



20th November 2020



## Information and up and coming events



**Christmas Holiday** Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021

**Teacher Training Day** Friday 12th February

**February Half Term** Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

**Easter Holiday** Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April

**Bank Holiday** Monday 3rd May

**June Half Term** Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

**Teacher Training Day** Friday 25th June

**Summer Holiday** Monday 19th July to Friday 31st August

**Christmas Cards—** We are once again taking part in the Christmas Card Project. Your child may have bought home their design already, if not they will be with you shortly. If you are interested in buying your child's design Christmas cards or gift tags etc. please complete the form and send this back into school with payment.

Cash and cheques are accepted, please make cheques payable to  
"Benton Dene School Fund".

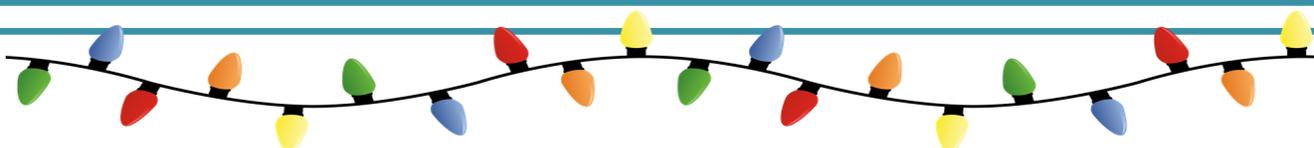
**The deadline for orders will be next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

If you do not wish to purchase your child's design, please feel free to keep their original drawing.

**Pupils' Individual photo-**There is no obligation to buy your child's photo but if you would like to purchase them please send cash or cheque in by next Friday 27th November with proof photo.



If you do not wish to buy the photo you are very welcome to keep the proof.



## Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December. It will slightly different this year as we are unable to have the whole school sitting together but we will be in the hall in our bubbles, seeing our friends and having a lovely Christmas dinner and enjoying a festive atmosphere.

If your child would like to have a Christmas lunch and you are not entitled to a free school meal please contact Joinos at [WWW.joinos.com](http://WWW.joinos.com) to pay £2.25 for the lunch.





# Class News



**Yellow 3:** have enjoyed going on a Autumn hunt and making a leaf man.

**Yellow 4:** have been exploring lines in art this week. We have made lots of different shapes and lines in shaving foam, flour, string and clay!

**Green 5:** We have had visitors from the story of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We got the chance to ask them lots of questions even though the witch was quite scary

**Green 6:** have been learning about how to stay safe and not to share personal information when working on computers.

**Green 7:** have really enjoyed PE this week.

**Green 8:** have started working hard on 2D shape.

**Red 1:** have been on a turnip hunt as part of their fairy tale work on, 'The Enormous Turnip'. We enjoyed the role play and all of the class wore their masks. Luckily we found the turnip too!

**Red 2:** have been performing gymnastics routines in PE. They had to include a shape, a way of travelling and a balance. They worked in pairs to prepare the routine and then performed them in symmetry with their partner.

**Red 3:** have been learning about the Romans in History. We have created timelines and begun to explore the life of a soldier!

**Red 4:** have had a great week. We took part in lots of activities for anti bullying week and have had lots of discussions about how to be a good friend. We are really enjoying playing basketball in our PE lessons.

**Blue 5:** have been reading the Viking myth 'Odin's Eye' in 'Talk for Writing'. We have also been dressing up as Viking warriors .

**Blue 6:** This week we were very excited as we received a letter from Sir David Attenborough. We wrote to him telling him that we had been learning about looking after our environment. He told us that he was very pleased and thanked us for the letters and pictures.

**Blue 7:** have been learning to make fork biscuits and exploring their own Viking long-house.

**Blue 8:** have been developing their 'life skills' in PSHE by making a snack for themselves.

**Blue 9:** are planning a Christmas dinner in our 'life skills' session. We have made mashed potato this week and next week we will be making Yorkshire puddings.

## Attendance

The following classes have had 100% attendance this week: **Green 8, Red 2, Red 3,**

## Stars of the week

**Yellow 3: Tommy , Green 5: Jaiden Lee , Green 6: George, Green 7: Michael, Green 8: Maizy,**  
**Red 1: Michael, Red 2: Seth, Red 3: Sam, Red 4: Steven, Blue 5: Dominic,**  
**Blue 6: Ehsan, Blue 7: Bradley, Blue 8: Jude, Blue 9: Sonny .**



## Achievements of the week

**Yellow 3: Max, Green 5: Riley, Green 6: India, Green 7: Matilda, Green 8: Alistair, Red 1: Ismaail,**  
**Red 2: Joshua, Red 3: Max , Red 4: Alex, Blue 5: Christian, Blue 6: Justin Blue 7: Harry,**  
**Blue 8: Eve, Blue 9: Taylor.**



**Poppy Appeal**  
**Thank you for your**  
**donations. Between**  
**both schools we**  
**raised £334.**

# finnfamilyfund

A really big thank you to the finnfamilyfund for donating the money to pay for our whole school to have access to 'Reading Eggs' (an interactive phonics program). This donation is extremely generous and will support our pupils both in school and at home to continue to develop their reading skills.

Further information on how to access this fantastic learning tool will follow soon.

## **P.E. at Benton Dene School**

### **Hurdles at home**

Why not encourage your child to do some exercise at home. They could attempt to do some hurdles. Put some household objects outside or in a room with enough space to jump over e.g. a box of cereal, shoes, cushions, item of clothing. How many objects can you jump over? How far can you jump? Who can jump over the longest object?



Don't forget to upload your picture's to seesaw or tapestry

**The Giving Machine.** Just a reminder that our school is listed as a cause on 'The Giving Machine', if you log on to this website before you do any online shopping, we receive a donation at no extra cost to you! There are over 2200 most popular shops to choose from. Register to support The Giving Machine Community and help us raise as much as possible.  
**Please choose Benton Dene School**

Please remember to inform school if you have a change of contact details for your child. Mobile phone number, house, email address or change in contact members.

If your child is absent from school please ring first thing in the morning to let us know the reason why. Thanks for your co operation.



We realise this has been an extremely difficult time for a lot of people so we are requesting that you do not buy Christmas gifts for any staff this year. We know you appreciate their hard work and dedication to your children but feel a gift is not necessary in these uncertain times .



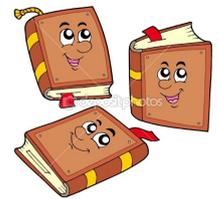
We are excited to announce the launch of our new school app. It can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store.

Please search for School Jotter app and search for our school. Remember to accept notifications and you will get all the latest news and information direct to your phone. You can view galleries and have links and school contacts at the touch of a button.

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## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Due to COVID -19 Scholastic book fair are unable to provide us with a half price book fair as usual but there are still many excellent books available.



If you would like to purchase a book please complete the order form that was recently emailed to you and ensure correct payment or cheque is enclosed as we are unable to provide change and return to school. You may wish to order by phone. The contact number is 0333 305 2963 please quote school number 9800533.

Books will be delivered to children in their class throughout the 2 week period (27<sup>th</sup> November for 2 weeks) of the Book Fair. If however you would like to purchase books as Christmas presents you can arrange for collection from the office - please make this clear on your order form.

There is no obligation to buy.