

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.17%

12th January 2018

A Very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2018 is a very good year for you and for your families and that the school continues to be a place where children are keen to come and happy and content in their learning.

As you are aware, we are continuing to develop our wrap around provision Benton Buttons, offering before and after school childcare. We have been fortunate to appoint Mrs Gemma Hamilton to the role of Manager of this club which means that there is improved oversight and development of the offer. I am delighted to welcome Gemma to the Benton Park team and delighted that as a parent and qualified teacher she was willing to take up the post. I very much look forward to working with her and I'm sure that users of the club will get to see her around and about. Messages for Gemma can be left at the school office. Please remember that you must give 24 hours notice for any changes or you will be charged.

Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and any child with less than 90% attendance should expect to receive a monitoring letter over the next few weeks. Good school attendance and punctuality is vital for children to progress in their education and I would ask that you take this very seriously. Phase leaders across the school will be in touch with you to identify what support you might need to improve your child's attendance and also to celebrate where attendance has been exemplary. **You will see that we are below our target figure of 96%. This needs to improve!**

Could we please also ask that if your child is late for school and has to come through the office, they wait at the office desk until they have been signed in by a member of the office staff. Ideally you should bring your child in to the office if they are late.

Lost Property

We have a significant amount of lost property in KS1. Mrs Anderson has twice placed it outside for people to view but very little has been collected. Please ask the KS1 staff if you notice your child is missing something. This signifies the importance of putting your child's name on all of their items! Please ensure you do so.

Reception 2018

If you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2018, you must apply by the deadline of January 15th.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening letters with appointments are coming home with children tonight. Please try to attend your appointment where possible, however, teachers will change them where they can. This may mean a different night; however, we will do our very best to meet your needs.

Please remember to use the appointed doors on the night – you are not able to walk through the dining halls due to the Buttons club being on so you need to access KS1 and Foundation stage through the Buttons door and turn left into the KS1 corridor.

Reminders

Winter Clothing - Please ensure your child wears a warm coat, hat and gloves for school in this cold weather.

After School Clubs – Letters will be sent home with your child tonight for clubs this term. Forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 17th January.

Training Day – Monday 19th February, this is the first Monday following Half Term.

Class Assemblies this half term are as follows:
Class 1 - Wednesday 24th January at 9:30am
Class 9 - Wednesday 7th February at 9:30am

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Parents Drop-In Coffee Morning

Come along to the first coffee morning which will be held in the Rainbow Room (accessed via the front of the building, ask if unsure) on



Wednesday 17th January
9:00am to 10:30am

All welcome.

This is a chance for you to relax, meet and chat to other parents and carers.



American Lunch Day

Thursday 18th January 2018!

Hot Dog in a Bun
Cheese Burger in a Bun
Or
Quorn Cheese Burger in a Bun

