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Dear Parents and Carers,

Below are a number of important announcements and updates for your information.

Easy Fundraising

A very easy way to raise funds for the school is through Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Every time you shop online with some of the big retailers, you earn cash back for the school. Companies include Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Waitrose, M&S, Tesco, Boots, Sports Direct, Currys and ASOS. To support the school through this scheme, log on to the Easy Fundraising website using the link above, search for Friends of Benhurst, enter your details and set up a personal password. Once this is in place, go ahead and shop online using the links on the page as you would normally. For every purchase made through the scheme, the school receives cash back. It's a quick and easy way to make money for the school without too much hard work!

There is also a link via the school website for ease:

<http://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/information/achievements>

Free lunches for children in KS1

Every child in KS1 is entitled to a free school dinner! Having a free school dinner does not affect any benefits your family may receive; all your child needs to know is the colour dinner they wish to have. The dinner menus are available on the school website (<http://www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners>)

Census Day - Thursday 18th January

Part of our school funding is calculated on a census day held every year - and this year we would like your help in securing greater funding! Put simply, the higher our attendance and the more infant school dinners we have on 18th January, the more funding we will receive. Please also remember that school dinners in the infants is free so it won't cost you a penny!

For this day. There is a special menu that includes Pork Sausages, Chicken Nuggets or Cheese and Tomato Pizza. Full details of this menu will be emailed separately. Thank you for your support with this.



Being British Week - Monday 5th February to Thursday 8th February

The main aim of the week is to help the children learn more about our country and to be proud of our heritage. Sadly, the media often only report difficulties in our country and overlook the many great things we have achieved or are fortunate to have. The teachers have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities that will deliver a fantastic week of learning and enjoyment for the children.

On Thursday 8th February, we would like children (and staff) to come to school in red, white or blue. Children who attend the rainbows, beavers, brownies or cubs are encouraged to wear their uniform for the day.

We have also arranged for a Great British Menu on Wednesday 7th of February to commemorate our special week.

Minced Beef Pie and Mash
Battered Fish Fillet and chips
Vegetarian toad in the hole and mash

Keep an eye on our Twitter account (@BenhurstPrimary) for lots of pictures during the week!

Reception Intake 2018

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014? If so, **you must apply for them to start school online before midnight on 15th January 2018.** You can apply via www.havering.gov.uk/admissions. Even if your child has a brother or sister that attends Benhurst or your child attends a nursery/playgroup associated with the school, you will still need to apply for a place.

Key Dates

Monday 15 th January	Y6 CSI Road safety workshops
Thursday 18 th January	School Census day - lots of school dinners please! (see above)
Monday 22 nd January	BETT week - International visitors at school (letter on website)
Monday 22 th January	Open Class (3-30 until 4-30)
Tuesday 30 th January	The Albany School leading a Y5 Enterprise Day at Benhurst
Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 Eden Project meeting (7-00)
Thursday 1 st February	Y5 CSI Road safety workshops
Monday 5 th February	Being British Week (see above)
Tuesday 6 th February	Y6 SATs meeting (7-00)
Wednesday 7 th February	Benhurst Big Debate 'Having Golden Rules is fair to everyone'
Thursday 8 th February	Non-uniform day (see above)
Thursday 8 th February	Pupil Parliament Spellathon (letter on website)
Friday 9 th February	INSET day - School closed for children
Monday 19 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 20 th February	Parent Partnership Forum (9-15) All welcome!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher