

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.43%

3rd November 2017

Welcome Back. I hope that you all have had a great half term holiday and enjoyed the extra training day bonus! The teachers also enjoyed the day as we were exploring The Sill, the new educational resource in Northumberland and thinking about our curriculum and how we develop it further. Unfortunately, Mrs Wigham tripped over a boulder (they leave them around in Northumberland and to be fair it was very dark) and injured her leg. This has meant that she has been absent this week as her leg is still healing. We are hoping that she will be back with us very soon!

During the holidays we also saw some nice upgrades to the playground. The markings that were covered up in the resurfacing work have been replaced and the playtime toy boxes have been filled up. For those of you who wonder where all the Sainsburys' vouchers go I also have the answer; they helped our school council fill the toy boxes. The newly formed school council spoke to Mr Croom on behalf of the children and explained that some of the playground toys needed replacing. Over the holidays Mr Croom used up the vouchers that you all collect for us and spent them on new toys for the toy boxes.....thanks to all your spending on shopping!



Attendance

Please can I remind everyone that I am not able to authorise days off or holidays taken during term time. You do still need to submit a holiday form in order that we are aware of your child's whereabouts but the form will be returned to you unauthorised, except in exceptional circumstances. You can ask for a holiday form at the school office or download one from the school website.

Friends of Benton Park – Thanks!

Finally, a big thank you to the Friends of Benton Park for their fundraising efforts at the end of term. Selling Halloween costumes alongside cakes seemed to be great fun and helped raise money for the school that can be spent on treats for the children. Margie, in the kitchen also put on a special Halloween menu and Jackie in Benton Buttons decorated the dining halls. All the children seemed to have had a really good time trick or treating. I hope you also all enjoy Bonfire Night this weekend and remember to follow the Firework Code. Reception have been learning about this, this week and also learning to write their names and letters using sparklers. They had a wonderful time!

Donations

Mr Shepherd would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated any old computer equipment. We have had some really generous donations. We have enough to keep us going now but thank you once again to everyone who has donated!

Miss Alice Witherow

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