



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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Pupil, parent, teacher meetings

Dear parents

The school office will have now been in touch with you regarding your preference for pupil/parent/teacher meetings. They will be taking place via Zoom or by telephone, as this was the favourite amongst you all in terms of communicating.

On Tuesday of next week, we will be sending out your appointment date and time and instructions for joining the meeting (by phone or Zoom).

If your child is in year 1 – 6 then we will also send you a sheet outlining their targets for the next year, in Reading, Writing and Maths. If your child has special educational needs then we will also be sending you a copy of their Support and Achievement Plan (SAP).

Teachers will discuss this information with you at your remote meeting.

Friday 6th November 2020

Our **VALUE** this month is
Co-operation



Phoebe Delaney and
Jenson Edwards-Armstrong

What's happening over the next couple of week's in school...

- Wednesday 11th November - Tala Class – Forest School
- Friday 20th November – Pyjama and wacky hair day
- Friday 20th November – Flu vaccinations Yr R-6

Parking your car in school – please can you help!

Can I please remind you that parking is not allowed on the school site unless you have a disabled badge.

We do encourage **Kiss and Drop** and by that we mean that you can drive into school, drop your child off on the turning circle and then leave again.

Over the last few weeks I have noticed that many of you are parking on the school grounds again, which has made the car park very busy. In the past we have had incidents of pupils nearly being run over which is why we insist that parents don't park in the car park.

Yesterday I had to park my car on the turning circle and returned to it last night to find a graze on it where it had clearly been hit by another car. I would hate for that to happen to any of you.

So please can I urge you all to park on the road outside of school or in Stoneyfield and allow enough time to walk into school with your child.

Many thanks
Sue

FOREST SCHOOL



Please note that we have decided to hold the weekly Forest School session for Tala class on a Wednesday instead of a Friday. Therefore, the first session will be held on Wednesday 11th November. Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate outdoor clothes. They will need old clothes, wellies and a warm coat.

We are still looking for additional parent helpers to support the session so please get in touch with Mrs Cannings if you are able to volunteer your services.

Tala Class information

It has been a fantastic first week back after half term. In literacy, we started a new book called, 'hello! Hello!' Continuing with our topic 'We are Technologists', the story is about a little girl who wants to be with her family but they are too busy with their gadgets. Lydia ventures into the outside world and says hello to nature. When Lydia arrives back home, she decides to show her family what she has found, and it's hello world and goodbye gadgets! The children have been using their detective skills to infer characters feelings, *"The girl is sad because no one will listen. Her family are on their devices."* *"They all ignored her but in the end they were all in colour because they were outside."*



In maths, we have been comparing groups of objects using the language, 'less than, more than and equal to'.

The children in reception worked together to build a rocket! We visited Mars and the Moon, where we were greeted by aliens! We also visited the Sun, but we started to melt! We quickly climbed back into the rocket and journeyed back to Earth.



Reception have also been blending their phonics sounds to make words and practiced writing the letters.



Hope you all have a lovely weekend 😊
Mrs Cannings

Torak Class information

What a busy week we have had in Torak class.

The children have been working extremely hard designing a robot character. This week they have been focusing on using the apostrophe for contraction and writing some wonderful sentences. I am immensely proud of them all.

The children have also had lots of fun creating fabulous firework pictures, using pastels, paint, fabric and dare I say glitter! (sorry Jackie). The children do try their best as “human hoovers” wrapping tape around their hands and frantically seeing who could get the most glitter off the floor!



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Edwards

Tundra Class information

We have had a cracking first week of our second term in Tundra! We have been continuing our topic of "Tomorrow's World" and starting new projects in computing and design and technology.



In design and technology this term we are creating adventure maps for floor robots, and the children spent the first lesson learning to programme Bee-bots and understanding how they move.

This week has also seen the start of our next Big Write cycle in which we are writing balanced arguments exploring whether assistive technology is helpful or harmful. The children have engaged well with this new cycle and have developed some great ideas for their writing.

Before thinking about the pros and cons of assistive technology, I asked the children to design their own robots over half-term, with some really brilliant results!



Thank you to all the children for making the first week back so successful. I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend (remember your wellbeing activities!)

Take care-

Miss McBean

Pyjama and wacky hair day

We will be having a pyjama and wacky hair day in school on Friday 20th November.

Please can you bring in £2 in an envelope to take part.

All funds raised will go towards our fundraising for new library books.

Christmas Card Orders

If you would like to place an order, could you please return them to the office by Thursday 12th November.



Beenham Village Advent Calendar Christmas 2020

After the stunning success of last year, it's time to turn our little corner of West Berkshire into a giant advent calendar again.

**This year there'll be TWO windows revealed each day in December –
one created by children and one created by childlike adults!**

- If you'd like to take part in the fun, you will be allocated a date in December from 1-24
- Keep your number a secret
- Plan your advent window – go as wild as you want but don't forget to include the **number**!
- Unveil your window to the world on the morning of your allocated day
- Keep the decorations up until Christmas Day at a minimum

We think the numbers could go really quickly, so don't delay!

Contact: **Pat Owen**

patowen0@hotmail.com 07947478840 – stating child or adult category and preferred date (we'll do our best to give you this)

Organised by Beenham Village Events - BVE

Harvest Collection

We are still collecting items for the food bank so if you would like to donate, please put your items in the crates by the front door.
Thank you.

From the PTFA...

Thanks to all who took part in the Halloween Trail.

We were overwhelmed by the lovely comments we received. Please see the attachment for the winner announcement and some pics.



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MAKING CONTACT WITH SCHOOL STAFF

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with any member of the school staff and you wish to make an appointment to see them, then please email them direct. We do encourage face to face contact whenever possible as we genuinely believe it is the best way to resolve any concern that you may have. Email addresses are as follows:

School Office: office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Miss McBean: smcbean@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Edwards: nedwards@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Cannings: lcannings@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Butcher: headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Keep in touch with the school governors by visiting their website regularly. Follow the direct link below.

[Beenham School Governor website](#)

NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

If you would like to comment or respond to any of the items in this newsletter then please email office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk or fill in the slip below.

Name(s) _____

Parent/pupil comment:

Signed: _____ Parent/guardian/pupil