children, celebrate diversity and give children opportunities that they may not ordinarily have. This week, Year 4 have already had visitors linked to their topic and Year 6 will have a visit from Mark Prisk MP today. This supports our ethos of starting topics with a stimulus, to awaken curiosity and a desire to learn.

Your teachers will give you more information on trips at the welcome meeting. For those of you unable to attend, the powerpoints will be put on our website.

### **SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

Please send entries in to Mrs Murray by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Opening Times**

School start times are 8.55am for Reception & KS1 and 8.50am for KS2. Doors open from 8.45am.

Please ensure that children are not dropped off any earlier than 8.45am as staff are unable to open doors before this time and there is therefore no supervision for them.

### **Meet the teacher meetings**

Next week there is an opportunity for you to meet with your new class teachers so that they can explain a little about what your child/ren will be learning over the year.

11th Sept – Y3 3.30-4.00pm (MP Class)  
Y4 3.30-4.00pm (Willow )

12th Sept – Y1 9.00-9.30am (KS1 Hall)

13th Sept – Y2 9.00-9.30am (KS1 Hall)

Y5 3.30–4.00pm (KS2 Hall)

Y6 3.30-4.00pm (Juniper)

14th Sept – Reception 9.00-9.30am  
(KS1 Hall)

### **Bengeo Day**



Bengeo Day was a huge success and raised an amazing £10,300. This is a superb amount and a result of all the hard work by the BPA and their helpers. The sponsored bounce also raised £1300! Thank you for everyone's support.



## **SPORTS NEWS**

Once again Bengeo School have been awarded the GOLD School Games Mark for their commitment to and development of school sport, competition and physical education. Well done to Mrs Holman for all her input that has lead to this achievement.

## **SCOOTERS & BIKES**

Can we remind all parents to ensure your children dismount from bicycles and scooters at the school gates, to avoid accidents as the school can be very busy.

## **BPA CIRCUS**

The circus is coming to town, well actually the school's field! The BPA has arranged for a real circus, big top galore, to come to the school on Sun 8th Oct. This event is open to friends and family outside of school so please spread the word and buy tickets on their behalf. In addition to the circus there will also be a BBQ, a bouncy castle, a beer/ wine tent, a tuck shop, circus-theme merchandise to buy and live music. Gates will open at 12.30, the Big Top will open at 13.30 and the show will start at 14.00.

The cost is £8 per seat. All adults and children aged 2+ will require a seat (all under 2s are free but must be seated on laps). Tickets can be booked via the form on the letter sent today. Please return payment in an envelope with your child's name class and number of tickets needed.



## **Dates for your Diary**

**28th September** –Y5 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm

**2nd October** – Individual photos  
W/c 2nd October – Y6 Cycling Proficiency.

**8th October** – BPA Circus

**18th October** – Nursery closed all day – parent consultations

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**19th October** – Parents consultations

**23rd – 27th Oct** – Half term week

**30th October** – School starts

**6th November** – Y6 Rainforest Workshop

**8th November** – Y2 trip to the Airbus Foundation.

**4th December** – Y2 to the Pantomime

**5th December** - Y5/6 Carols at All Saints Church 7.00pm

**8th December** – School Disco

**12th December** - KS1 Xmas Play  
9.30am & 1.30pm

**13th December** - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Songs in KS2 hall – 9.00am & 2.15pm

**14th December** - Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church

**15th December** - School Christmas Lunch

**19th December** - Nursery Closed All Day

**19th December** – School finishes at 1.30pm

**20th Dec – 3rd Jan** Christmas Break

**4th January** - Back to school for all classes

## **Important dates in 2018**

**27th/28th March** Parent Consolations

**14-18th May** Y6 SATs

**14-25th May** Y2 SATs

## **Prospective New Reception Parent Tours (2018/19)**

**Tues 7th Nov** 9.15-10.00am

**Friday 17th Nov** 9.15-10.00am

**Mon 27th Nov** 2.00-2.15pm

**Thurs 7th Dec** 9.15-10.00am