



## News on the Ninth

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### **Welcome Back!**

A very warm welcome back to 2018 and wishing all of our families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Last year we enjoyed several nativity plays and carol concerts.

Thanks to all staff involved in putting on such wonderful productions and to all children for their amazing performances. Your children really are such a credit to you all.



## BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



At our Christmas performances, the audiences kindly donated to two charities; Winston's Wish & Place2Be and raised **£365.14** for each charity. Thank you for your generosity, these donations will be hugely appreciated by these very important charities.

### **Year 6 Viking Workshop**

On Monday 8th January, Year 6 was invaded by Vikings! To start off the children learnt about whom the Vikings were and where they came from.

Following a quiz, was a board game where one player was the fox and other was the geese. The aim was for the fox to 'steal' the geese by jumping over them (like in draughts) or for the geese to trap the fox by preventing him from moving anywhere. The final

morning activity saw the children learn about artefacts and the archaeological evidence that has been left behind. In the afternoon, the children were introduced to money, weapons and armour used in Viking times.

All in all, it was a fabulous day with lots of surprises, giggles and learning.



### **Parking**

With Bengo nursery closed for the winter, please allow plenty of time for parking your car. Thank you for your cooperation in avoiding parking on the double yellow lines in Sacombe road. This has made the area much safer for all children.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Cedar class for the best attendance in December. The top three classes for attendance, together with their percentages, were:

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Cedar	98.2%
Chestnut	97.8%
Laurel	96.9%

### **School Council**

The School Council decided that the charity they would like to support in the spring term is Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. <https://ehaat.org/> Children will have an assembly on Thursday 11th January about the great work this charity is involved with. Bengo School will be taking part in various activities to be confirmed later this term.

We would like to make a start by asking you to collect change either in the printable boxes attached at the end of this newsletter, or in a container like a jam jar. We will ask for these to be brought into school near the end of term. Further details about other activities will be in the following newsletters.

### **Dinner Money**

School dinners are £11.50 per week, which equates to £62.10 for this half term. Payments can be made on a weekly or half-termly basis.

Unfortunately, we are not able to allow an excess of £23.00 outstanding at any one time; should this happen your child will have to change to packed lunches.

### **Curriculum Evening**

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Parents' Curriculum Evening on 23rd January on the theme of Maths mastery with guest speaker David Cook.

David is a highly skilled teacher and leads the maths teaching and learning team for Hertfordshire. He is particularly interested in enhancing mathematical thinking through talk.

The evening will start at 6.30pm, in the Key Stage 2 hall, where the Parents' Association will kindly be providing cheese and wine for the occasion.

The event should finish at approximately 8pm.

We do hope that you will be able to join us all for what promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening.

Please note that the evening is for parents only. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate children at this event.

### **School Communication**



Please ensure, if possible, that you have downloaded the School Gateway app. This is a very efficient and cost effective way of communicating important information.

If you have any problems downloading or using the app, please contact the office, who will be very happy to help.



We also have a Facebook page (profile picture is the school logo) on which we share news, information, reminders, local events and general day to day school life. Please like our page and follow us.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term starts**

8<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 Viking Workshop

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Cycling Proficiency

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Curriculum Evening Maths mastery with guest speaker David Cook.

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term

9<sup>th</sup> March – Bring Mum to School Day

29<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term **(1.30pm finish).**