

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.28%

26th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking for a new parent governor following the end of term for David Grover. Governors play an important role in the school, working with the operational leadership team to provide a strategic overview for the school and challenging and supporting developments. Typically a governor attends two or three meetings per term as well as visiting the school to support the monitoring of the work of the school.

The governing body is keen to recruit a new governor from our ethnic minority community to make sure that our team of governors reflects the diverse school population and that all views and thoughts are properly represented. We have identified that this is one area where our governing body is lacking but, of course, any parent can put themselves forward to be a parent governor and we welcome all applications. If you would like more information, please get in touch via the school office for an informal chat.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Alice Witherow
Headteacher

After School Clubs

As you will be aware, the after school clubs started last week.

Thank you to everyone who has made payment via the School Gateway App where required.

As you can imagine, the clubs are always very popular so inevitably there will be times when children will not get in to a club that they have requested. Clubs are so popular that we have reserves for all of the KS2 clubs and almost all of the KS1 clubs. We allocate places as fairly as is possible.

Parents Coffee Morning

Please see the message below from two of our parents, Sarah Zobel and Chrissie Baird.

'A huge thank you to everyone who came to the first coffee morning last Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed it and hope to see more new faces at the next one on Wednesday 21st February. Please do come along. These mornings are very informal, just the chance for parents to have a chat and meet other parents'.

Football

Our football team competed in The Simpsons League on Thursday night this week. They lost the first match 0:2 against Cragside, but won the second 1:0 against Hotspur. Well done boys!



Attendance

Thanks to everyone who attended parents' evening. It was great that so many parents came and I hope it was of use to you. Some attendance issues were flagged to you if your child had below **95%** attendance and this will be followed up by a letter. School attendance has dipped below **96%** and needs to improve! I would be grateful for everyone's support in trying to raise attendance back to a higher level.

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