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Courageous optimism

Boundless creativity

Heartfelt compassion

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Benhurst newsletter, and a very official warm welcome back to school to all our school community we all hope that you had a lovely summer break. It has been a pleasure welcoming you to school every day and we have received such big smiles and warm welcomes from you, so thank you for making the start of the year so fantastic.

We have had a positive start to the new year with all children returning to school ready to learn with our newest additions in Reception settling into the school routines well. We are planning for lots of exciting things to take place over the year and we will keep you updated through our fortnightly newsletter and on social media.

Parents evening on Wednesday 20th October will run from 2pm to 7pm so school will close at 2pm. A letter of how to book your slot will follow shortly.

School will close at 2pm on last day of every term:

Friday 17th December, Friday 1st April 2022, Thursday 21st July 2022.

The school has been given an extra closure day to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Benhurst will be take their extra day on Friday 22nd July 2022, so the last day at school before the summer holidays will be on Thursday 21st July 2022, finishing at 2pm.

Due to safeguarding considerations, **from Monday 20th September the Warren Drive school gates will open at 8:30 and close at 9:05 in the morning and open at 3:15 and close at 4:15 in the afternoon.** Access to the school will be available via the Benhurst entrance all day.

Abacus breakfast and afterschool club is available to pupils from Year R to Year 6. Please call 07903 708764 if you wish to discuss your requirements with them further.

We are expecting Flu Vaccination consent forms to be delivered to us next week, so we will circulate them as soon as we receive them. The vaccination team are asking for forms to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the school community.

Ms A Larkman

Headteacher



TERM DATES:

Mon 20 Sep—Year R start school full time

Thur 23rd Sep—SMART filming day

Thur 7 Oct—Special lunch menu (details to follow)

Wed 20th Oct—Parents Evening—School closes at 2pm

Monday 25th Oct—Fri 29th Oct—Half Term (school closed)

Mon 1st Nov—Staff Training Day (children not in school)

Tue 2nd Nov—Children return to school after half term

Fri 5th Nov—Flu vaccination day

Fri 17th Dec—Last day of Autumn Term—school closes at 2pm

Mon 20th Dec –Mon 3rd Jan 2022—School Christmas break (school closed)

Tue 4th Jan 2022—Staff Training Day (children not in school)

Wed 5th Jan 2022—Children return to school after the Christmas break

Core value of Half Term 1

Justice

Language of Half Term 1

Spanish

KS1 Attendance Trophy

2B

KS2 Attendance Trophy

6L

Well done to Classes 1Mc and 6C, last week's Attendance Trophy winners



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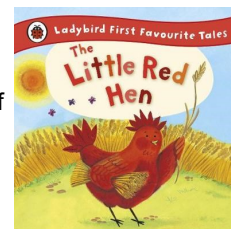
Year R

Reception have loved their mornings and lunchtimes in school this week. They have showed lots of courage trying new food and shown compassion when making new friends. In October, we will be learning about people who help us in the community e.g. emergency services, transport driver. If any parents (from any year group), family members or friends have a job working in the community and would be willing to offer some time visiting our school, please contact Miss Thorpe via the school office.



Year 1

Year 1 have been reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen.' They have listened to the story and constructed sentences to retell the story. The children were very excited to act out the story in small groups, wearing masks as the hen, the dog, the cat and the duck. Whilst each group performed, another group videoed the performance. It was great fun!



Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to Year 2 and the children have settled in well. They are very excited to be the oldest children in Key Stage 1 and are extremely willing to be good role models for the younger children, particularly those starting in Reception. We have started our learning which focuses mainly on researching the lives of significant people throughout history. The children are very keen to develop their phonics and reading skills and many are already reading at home and receiving their rewards.

Year 3

Year 3 have settled into Year 3 and KS2 well and are thoroughly enjoying being back at school. In English we are focussing on the tale of Little Red Reading Hood (a different take on the original story!) and have been exploring reading for pleasure. In Maths we are adding numbers to 1000. In Topic we have researched the Stone Age and have made our own cave paintings!

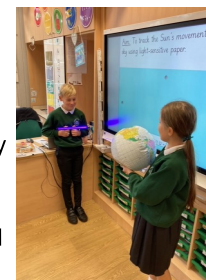
Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning how to use four-figure grid references to locate places on a map. We have also reviewed cardinal and inter-cardinal points on a compass, and how they are useful when giving directions. We have also enjoyed our first painting session of the year with a focus on colour choice.



Year 5

In Year 5 we are very proud of how well we have settled back into Benhurst after the summer holidays and welcomed a brand new teacher to the school - Miss Gregory! We are very excited to be learning about Space as our new Cornerstones topic and learning about how day and night occur and the Sun's apparent movement across the sky.



Year 6

There has been no time to gently ease back into things for Year 6. We have already completed our first chapter in Maths looking at place value, are already engrossed in our novel of 'letters from the lighthouse' and have even had to run for cover during an air raid! In amongst all of this excitement, please look out for information regarding our Danbury trip in July 2022 that will be with you in the near future.

Congratulations to Saya and Leon on the appointment of Head Girl and Head Boy and to their Deputies, Isabella and Sam.

REMINDER

If you child is absent, the best way to notify the school is on the absence reporting line (ring the school on 01708 450807 and press 1) or through the school website (click on 'Parent' tab and then click on 'Reporting an Absence', complete the form and submit). When reporting, at this current time, we would ask that, if your child's symptoms include a cough or temperature, you confirm whether they have taken a lateral flow test and the result.