

Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

As we begin the final week of the autumn term, there are a number of announcements and dates to note.

Christmas Concerts/performance

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend and support the many events we have held in the lead up to Christmas. This included the FOB Bazaar, choir performances, the trip to the Queens Theatre, a service at St Nicholas Church, the school Christmas lunch and of course the concerts. At such a busy time for parents and staff we very much appreciate your support - thank you!

Attendance

Our overall attendance to date is 96.82%, which is slightly above our target of 96%. Of the 3.18% of absences, 0.71% were for unauthorised holiday requests.

We will continue to award termly attendance badges for children who have attendance of 98% or higher. Thank you for your continued support with your child's good attendance.

Vouchers for free books!

Please continue to send in coupons from The Sun newspaper for free books for our school. Please send in any coupons to Mrs Sheehan via the school office. We need 3500 by January in order to claim for £600 of reading materials. Thank you! <https://thesunfreebooksforschools.co.uk/>

Class Parties - Thursday 19th December

The children are invited to bring in age appropriate party clothes, which they can wear for the party in the afternoon. School uniform must still be worn in the morning.

We would also be grateful for donations that could include any from the following:

Crisps/ Pringles/Iced Gems	Biscuits	Small Cakes	Mini sausages
Chicken Nuggets	Sausage Rolls	Wraps	Breadsticks

We would request that contributions do not contain nuts. The school will provide water and fruit cordial throughout the afternoon as well as plates and cups.

If your child has a specific allergy or dietary requirement, you may provide your child with a specific plate of food for the party. This should be clearly labelled.

Final day of term - Friday 20th December

On Friday, the children will be completing any outstanding Christmas activities, tidying their trays/lockers and attending a whole school assembly. However, we are happy for children to bring in games to play with their friends once these activities have been completed. These must not be electronic devices, phones, IPods etc. On our final day, we would like the children (and staff) to wear a festive jumper/hat to school. This is not a complete non-uniform day and children are still required to wear the remaining school uniform as usual.





Clubs

We have many clubs at Benhurst which are listed on the website.

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports>. If you are interested in your child joining a club, please speak with Mrs Halls in the office or email office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk.

Information about our breakfast and after school provider, ABACUS, is also on the school website <http://www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus>. Clubs restart on Tuesday 7th January.

Key Dates

Key events are on the school calendar - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Tuesday 17 th December	- St Nicholas Church service (letter on website)
Tuesday 17 th December	- FOB Discos (KS1 4-00/5-30 KS2 6-00/7-30)
Wednesday 18 th December	- School Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 th December	- Class parties (pm)
Friday 20 th December	- Non-electronic games from home.
	- Christmas Jumper/hats Day (just for fun!)
	- Final day of term (3:30 finish)
Monday 6 th January	- School closed - INSET day
Tuesday 7 th January	- School open (8:50 start). All clubs restart.
Wednesday 8 th January	- Y1 Trip to Harrow Lodge Park (letter on website)
Monday 13 th January	- RI visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 14 th January	- RI visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 14 th January	- Y2 SATs meeting (5-00)
Thursday 16 th January	- Bocca team match (letter to be given to those selected)
Thursday 16 th January	- Girls football match (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 20 th January	- BETT week. We are likely to have international delegates at Benhurst for some of the week. Further details to follow.
Tuesday 21 st January	- Boys & Girls football match (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 27 th January	- Y2 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 28 th January	- Y3 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Wednesday 29 th January	- Y1/2 Indoor Athletics (letter to be given to those involved)
Monday 3 rd February	- Y5/6 badminton sessions (at school)
Monday 3 rd February	- Y4 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Tuesday 4 th February	- Y5 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 th February	- Y5/6 girls football (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 10 th February	- Y5/6 Road Safety performance
Tuesday 11 th February	- Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 th February	- Y3/4 New Age Curling (letter to be given to those selected)
Tuesday 11 th February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)
Wednesday 12 th February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)

On behalf of the staff, can I thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts that we received over the last couple of weeks; they are very much appreciated, thank you.

I hope you all enjoy a very merry Christmas and peaceful New Year. On a personal note, I am very much looking forward to this break as on Monday, I am getting married! For those keen to see a picture of the handsome groom, I will tweet a picture..... 😊

Yours sincerely,



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Head teacher