



Benton Dene School Newsletter

10th December 2021



Dates for your Diaries

14th December Christmas Lunch

20th December—3rd January Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 4th January: Teacher Training Day

21st—25th February Half term Holiday

11th April—22nd Easter Holiday

2nd May Bank Holiday

30th May—3rd June Half term Holiday

Christmas Show/ Nativity Play:

As you will be aware from the letter that was sent home recently it was in consultation with governors and staff that reluctantly the decision was made to cancel parents coming into school to watch the Christmas Shows. We appreciate that many of you will be disappointed but hope you will agree that a little disappointment now is preferable to lots of people being ill over Christmas.

Your child's class will ensure that there is a recording of their class' Christmas Show and that this is uploaded for you all to see.

Thank you as always for all your support,

With warmest regards,

Alison McAllister-Williams

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Christmas Lunch.

Next Tuesday 14th December

If your child would like to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their friends this year but usually has a packed lunch and they are not entitled to free school meals please ensure you have registered with parentpay@northtyneside.gov.uk or contact catering services on 0191 643 8355 to set up an account.

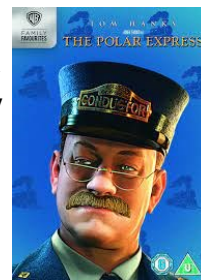
Up coming Christmas events

This year our Christmas events will be
focused around

‘The Polar Express’.



This year we have decided to have a ‘Polar Express Day’ rather than a traditional party. On the last Friday of the term: 17th December, children (and staff) can come to school in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. We will have various fun and cosy activities throughout the day and will watch the film: Polar Express (or similar). We may even have a special visitor.



Parent Governor Elections.

Parents have an important role to play in the education of children and being a Parent Governor can give you an opportunity to contribute to the education of all children in our school.

If you require further information for this role, please contact
Mrs Alison McAllister Headteacher.

If you wish to be nominated please ask for a form from the school office.

Why become a parent governor?

This is a role which provides support and challenge to the school leadership team.

It's a role where you will learn and support more about how the school runs, how it spends its money and how the team work to achieve good standards of education for your child. Don't worry if you have no background in schools and education as this is not important and it's more about giving a voice and representing the parent body. You will attend meetings and undergo visits to learn more about the life of the school and lots of support will be given from the existing team.

I became a parent governor because I wanted to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on my child's schooling. It is a fascinating and interesting role which allows you to see, understand and be a part of the strategic direction of the school. It has given me the chance to work with a wide range of professionals and volunteers who share the desire to ensure the children are accessing the best possible provision- not to mention Mrs McAllister always makes a coffee and has lovely biscuits

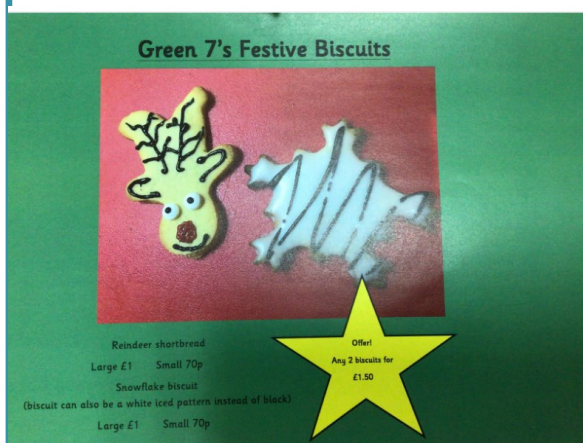
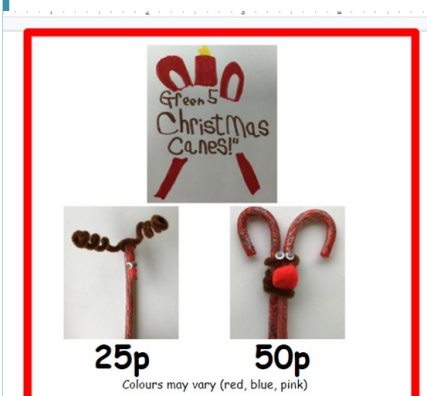


Christmas Gift Enterprise

Last chance to buy these fabulous Christmas gifts the children have made.

You can buy items from any class in your child's zone but be quick stocks are running low.



All profit will go towards buying educational equipment for the class rooms.










Red 1



 1   
Red 1 are making cinnamon stick

 
Christmas tree decorations

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They smell lovely and are very pretty.

 
£1 each

Red 2

Merry Christmas from Red 2



Red 2 Enterprise Initiative















Christmas lollipop decorations. Designs available: Rudolph, Penguin, Christmas tree and Snowman
£2.50

Red 3



RED 4 Candles!



       
Buy our fantastic candle holders. We have painted
     
Christmas scenes on them. £1 for one candle holder.

Red 4

Blue 5

Blue 5 Order Form

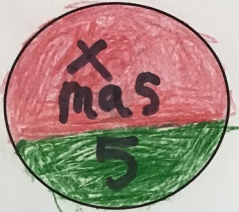



Photo examples



Description: Delicious chocolate shards made with the best quality chocolate and finest ingredients. £1 per bag.

Blue 7

Merry Christmas!
Christmas Eve Goodies Box



Hot Chocolate Cone

Reindeer Dust

Christmas Colouring Sheets

Christmas Pencil

Snowman Poo

Magical Golden Coin

£6

Individual items can be purchased for £1.50 each.

