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Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were able to enjoy time with your family and friends over the festive period and are looking forward to the new term ahead. Don't worry, school doesn't start back for the children until tomorrow - this letter was sent today to ensure you were aware of some key dates and announcements.

PE kits

Please remember to send your child into school with their PE kits tomorrow. Thank you.

Walking to school

Should you wish for your child to walk home by themselves and we have not received your written authority previously, please put this in writing to the class teacher or email the school office office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk - we will then update our school records accordingly.

In order that we can help to keep children as safe as possible:

- We do not allow children in KS1 to walk home without an adult.
- We do not recommend children in Year 3 or 4 walk home without an adult.
- We cannot release children to meet parents in other areas of the school without written consent.

Overseas Visitors!

The week of Monday 22nd January is BETT Show. The BETT Show (formerly known as the British Educational Training and Technology Show) is an annual trade show based at the ExCel Centre in London that displays the positive way in which technology can be used in education.

During this week, we have been asked to host a number of educational visitors from overseas who are keen to see the innovative and engaging way we use technology at Benhurst. The visitors will be able to see our children using the interactive screens, iPads, Chrome Books, ICT Suite and Smart Amp with confidence. Lessons will continue as normal and there will not be any significant changes to the school timetable.

On Friday 26th January, our school has been invited to present on the main BETT stage. This is a huge honour and we have 19 children from Year 6 who have been working with Mrs McCarthy on a range of presentations that showcase their skills.



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

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET day - School closed for children
Wednesday 3 rd January	Return to school (8-50 start) ABACUS restarts as usual
Wednesday 3 rd January	YR Superhero Day (letter on website)
Monday 8 th January	Before and after school clubs restart
Friday 5 th January	Y5 CSI Road safety workshops
Thursday 11 th January	Y3 Stone Age day (letter on website)
Monday 15 th January	Y6 CSI Road safety workshops
Monday 22 nd January	BETT week - International visitors at school (see above)
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)
Monday 5 th February	Being British Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Y6 SATs meeting (7-00)
Thursday 8 th February	Pupil Parliament Spellathon (letter to follow)
Friday 9 th February	INSET day - School closed for children
Monday 19 th February	Return to school

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