

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.32%

29th March 2018

It has been a really fast but not uneventful term, with snow, sunshine, singing and a lot of rain this week! There are of course two highlights this final week of term; firstly, the singing on the stage at the City Hall on Monday evening. As ever Benton Park sounded just amazing singing solo and then the massed singing was a really special moment with all seven primaries in the Ouseburn Learning Trust contributing to the theme 'Imagine the World'. Huge thanks go to all the staff who support the event but particularly to Mrs Powley who trained the choir and to Mr Cowen who had his first taste of publicly conducting them.

The second highlight of the week is of course the Easter egg competition. It is literally an impossible task to choose winners so forgive us if you do not agree with the outcomes. What matters is that the children enjoy making their contributions and the parents enjoy improving them!!!! I always love this competition and to see just how imaginative and creative you all are. Thanks too for all the entries in the Mad March reading challenge. It has been another great success and winners of both competitions will be announced in assembly today.

Staff news

I am delighted to share some lovely news with you about Mrs Wigham, who was matched for adoption of a little girl on Monday. This means that Mrs Wigham will be on adoption leave for the Summer term, returning in September. We have been lucky to recruit Miss Carlie Taylor to replace Mrs Wigham's teaching responsibilities for the Summer term, whilst Mrs Pennington will take on overall lead for the foundation stage in Mrs Wigham's absence. We are also very happy to welcome Mr Coates who has joined the Reception team as a Teaching Assistant. He will also be working at Benton Buttons every evening! You will all be aware that I have been working with Miss Taylor in Moorside Primary, where I continue to be associate Headteacher two days per week. Mr Shepherd is the acting Headteacher in my absence and this will continue for the next term.

Any issues you might direct to me, can in the first instance be directed to Mr Shepherd. I am also very happy to chat through any issues but you may have to wait for availability.

We also welcome Mrs Curtis and Mrs Sherriffs who have joined the team as Midday Assistants. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very warm welcome to Benton Park!

Attendance

A huge thank you to all of you who worked to improve your child's attendance this term. Although our overall figure stays stubbornly low, your continued support is important. Please remember we will not authorise holidays in term time.

New Telephone System

During the Easter break we will be having a new telephone system installed within school. This will mean that we will now have 4 external lines coming in to the office. These lines will be queued until they can be answered so please be patient where necessary. We will still have the absent line and there will also be the option to leave a message if the lines are busy.

Dates for Diary

Monday 23rd April - **Parents Evening**
Wednesday 25th April - **Parents Evening**
Week beginning 14th May - **SATs Week**

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I will see you when we return to school on Monday 16th April.

Happy Easter!

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Easter Egg Entries.....

