

# Benton Park News



**Target Attendance Figure:  
96%**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all now settling nicely in to the new school year.

The **Walking Bus** will resume on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. I know this is a valued service and our aim is to collect Key Stage 1 and Reception children at 8:50am and walk them round to school. You will see staff at the turning circle waiting to collect your child. Children in Key Stage 2 are also able to get dropped off here but do not need to wait to walk round with the bus, they can walk in to the yard on their own.

Going straight into class each morning is working well for the children in Key Stage 2. Both parents and children seem to like it! Please remember that school starts at 8:50am for children in this key stage and they need to be in class by this time.

**Can I remind all parents that all gates will be locked at 9:15am every morning and will not re-open until 2:45pm.**

## School Trips

Your child will be bringing home a letter tonight regarding local school trips. We are asking parents to sign one consent form and return it to school. This consent form will cover your child for the full academic year.

You will still be informed when your child is going on a trip but will not need to give consent on every occasion. There may be exceptions if the trip is further afield and we need to use transport. We try to keep costs of such trips down by subsidising them.

## Donations

We would be very grateful if anyone has any old, working, computer monitors, keyboards (including the mouse) that they no longer use. These are to use with our Raspberry Pi Software for coding.

If you are unsure if what you have would be any good, please email the school office or call and speak to Mr Shepherd who will be happy to hear from you.

## Mrs Hales

As you may be aware, Mrs Hales our PE Teacher from Heaton Manor will soon be going on Maternity Leave. We have been very lucky to have Mrs Hales here for the last four years and we look forward to welcoming her back before the end of the school year. In the meantime, we shall continue to work on our high standards in PE, ensuring that all children get access to high quality lessons and clubs where possible. It is very important therefore that your child has a PE Kit in school that consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers that they can change into.



## After School Clubs

Details of clubs for this term will be sent home tonight. As always they can be very popular.

Please return the slip by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** as stated in the letter.

We aim to be as fair as possible when allocating places so if your child has done a certain club in the past, they may not get a place this time around but we do try our best.

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