



# BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News on the Ninth!



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### **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 as well as the following teachers: Miss Boyce (Year 5 teacher) Mr Young (Year 6 teacher) and Miss Bignal (Year 3 teacher). In addition, we have a new teaching assistant, Mrs Moran, a new learning support assistant, Mrs Klust-Nelson and Mr Emmerson, a sports apprentice. We also welcome four new Midday Supervisory Assistants; Mrs Morris, Mrs Davies, Miss Durden & Mrs Pearce. I know that you will do all that you can to make them feel welcome at Bengeo.

### **School Gateway App**

It is very important that you download the 'Gateway' app on to your phone/ipad and keep the notifications on, to ensure that you receive all communication about your child. If you require any help to do this, please contact the school office.

### **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.

### **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. The dates/times are as follows:

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> -Year 6 – 9.00am  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 2.45pm  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 – 9.00am  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 – 9.00am  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Reception – 2.45pm  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 9.00am  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 – 9.00am

### **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.

### **Bags 2 School**

Bags for Life will be distributed shortly. Please return them on the date on the bag (not before) by the tree outside the office. Bags 2 School are a company who take second hand clothes/linen in exchange for funds for the school.

## **Applying for School**

The deadlines for applications for the academic year beginning September 2019 are as follows:

**Secondary – Weds 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

**Primary (Reception) – Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### Secondary School Tours:

Simon Balle - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Sele – 29<sup>th</sup> Sept

Richard Hale – 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> Oct 4pm

Presdales – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 5.30pm

Chauncey – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm

### Prospective New Reception Parent Tours (2019/20)

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15am

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15am

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm

Please contact the school office to book a place.

## **Tesco ‘Bags of Help’ Scheme**

We are very excited that we have been accepted for the ‘Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme’.

Our project is to create an enchanted garden in the current, very overgrown, Jubilee garden.

Our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during September and October 2018. If you are shopping in Hertford Tesco, please vote for our ‘Enchanted Garden’ project by popping your token in the relevant box.

## **Bubble Run**

Emilia & Isobel Staiano, with Mrs Trubger, their Dad and lots of friends, took part in The Isabel Hospice

Bubble Run on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Chestnut Park, in memory of their Mum; Mandy Staiano.

‘The bubble run was great fun and I am sure raised a significant amount of money which goes towards the running and up keep of the charity. Whilst I will support the charity for evermore I feel I would like to thank and acknowledge the parents, children and staff who took part.’

*Mr Mario Staiano*



## **Parking**

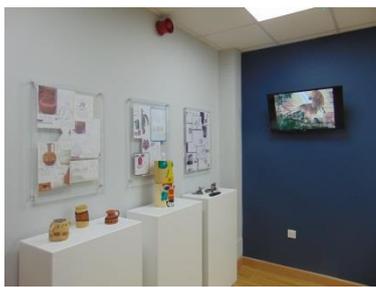
For the foreseeable future, the Bengoe Garden Nursery have changed their opening times; opening at 9.30am and closing at 4.00pm. The car park will therefore not be available in the mornings, and will need to be vacated by 4pm.

## **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.

## **New Gallery**



A huge thank you to Mrs Gallagher who has been very busy over the holidays transforming a dull corner of the school into an amazing art gallery. This celebrates the fantastic achievements of last year where the development of art was a key focus for the school.

Mrs Gallagher, along with her husband and Mr Hennessy, have worked hard to produce a gallery worthy of displaying the exceptionally high quality work produced by your children.

A particularly big thank you to the Bengeo Parents Association for funding this initiative and, of course, to all parents who have supported events to raise money.

The gallery will be officially opened next week by the Mayor.

Please do pop in and have a look if you can – the gallery is situated outside Chestnut class.

## **Attendance**

If your child is unwell, please message, email or ring the school first thing in the morning, and every subsequent morning for the duration of illness. Please message us on schoolcomms or alternatively telephone us from 8.00am or email us at [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 message/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.

## **Sports Gold Award**

Once again Bengeo have been awarded the GOLD sports mark in recognition of our commitment to, and development of, school sport, competition, physical education and physical activity.

With a total of 69% of KS2 pupils representing Bengeo School in local and county competitions, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to school sport. 23% of pupils, previously not engaged in extra-curricular clubs and school sport, have this year taken up a new sport or activity.

As this is our fourth consecutive year of achieving the Gold sportsmark we hope to work towards the platinum award this year.

### **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 £12 per week (£88.80 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 £24.00 (2 weeks) to remain unpaid. Should this happen, your child will have to revert to packed lunches until this amount has been settled.

### **School Development**

The school will have a particular focus on three areas this year. These are:

1. Ensure that pupils' attitudes to learning, and their behaviour, are of an equally high standard across subjects, years, classes and with different staff and at different times of the day

2. Provide quality continuing professional development to staff so that teachers have the skills to embed mastery across the curriculum.

3. Develop children's leadership so that it is integrated into the culture of the school.

### **Dates for your Diary**

W/c 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the Teacher meetings  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 Harvest Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual Photos  
24/25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent consultations  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Nursery Closed All Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – HALF TERM  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Back to School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Y2 to the Pantomime  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Choir to Carols at All Saints  
7pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Xmas Performance  
9.30am & 1.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 9am & 2.15pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5 & Y6 Carols at Holy Trinity pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Sing-a-long  
9.15am  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Lunch  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Closed all day  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – School finishes at 1.30pm

(Full year ahead diary dates were emailed today.)