



Benton Dene School Newsletter



27th 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

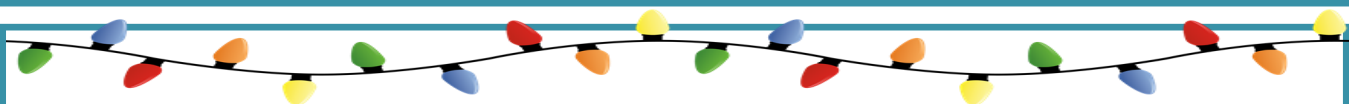
Easter Holiday Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April

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 Lunch

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December. It will be 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 to pay £2.25 for the lunch.

Christmas Jumper day 11th December (or wear uniform if you prefer)



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 (27th 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.



Mental Health Awareness

As part of raising Mental Health and Emotional Well Being awareness in school, two members of staff have recently trained as Mental Health First Aiders: we are part of a pilot scheme in North Tyneside. We are focusing on raising the awareness of, and developing an understanding of, the importance of good mental health and how to support children, parents and staff who face challenges. We would really appreciate it if you could help us 'kick-start' our work by completing, and returning the survey, which has been sent home.

Class News

Yellow 3: children have been very busy reading 'The Gruffalo' and making Gruffalo's using play dough. We have also been working hard on our enterprise projects tasting and making hot chocolate cones

Yellow 4: have been using speech bubbles in English. We have been using expression to speak like the characters in our book.

Green 5: have been making special Advent calendars to count down the school days until we break up for Christmas

Green 6: children have been doing a verbal retell of their T4W text, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They were absolutely amazing and remembered lots of interesting facts about the story.

Green 7: have been detectives. Someone came into our classroom and ate some of the gingerbread house.

Green 8: have enjoyed beginning their Christmas Enterprise project this week.

Red 1: have been investigating 2D shapes all week. We have also made Christmas pictures with them.

Red 2: have been learning about the Stone Age. This week they have built a model of a stone circle using cardboard boxes

Red 3: have been investigating what life was like for a Roman soldier. We have built miniature models of Hadrian's wall and explored why it was built.

Red 4: have had a great week. We have been innovating our text 'How to Trap a Dragon'. The children have enjoyed describing their creatures and thinking of a way to trap it!

Blue 5: have been making excellent progress with their basketball skills in PE this week.

Blue 6: had a game of football in PE. They worked together as teams and managed to score 2 goals each.

Blue 7: pupils have been learning about the solar system and in Maths lines of symmetry.

Blue 8: have started learning about shape this week and have shown off their fabulous knowledge naming and sorting shapes.

Blue 9: are studying 'The Gospels' in RE. We have started to look at different versions of the Christmas story.

Attendance

The following classes have had 100% attendance this week: **Green 5, Red 2,**

Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Euan, **Yellow 4:** Jake, **Green 5:** Olivia, **Green 6:** Sonny, **Green 7:** Shay, **Green 8:** Taylor, **Red 1:** Kieran, **Red 2:** Jade, **Red 3:** Josh, **Red 4:** Charlie, **Blue 5:** Kian, **Blue 6:** Phillipa, **Blue 7:** Bradley, **Blue 8:** Olivia, **Blue 9:** James .



Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Faith, **Green 5:** Jaiden Lee, **Green 6:** Jake, **Green 7:** , **Green 8:** Jake, **Red 1:** Taylor, **Red 2:** Anne, **Red 3:** Amelia, **Red 4:** Steven, **Blue 5:** Luca, **Blue 6:** Connor **Blue 7:** Finley, **Blue 8:** Kai, **Blue 9:** Oliver.



Reading with your child at home

The importance of regular home reading.

You were your child's first teacher and taught them many important skills, including how to speak. Your child will experience the most success in reading when school and home work together. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe or reading street signs teaches them that reading is a useful skill in today's world.

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all areas of school. Research shows the importance of reading on a daily basis in developing their use and understanding of vocabulary.

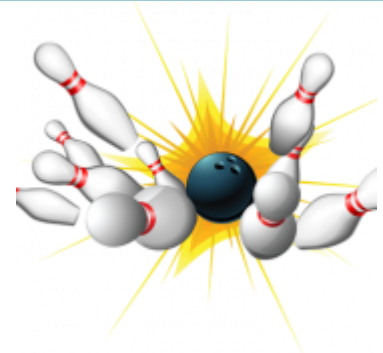
P.E. at Benton Dene School

Bowling

Use empty bottles and a pair of socks (if you don't have a ball) to have a game of bowling with people in your home.

Who can knock down the most?

Could you play this outside with bigger objects to knock over?



Don't forget to upload
your pictures to seesaw or
tapestry

Here are some E-Safety tips to help your child at home:

- **YouTube Kids is a family friendly, filtered version of YouTube. It is a safer and simpler place for children to explore their interests through online videos.**
- **Explore safely and always tell an adult if you see something that you don't think is right.**
- **Personal information should not be shared online. Never put your home address, your town, email address or your phone number.**

Please see the school website for more apps and websites to support your child at home.



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

Would you like to find out more about safety on the internet for your child, then please join one of our sessions and help keep your children safe.

E-Safety session for parents and carers

Benton Dene School would like to invite you to an

E-safety parental session on:

Thursday 10th December

10am—11am and 1:30—2:30 (15 minute slots)

This will be either virtual or a phone call with Vicki Houston, our computing lead who will be able to provide 1:1 advice on e-safety at home.



Do you know what your child is doing online?
Do you need support with websites and apps that help keep children safe?
Does your child know how to use an iPad?

> Entertain



If you are interested in booking a session, please reply via Seesaw

Green 7 were looking for clues to see who ate the Ginger Bread house.

