



News on the Ninth

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BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome and Goodbye

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Davies who has worked with us at Bengeo as a learning support assistant for 2 years. We would like to wish her luck going forward as she starts her next chapter in Lincolnshire.

Many of you will know Mrs Spring who has worked at the school for 22 years. She has been an invaluable part of the office staff team, as well as being the lead teaching assistant. We will all miss her calm approach and the way she effortlessly managed to sort out staff absences and, more importantly, the guinea pigs over the years. We all wish her well in her retirement.

It is a sad goodbye to Miss Solonos as well as she moves on to another school. Although she has only been with us for a short time, she has become a valued friend and colleague.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Rachel Ogier to the office team. She will be working full time, taking over from Mrs Spring, including dealing with pupil attendance.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Year 3 teacher, Mr James Barker, and Mrs Hannah Bennett who will be teaching across the school.

Miss Lucy Chandler is joining us as our new sports apprentice; she is very much looking forward to working with Mrs Holman to assist in the delivery of PE in school.

Nursery are looking forward to welcoming Miss Alicja Bendowska and Walnut are very pleased that Mrs Annette Jordan will be their new teaching assistant. Mr Keiran Wheeldon is also joining the team as a Learning Support Assistant.

Parking bollards

The County Council will shortly be installing 35 bollards between the school and Cowper Crescent in a bid to protect the grass verges and prevent dangerous parking. Please can I remind you all to show respect to our neighbours and not park across driveways or on grass verges.

Food parcels

Many thanks to Debs from Manic Ceramic who has continued to provide food parcels throughout the term to some of our parents. During the last 8 weeks, 24 fresh food parcels have been delivered to the school for distribution. This is a terrific amount of food and an extremely kind gesture.

Rotary Club Donation

We also received £250 donation from the Rotary Club, which provided a craft packs to Pupil Premium children to help keep them busy during lockdown; this was much appreciated by these families.

OfficeFox donation

Thank you to Jenson's mum and dad, who are linked to the company OfficeFox, for providing an incredible amount of equipment for children in Early Years. Mr Warrington and Miss Morley had heard that we could only use plastic equipment, as it needed to be washed daily, so they offered to donate a selection of wonderful new plastic toys for the Foundation Stage to play with. Here are the children enjoying the tea set and marble run...



YEAR 6 GOODBYES AND EVENTS

Sports Afternoons



We were very lucky with the weather, as the rain held off for our sports afternoons this week, which were wonderful, a little bit of normality, and a great last Bengeo sporting opportunity for our Year 6s.



They will be taking part in their Enterprise Week this week which you may have seen details of on Facebook. If you are able to sponsor, make donations or have your car washed, it would be much appreciated. We have had an anonymous promise of a donation that matches all monies raised over £1500 (to a max of £500); this is wonderful and very much appreciated.

Y6 Enterprise Week Gofundme

Not to miss out on the Year 6 performance, they will be recording a production on to a DVD so that they have a keepsake of their time with us.

The last week brings a 'Pizza & Ice Cream' party for them too, bringing their time at Bengo to an enjoyable conclusion. We are conscious that they have missed out on some of our regular events due to COVID-19, including their recreational trip to the Isle of Wight, so we hope that these little events go some way to compensate for that.

Next term's classes

Key Stage 2

Teacher and new class	Previous class
Mrs Dove Juniper Y6	Pine
Mr Young Beech Y6	Cedar
Miss Peters Pine Y5	Oak
Miss Freeman Cedar Y5	Willow
Miss George Oak Y4	Rowan
Mrs Carter & Ms Potts Willow Y4	Monkey Puzzle
Miss Prank Rowan Y3	Laurel
Mr Barker & Mrs Bennett Monkey Puzzle Y3	Cherry Blossom

Key Stage 1

Mrs Barrett & Mrs Bennett Cherry Blossom Y2	Holly
Mrs Guy & Mrs Fitzgerald Laurel Y2	Maple
Mrs Laing & Mrs Mills Maple Y1	Apple
Mrs Day & Mrs Bartlam Holly Y1	Walnut

EYFS

Mrs Norris Walnut YR	
Mrs Cato & Mrs Coe Apple YR	
Mrs Dalby Acorn Nursery	

Welcome meetings and parent/teacher consultations

The usual welcome meetings in September will not be taking place but teachers will produce a PowerPoint with useful information about the year, which you may like to watch with your children. They will be available on the website from 7th September.

We have provisionally planned the Autumn term consultations for the end of November or early December in the hope that they can go ahead but will keep you informed on this, nearer the time.

Keeping safe online

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Information from the Government regarding Covid-19

For the latest information for parents from the Government on schools and early years settings during Covid, please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/s/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Next term

Following the latest guidance from Government issued on the 2nd July, we are delighted to inform you that we expect to be open in full from September. We will look forward to welcoming your child/ren from Thursday 3rd September.

The guidance states that all children must return to school unless they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

A plea: Please can we ask you not to take holidays during term time as teachers will be working very hard to close any gaps in children's learning. We will only have one opportunity to do this and if your child is absent this opportunity will be lost for them.

Please bear in mind, if you are planning to go abroad over the summer holidays, that there may well be quarantine procedures in place when you return home. There are currently some air corridors in place but I think we are all now aware that these could change with very little warning. Please could I ask you to avoid booking any holidays abroad

after the 17th August wherever possible in case you have to quarantine for 14 days.

You may also want to check out your holiday insurance, as the foreign and commonwealth office are currently still advising British nationals against all but essential travel.

Dates for your Diary

17th July – Last day of term (Finish time is **normal time**, rather than an early finish)

3rd Sept – First day of Autumn term
21st Oct – Individual photos
26th – 30th October - Half term break
18th Dec – Last day of term

Finally...

On behalf of the teachers and the leadership of the School, I would just like to say how impressed we are with the standard of children's online and at-home learning. Children have returned to school with fantastic attitudes and with the relevant knowledge and skills retained and further developed. We appreciate how hard it has been to maintain the momentum of learning for your children but we would just like to communicate our thanks for all your efforts. We feel that one of the benefits of this challenging time has been to demonstrate what a strong and unique partnership we have here in Bengeo, between parents/carers and the School.

The school will be closed over the summer for all children. Therefore, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer, and hope that you get the opportunity to relax, and meet up with friends and family.

'Here at Bengeo 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.