Blue 8

For enterprise blue 8 will be making Santa cookie pots. A delicious treat for Santa.

Child's name:

How many?

Child's Class:

£1.00



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Blue 6

Blue 6 present Christmas Snowmen!



With yummy marshmallows!



Only £1

Blue 9



We have been working hard making Christmas decorations for you to buy for your Christmas tree. You can give them to your family for Christmas

<https://www.bentondeneschools.org.uk/our-classes/blue-9> watch our advert on the school website!

Outstanding Reading Certificates for the progress they have made in reading.

Coen B

Euan

Janis

Amelia

Well done everyone!



The Giving Machine

As we are getting close to Christmas and you may be buying gifts on line. It would be great if you could visit 'The Giving Machine' website before you do any online shopping as school will receive a donation at no extra cost to you!

Register to support at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

Type in Benton Dene and choose Bentondene School

Here is a link to Christmas yoga.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMeKIAEpWxw>

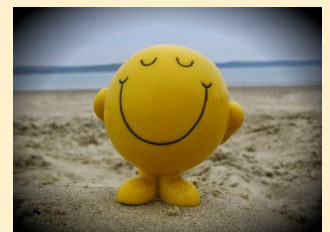


Peace of Mind

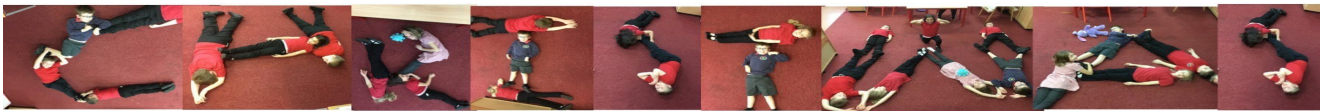
This year we are asking families not to send presents in for staff. If you would like to support our chosen charity, Peace of Mind, a charity who support refugees in the North East we are asking for the following items to be sent into school:

- New Toys/colouring books/pencils
- Selection boxes/Chocolates/sweets (suitable for veg/halal)
- Gift sets (teenage girls/boys)
- Toiletries sets
- Perfumes/deodorant gift sets
- Girls make up
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Thank You for all your kind donations, they will make a big difference for someone less fortunate..



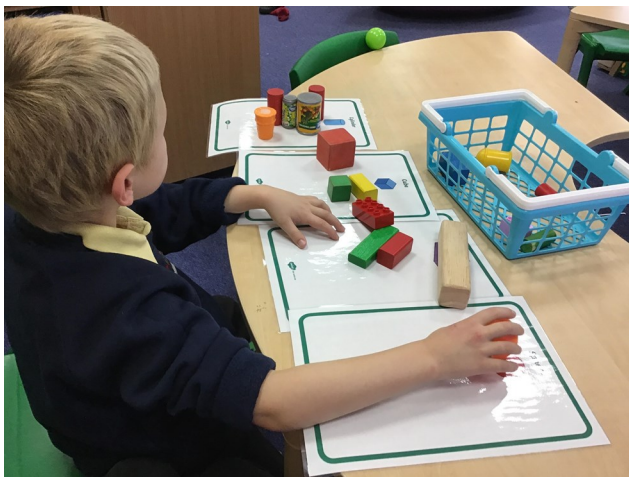
Red 3 have been hard at work this week on their singing for the Christmas video and using their team work to build human letters to create a sign for parents.



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Yellow 4 have been working hard exploring, naming and sorting 3D shapes in maths this week.



Class News



Yellow 3: have been investigating length in maths. We have also explored the Christmas dressing up outfits and enjoyed role playing different characters.

Green 5: have really enjoyed practising and singing their Christmas songs.

Green 6: The children have been working like Santa's elves on their Enterprise Initiative.

Green 8: This week we have enjoyed learning to sing some Christmas songs and practising performing them in front of the rest of the class.

Red 1: have enjoyed making their Enterprise gifts. We hope the Cinnamon Stick Christmas trees will decorate different homes this Christmas.

Red 2: have been learning to sew using cross stitch

Red 4: have enjoyed performing their Christmas song ready for parents

Blue 5: have been working extremely hard on their enterprise project this week, creating delicious chocolate shards.

Blue 6: have been learning and practising a Christmas rap

Blue 7: The children have enjoyed learning all about Beowulf in Talk 4 Writing. The children have been thoroughly engaged and created wonderful story maps to retell the story.

Blue 8: have been helping to make Santa cookie cups as part of their enterprise project.

Blue 9: have been creating a video of our Christmas performance. The children have been acting, singing and taken part in the directing and producing the movie.



Stars of the week



Yellow 3: Maddox & Lilly, Yellow 4: Alistair,

Green 6: Leoh, Green 8: Jawwad,

Red 1: Michael & Kieran, Red 3: Jayden, Red 4: Louis,

Blue 5: Dominic, Blue 6: Jessica, Blue 7: Lee, Blue 8: Olivia, Blue 9: Freddie.

Inspire Award of the week



Yellow 3: George & Erin, Yellow 4: Aaron,

Green 6: Lucas, Green: 8 Reyansh,

Red 1: Kameran, Red 3: Anne, Red 4: George,

Blue 5: Lewis, Blue 6: Emile, Blue 7: Max,

Blue 8: Daniel, Blue 9: Tyler.