



# Benton Dene School Newsletter

21st 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**

## Robinwood Outdoor Activity Experience

**Monday 23rd May— Wednesday 25th May**



We have a wonderful opportunity for our year 6 pupils to attend Robinwood Residential for 3 days in May.

A letter has recently been sent home. Please complete and return to school with deposit asap as we have limited places.

Have a look at their website for more information.



This week our classes spent some time supporting our local community. We found out that a lady in a local care home was turning 100! Some of our children decided to make cards to send to her from

everyone at Benton Dene School. We're sure she'll be delighted with these beautiful creations!

## P.E at Benton Dene School Simon Says

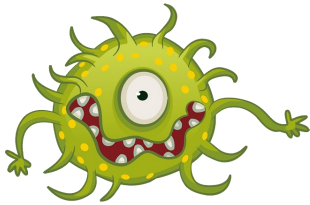
Simon Says is a game where one player, the leader, gives instructions to the others on what movements to make or actions to take. The other players have to do what the leader says only if he/she says "Simon says". They have to remain still if they don't hear "Simon says" before the instruction.



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

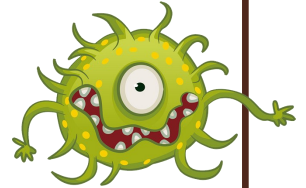
If you have any seeds or cutting you no longer require they would be very grateful for them.

Vegetables or flowers. Thank You



## **Covid 19 update guidance.**

### **PCR testing requirements.**

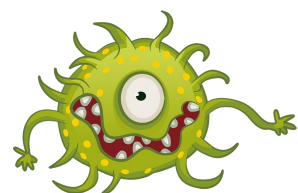
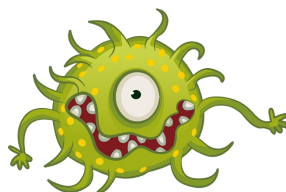
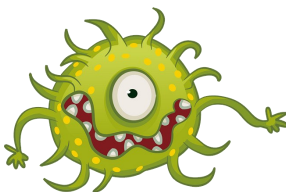


**Any pupil who has symptoms of COVID 19  
must not attend school.**

Anyone 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**

They may be able to leave the self isolation period 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.



## **Better health, let's do this.**

**The NHS has a new app that could help parents and carers choose healthier swaps.**

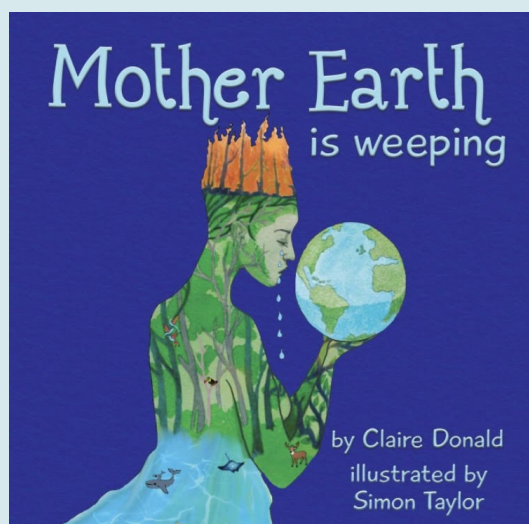
**The app is free to download.**

**You scan the barcode and the app will give you health alternatives.**

**Why not give it a try?**



## **Recommended Read for KS2**



A beautifully illustrated, uplifting and inspirational, little book of hope for Earth's future guardians.

Mother Earth confides in Moon about her fears for the planet. Moon enlists the support of Sun and together they reassure Mother Earth that while she "may not escape unscathed, the world can still be saved". She just needs to put her faith in children! The last page appeals directly to your child when it says..." So, she is putting her trust in....YOU

## **Support and advice from Benton Dene 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**

**Her number is 0191 466 1821**

**If you need to contact Yvonne**

**Her number is 0191 466 1820**





As part of **Red 2's** enrichment, we have been thinking of ways we can improve our allotment area.

We made bird feeders to try and help the local wildlife thrive.



## Our clothes bank from **Fundraise&Recycle LTD!**

The clothes bank is a great way to support us and help to reduce, reuse & recycle Just send your unwanted clothes, shoes, hats etc. to school and they will be put in the clothes bank (please can you put any donations in a bag)

When the bank is full, the clothes will get collected and weighed, then school will receive a donation!

This is a great way to support us at no cost to you while also helping the environment!



## Booster seats

If you have any booster seats that your child has outgrown we would be very grateful for them.



We are also looking for cycling helmets if you have any you no longer need.



[www.Defendstrated.com](http://www.Defendstrated.com)

# Class News

**Yellow 3:** have been learning about patterns in maths. Some of us have been learning the actions to songs. We are also looking at different animals this half term so we have been looking at jungle animals this week.

**Yellow 4:** have started a new book in English, 'The Train Ride'. We have been exploring different types of transport.

**Green 5:** are enjoying their new Superhero reading area. We have been exploring different super powers.

**Green 6:** have been learning about adjectives in class. We have been describing characters in 'The Gruffalo' story.

**Green 8:** have been learning about our new story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have enjoyed exploring the tuff tray and retelling the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' using props.

**Red 1:** have been planning what to do with our plot at the allotment and are looking forward to planting seeds and making bird feeders.

**Red 3:** have started a new sport in PE, known as handball. It's all about team work and hand-eye co ordination.

**Red 4:** have been having some messy fun with jugs of water in Maths, learning about capacity.

**Blue 5:** This week we have been learning all about money. We have worked on identifying coins and notes, making different totals and adding money together.

**Blue 6:** have been learning how to compose music on an Incredibox in ICT. The children really enjoyed it.

**Blue 7:** children have been enjoying Challenge and Development. This term's focus is on physical development. On Friday, the children put on their wellies and coats and challenged themselves on the climbing obstacle course in school. They also took time to challenge their coordination in a hip hop class.

**Blue 8:** have enjoyed learning about components of circuits this week in their science lessons.

**Blue 9:** have been learning how to build a circuit in science. We learned to recognise symbols, to draw circuits that will work and this week we have built our own circuits.



## Stars of the week



**Yellow 3:** Lilly, **Yellow 4:** Adem, **Green 5:** Nina,

**Green 6:** Swayze, **Green 8:** Abenezzer, **Red 1:** Michael, **Red 2:** Aidrian,

**Red 3:** Anne, **Red 4:** George, **Blue 5:** Dominic, **Blue 6:** Emile, **Blue 7:** Lee,

**Blue 8:** Kai, **Blue 9:** Anthony.

### Inspire Award of the week

**Yellow 3:** Nico, **Yellow 4:** Alfie, **Green 5:** Liam, **Green 6:** Shay, **Green 8:** Jake,

**Red 1:** Michael & Quinn, **Red 2:** Jaiden Lee, **Red 3:** Leonard, **Red 4:** Sonny,

**Blue 5:** Kian, **Blue 6:** Tiegán, **Blue 7:** Amelia, **Blue 8:** Olivia,

**Blue 9:** Connor W.