



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 in Reception and Nursery as well as new starters across the school. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time at our school.

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.



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 were in the welcome pack. Should you require any assistance, please pop in to the office.

Year 1 Teddy Bears Picnic

On July 22nd, Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the annual Year 1 Teddy Bears Picnic. They took part in outside games, followed by a picnic with their bears!



School Gateway App

Please could 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.

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

This 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:

Year 5 - Tues 10th at 9.00am
Year 4 - Weds 11th at 9.00am
Year 3 - Thurs 12th at 9.00am
Year 2 - Fri 13th at 9.00am
Reception – Weds 18th at 9am

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.

Kitchen

The kitchen was inspected 10th July and was rated 5 under the food & hygiene regulations 2013. This is a fantastic achievement by our catering staff and reflects the commitment and hard work of the team.

Applying for School

The deadlines for applications for the academic year beginning September 2020 are as follows:

Nursery – 28th February 2020

Reception – 15th January 2020

Secondary – 31st October 2019

Secondary School Tours:

Simon Balle - 28th September 8.30-1.00pm

Sele – Sat 5th October 9am-12.30pm

Richard Hale –

Mon 14th October 6-8.30pm

Tuesday 15th October 4-6.30pm

Presdales – Thursday 17th October 5.30-8.30pm

Chauncy – Weds 9th Oct 6.15-9.15pm

Please check the websites for further details.

Prospective New Reception Parent Tours (2019/20)

Reception

Thurs 7th Nov 9.15 - 10am

Friday 15th Nov 9.15 - 10am

Tues 26th Nov 2 – 2.45pm

Tues 3rd Dec 9.15 - 10am

Thurs 9th Jan 9.15-10am

Nursery

Mon 27th Jan 2 – 2.45pm

Thurs 6th Feb 9.15 – 10am

Tues 11th Feb 2 – 2.45pm

Please contact the school office to book a place.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please ring 01992 582765 (from 8am), message on schoolcomms or email absence@bengeo.herts.sch.uk by 9.15 in the morning, and every subsequent morning for the duration of illness.

If we have not heard from you by 9:15am 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. Requests for holidays during term times cannot be authorised. Unauthorised 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.

Year 2 Camp Day

On July 12th, Year 2 had a wonderful 'Camp Day'. This is an annual tradition to celebrate their end of KS2. They spent the day on the field, playing in and out of tents and enjoying lots of activities. The highlight of the day being a BBQ lunch!



School Dinners

School dinners are £2.50 for children in KS2. This fee is payable weekly or half termly. Unfortunately we are not able to allow a charge of more than £25.00 to remain unpaid as debts come directly out of the school budget, thereby affecting the educational

provision of all pupils. Should this happen, your child will have to revert to packed lunches until this amount has been settled.

Dates for your Diary

September 'Meet the Teacher' sessions:

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Year 2 - Fri 13th at 9.00am
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w/c 16th Sept - Y5 Cycling proficiency

9th Oct - Year 5 Harvest Assembly

23rd Oct - Individual Photos

23/24th Oct - Parent consultations

28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM

4th Nov - Back to School

25th Nov - Flu vaccination day

2nd Dec - Y2 to the Pantomime

10th Dec - KS1 Xmas Performance

9.30am & 1.30pm

11th Dec - Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 9am & 2.15pm

13th Dec - Y5 & Y6 Carols at Holy Trinity 10am

16th Dec - Xmas Parties

17th Dec - Foundation Sing-a-long 9.15am & 2.15pm

17th Dec - Xmas Lunch

19th Dec - Nursery Closed all day

19th Dec - School finishes at 1.30pm

(Full year ahead diary dates will be emailed shortly)

'Here at Bengo we believe that the most successful school is a place where everyone is valued. We work together and aspire to be the best we can.'

You are getting this email because you are a parent/carer of a child at this school. Please e-mail us if you would like to stop receiving them.