

# Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## BETT Week

It's been a rather busy week at school! We welcomed educational delegates from Sweden, Finland, Russia, South Africa, Slovenia, Ukraine and Turkey who asked to visit our school to see the innovative and engaging way we use technology. The delegates were from a range of educational backgrounds and included Head teachers, IT directors, Professors, Directors of Education and Ministers of Education.

My highlight was seeing how confidently our children were using the technology and sharing this with the delegates. Our Y5/6 Digital Leaders led presentations brilliantly throughout the week and had to adapt to a number of different challenges which included delivering presentations to delegates from Ukraine through an interpreter. It was amazing to watch and such a great experience for our children.

I would like to thank Mrs McCarthy and Miss Bergasse for their careful planning of the week and our staff who embraced the opportunity and accommodated so many delegates.

## Twitter @BenhurstPrimary

We now have over 1300 followers! The main function of our twitter account is to showcase the amazing work our children do. Every day, there are so many amazing lessons and activities our children take part in which parents and families are unable to see. We hope our pictures provide you with a small insight into our school and the work we do. The children really enjoy being on Twitter and sharing their learning with you.

I am the only person in the school who tweets and am very aware of the responsibility which comes with this position. The feedback from you is always fantastic and I would encourage you to tweet pictures of your children out of school who may be taking part in sports, activities or anything else you would like to share.

For those who do not wish to have a twitter account, we have a twitter stream on the front page of the website which you can read.

## Attendance

Our overall attendance for this academic year is 96.76%, which is slightly above our target for the year. This is really great news, thank you for your continue support with this.



### Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who drive to school and park in a sensible and safe manner. Please note that vehicles should not be parked or wait on the yellow zig zag markings and that parking over a local resident's driveway does not reflect well on you and our school. In recent days, I have been informed of a very small number of parents driving irresponsibly and parking illegally. Parents have the opportunity to report illegally parked cars through the Havering website:

[https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking\\_tickets\\_and\\_traffic\\_fines/8](https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/8)

Whilst I do not want to wish to cause difficulties for our parents by encouraging them to be reported, I will not compromise the safety of our children and parents or the goodwill of our local residents.

### Driving on Site

Can I remind parents that cars are only permitted onto school premises if they are collecting their child from school on medical grounds. Cars should not be on site to pick up or drop off children for any other reason. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Key Dates - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	- Y2 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	- Y3 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	- Y1/2 Indoor Athletics (letter to be given to those involved)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	- Girls football tournament (letter to be given to those involved)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	- Y5/6 badminton sessions (at school)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	- Y4 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y5 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y5/6 girls football (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y5/6 Road Safety performance
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	- Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y3/4 New Age Curling (letter to be given to those selected)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey (letter to be given to those selected)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	- Pupil Parliament Spellathon day (letter on website)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	- Break up for half term (3-30)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	- INSET day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	- Return to school (8-50)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	- Badminton tournament (letter to be given to those selected)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	- Y6 visiting Elm Park library (letter to follow)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	- Y3/4 Rugby tournament (letter to be given to those selected)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	- Y6 Knife Crime workshop

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