

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Whole School Attendance to
date: 95.22%

30th June 2017

Two weekends ago, when it was summer, a group of willing volunteers came together on a Saturday to sweep the yard and do some planting. I just want to say a **HUGE** thank you. It has made a great difference to the yard by taking off the top gritty surface, and I hope you agree that the planting has made a big difference! Unfortunately I have had no problem with watering this week, the rain has done it for me. The children have really embraced having some colourful plants to cheer up the environment.

As well as donations of plants, I am also sending home some requests for rainbow tombola donations and the Friends of Benton Park are collecting bottles and chocolate for stalls at next Friday's summer fair. If you would like to help, or donate a raffle prize, please speak to one of the Friends in the yard or if you are not sure, Mr Croom or myself and we will point you in the right direction. The Fair starts at 3.30pm after school next Friday and I hope that as many of you as possible come along to spend your money and to get involved. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the friends who give up a huge amount of time to organise and run the fair. Everything raised goes to provide additional opportunities for your children.

Scottish Opera

On the subject of opportunities, we are welcoming back the wonderful Scottish Opera to work with our Year 5/6 children on a production of Tam O' Shanter. This is a truly amazing project that will see the children put on an opera in a day, and perform it for their parents. They will then go to Cragside to perform with children there and on Friday will perform it for a final time on the stage in the Concordia Festival of Music at Sage Gateshead. Not to be outdone another group of children will be at Sage Gateshead for a singing festival. Please read the individual letters so that you are aware of all the comings and goings for children in KS2!

iPad Scheme Reminder

For parents of children in Years 2 and 3. If you are wanting to sign your child up to the scheme, the portal closes on Wednesday 5th July.

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 3 rd July and Wednesday 5 th July	Reception Parents Evening
Monday 3 rd July (1:00- 3:00pm)	Scottish Opera Performance in KS2 Hall for Parents – Year 6
Tuesday 4 th July	The Big Sing (The Sage)
Friday 7 th July	Scottish Opera Performance @ The Sage for Parents – Year 6
Friday 7 th July	Summer Fair

Reports

Reports will go out to parents on Friday July 14th with information about classes for next year. This allows us time to collate the statutory information that has to be given out. Reception children will hear about their outcomes in a parents' night on the dates shown below. As reception children prepare for the big transition into Year 1 we would like to give you the opportunity, if your child is in reception to meet Year 1 staff. As you should be here for reception sports day on July 10th, we thought we would hold a brief welcome meeting with Julie Anderson and her team. Please make your way from the Sports Day to the KS1 hall for this brief opportunity to put names to faces and to ask any questions you may have.

Sports Days

The re-arranged dates are as follows-

Reception Only (Monday 10th July at 9:30am)
KS2 (Thursday 13th July at 2:00pm)

Let's all keep our fingers crossed for some nice weather.

Finally I would like to wish all our Muslim readers 'Happy Eid'. We hope you had a lovely celebration at the end of Ramadhan – I was the beneficiary of some very nice biscuits!!!

Miss Alice Witherow

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