



# Benton Dene School Newsletter



14th January 2022

## Dates for your Diaries

**21st–25th February Half term Holiday**

**2nd March Parents Consultation's**

**11th April–22nd Easter Holiday**

**2nd May Bank Holiday**

**30th May–3rd June Half term Holiday**

**6th June Closed for Queen's Platinum**

**30th June & 1st July Teacher Training Day**

**21st July Break up for Summer Holidays**

**Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**It was lovely to see the children's smiley faces coming into school last Wednesday. They all looked happy and keen to be back to school.**

**As you may know we have two home school link workers: Tina Steele who looks after **Yellow** and **Green** Zone and Yvonne Manton who looks after **Red** and **Blue** Zone.**

**Yvonne and Tina are here to ensure all children are happy, secure and enjoy school whilst you as their parents and carers feel supported and fully included. Please contact them if you need advice or support.**

**You can contact them on their direct number.**

**If you need to contact Tina**

**If you need to contact Yvonne**

**Her number is 0191 466 1821**

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**Next Thursday 20th January we are having  
a Pizza Party School Lunch**



**If your child would like to enjoy a Pizza Party lunch with their friends 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](mailto:parentpay@northtyneside.gov.uk) or contact catering services on 0191 643 8355 to set up an account.**

**If your child will be having a lunch please can you let your class team know by seesaw.**

This Spring term **Red Zone's** Enterprise will be our school allotment area.

If you have any seeds or cutting you no longer require they would be very grateful for them.

Vegetables or flowers. Thank You



**Here is a picture of Lee who has created a sculpture at home.**

Quote from Lee: This is an elflin. This sculpture is made from monster clay. I asked my mam to pose in a certain way so I could perfect the face muscles and the mouth. It took me a long time to create the face shape. I used tools to dab

the clay in place. I used my thumbs to massage the clay to create the shape of the ears.

**This term Red 3 will be exploring primary and secondary colours. They have had loads of fun exploring being able to mix their colours.**



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**The children in Blue 7 have enjoyed a lot of time outdoors this week.**

**We have been enjoying working on our partnership for our 'INSPIRE' programme and have been working together to build dens in the pond area.**



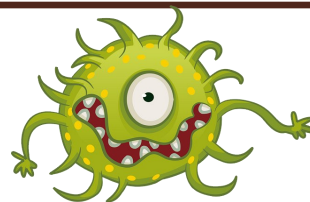
### P.E. at Benton Dene School 'Tag'

choose the first person to be "it", their job is to touch another person and shout "Tag, you're it!".

The tagged person then takes on the role of "it" and play continues. There is no set end to the game or winner.



## **Covid 19 update guidance.**



### **PCR testing requirements.**

Any pupil who has symptoms of COVID 19 must not attend school. They should book a PCR test immediately and self isolate until the result is confirmed.

As from Tuesday 11th January anyone without symptoms testing positive with Lateral Flow Test will no longer need to confirm this with a PCR test. However LFT result must be reported to gov.uk and you must self isolate immediately.

### **Self Isolation for Individuals who test positive for Covid 19**

As from Monday 17th January any pupil who has had a positive PCR or LFT must self isolate for 10 days.

They may be able to leave the self isolation period before the 10 full days are up by taking a LFT test on the 5th day of the isolation period and a second test at least 24 hours later. If both tests are negative, and the child does not have a high temperature, they can end their self isolation after the 2nd negative test.

## **Peace of Mind**

Peace of Mind, our chosen charity this Christmas, asked us to send a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported them and sent a present this Christmas. They were overjoyed with our contributions and the 'beautiful presents' have been given to children living in the North East who are seeking asylum or are refugees. The presents really brightened the children's Christmas and made a big difference.



# Class News

**Yellow 3:** been reading 'Owl Babies' for our new story this term. They have enjoyed making owl pictures and learning lots of new information about owls.

**Yellow 4:** have been learning about forms of Transport this week, exploring how they move and identifying key parts.

In Geography this week **Green 5** have been learning about a country from each continent.

**Green 6:** We have been describing the characters in their new T4W book, 'The Gruffalo'. The children have found this book very interesting and enjoyable.

Pupils from **Green 7** have enjoyed our geography topic - we have been following maps to find different areas of school

**Green 8:** have enjoyed exploring winter vocabulary in English and identifying items of clothing that we use in the winter season.

**Red 1:** have been enjoying reading our new story 'The Loon on the Moon'.

This week **Red 2** have been learning about 'states of matter'. We began this topic by exploring different materials of solids and liquids and trying to sort them by their characteristics.

In **Red 3** this week we had an amazing opportunity to work with Keith from Futsal. We got to play some very energetic games that had us work as a team and work really hard

**Red 4:** have learned how to play 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' on chime bars and we all did a great job.

**Blue 5:** This week have started our new story 'Humphrey the Lost Whale' in English. So far we have explored Humphrey's journey and looked in a dictionary

**Blue 6:** have been learning about electricity. We looked at the symbols for a circuit.

**Blue 8:** have enjoyed starting to learn their new Talk 4 Writing story 'The Boy who cried Wolf'.

**Blue 9:** have been learning about settlements and searching for land that they could build a little village on using Google Maps.

## Stars of the week

**Yellow 3:** George, **Yellow 4:** William, **Green 5:** Jaxon,

**Green 6:** Shay, **Green 7:** Oliver, **Green 8:** Reyansh,

**Red 1:** Jaymie, **Red 2:** Harry, **Red 3:** Jade, **Red 4:** Jake, **Blue 5:** Kian,

**Blue 6:** Chris, **Blue 7:** Max, **Blue 8:** Ethan, **Blue 9:** Connor S.

## Inspire Award of the week

**Yellow 3:** Jake, **Yellow 4:** Ali, **Green 5:** Jake, **Green 6:** Taylor,

**Green 7:** Frankie, **Green 8:** Maizy, **Red 1:** Kameran & Kieran,

**Red 2:** Ismaael, **Red 3:** Thomas, **Red 4:** Connor, **Blue 5:** Lewis,

**Blue 6:** Aaron, **Blue 7:** Alex, **Blue 8:** Max, **Blue 9:** Luca.