

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.34%

9th February 2018

This must be the fastest half term ever! I hope that you all have a great half term break and that the weather is better for you, even though the forecast does not look too good. There are a few date changes for next half term which are outlined below – in particular we are moving our second parents evening of the term to the start of the Summer term as there is now a clash with the City Hall concert.

Monday 26th March 2018 – KS2 City Hall Concert

Monday 23rd April 2018 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th April – Parents Evening

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please remember that Monday 19th February is a Teacher Training Day so school will be closed to all pupils. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday 20th February. Have a lovely half term break.

Governing Body

Thank you to anyone who applied for the new governor role. We are no longer accepting applications.

Details of candidates have been sent to the Governing Body and a decision will be made in the near future. We will let you know the results when a decision has been made.

Vocabulary Parade

This year for Reading Week we will be hosting a 'Vocabulary Parade' on **Thursday 1st March (World Book Day)**. We want to inspire children to enrich their vocabulary and so we ask that children dress up as a word. So for example your child may be covered in bandages and be accident prone. Or dressed as a mermaid or unicorn and be mythical. Or perhaps your child wants to wear their pyjamas and be inactive. The more imaginative, the better!

We will send a reminder out nearer the time but thought we would give you plenty time to prepare!

Parents Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held on **Wednesday 21st February at 9am**. Come along for a chat and a cuppa. The perfect opportunity to meet other parents and carers, in an informal setting!

Goodbye and Good luck!

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Newcombe who is currently based in the Foundation Stage. She is leaving us to pursue a new and exciting adventure of her own and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best in everything she does. Thank you Joanna for the 11 years of hard work you have given us here at Benton Park!

GOOD LUCK!



Valentines Cake Sale

Thanks to the Friends of Benton Park for the cake stall tonight, raising funds for all the special occasions the children get, like the pantomime, the stage and work to improve the playground space. 

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Miss Mulholland's English class received an exciting letter this week. In response to the persuasive writing that they did last term they wrote to Paul Pomroy a McDonalds Senior Executive and were very happy to receive a reply. See the letter below!

Most importantly the children learned that if you complain about something – you can make your voice heard!! Well done Class 9.



Paul Pomroy
Chief Executive Officer, UK

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5 February 2018

Dear Ms Mulholland's Year 6 Class,

Thank you for your recent letters about plastic waste and the impact it has on the environment. I was very interested to read all of your letters and was impressed with the research you have carried out. You are all clearly passionate about protecting the environment and determined to make a difference.

Here at McDonald's we also care deeply about the environment and want to protect it so everyone can enjoy it for a long time into the future. This is why I wanted to let you know about some of the things we are doing in our restaurants to try and reduce our impact on the environment.

Many of you mentioned plastic straws and how they harm the oceans and the animals that live there. I hope you will be reassured to find out that we are working hard with the companies that make our packaging and straws to find innovative ways of using less plastic. In fact, we have recently found some possible ways of doing this, and hope to have some new designs that we can test with our customers soon.

We also have some other goals that we are trying to achieve. For example, by 2020, we want to make sure that none of the waste from our restaurants goes to landfill. We will do this by increasing the amount we recycle and making sure the rest is sent to a plant that can create energy from this waste.

On top of this, we have recently made a global commitment that, by 2025, all of our McDonald's restaurants around the world will have recycling facilities. In the UK, about three-quarters of our restaurants already have this, where we ask our customers to put their cups, plastic straws and plastic bottles in the recycling bin instead of the rubbish bin.

We also know that litter is a real problem, and that is why our restaurant teams go out three times a day to pick up all the litter they find. They also work with local groups to carry out big litter picks in the local community, tidying up a larger area and keeping it clean. We hope that this work will prevent litter getting into our rivers and oceans and, as a result, stop it hurting wildlife.

These are a few things that we are doing to help protect the environment. I know we still have a lot of work to do, but letters like yours always inspire us and make us think very hard about how we can and must keep improving. I am very grateful that you all took the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely,


Paul Pomroy

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