

# Benton Park News



**Target Attendance Figure:**  
**96%**

**Current Attendance Figure:**  
**95.33%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to make you aware that we are not hitting our attendance targets (see figures above). Letters will be sent to parents of all children who fall below 95% and we will be monitoring the attendance of these and all children in order to try to improve this overall figure. If you receive a letter and your child has been absent due to illness, please do not be alarmed. A small amount of illness can make the figure drop below 95%, however with continued good attendance this will improve. Attendance is monitored for improvements for a period of six weeks.

Please avoid taking your child out of school for a holiday during term time. Increasingly we receive holiday request forms but we are not allowed to authorise holidays and these holidays go down as an unauthorised absence.

Many children are recurrently late to school and this too affects absence. It also makes school harder for children as they miss the start of lessons.

Finally thank you to all of you who are working hard to get your children to school, on time every day. I really appreciate your support and hope to report soon that we are hitting our attendance targets of 96%.

## Midday Assistant Post

We are recruiting a Midday Assistant to join the team here at Benton Park.

Full details and an application form can be found on the school website. The closing date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at noon.

Please contact Mr Shepherd on 0191 2665122 if you would like further information.

## Nursery Open Sessions

If you are aware of anyone who is due to start Nursery this September and would like to come and visit Benton Park, we have the following sessions available:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9:30am**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am**

Please book on to a session by calling the office on 0191 2665122.

## Class 9 Assembly

We hope parents and carers of children in Class 9 can come and join us on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am** for their class assembly.

## Valentine's Cake Sale

Come along to the Friends of Benton Park 'Valentine's Cake Sale' which will take place after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Key Stage 2 hall.

Cake donations will be readily accepted on the day (please ensure you provide a list of ingredients)!



## Benton Buttons

You should have now received a letter asking for your requirements for Benton Buttons for next half term. If you have not done so, please return to the office as soon as possible.

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