

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.71%

13th October 2017

Children in Key Stage 1 were out yesterday and are out again today on our first school trips of the year. They are visiting Newcastle's Castle Keep as part of their project on castles. I understand that this was originally built to keep the Scots out.....not so much success there then! I am pleased that at least the weather is significantly better than the last trip the children had and I hope that you can see from the photos, that a great time was had by all. Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped out.



Reminder: Friday 20th October is a Teacher Training Day, school is closed to all pupils and will re-open on Monday 30th October after half term!

Parents Evenings

Thanks to all the parents who attended Parents' evening, I hope you found this useful. Teachers certainly find it helpful to be able to explain things face to face and I know for Reception children it is a good opportunity to hear how they have settled in to school. If you did not take up an appointment can you let your child's class teacher know why, if you have not already done so. We are able to give alternative appointments but teachers, are by the nature of their job, generally only available after 3.30pm and not beyond 5.30pm. Please do get in touch with me if you would like to discuss anything further.

STEM Event

On Tuesday 3rd October, as part of an Ouseburn Learning Trust visit, 15 children attended a STEM event in Sunderland. The event showcased exciting engineering and technology businesses in the North East. The aim was to inspire and motivate children to think about a career in engineering. They experimented with VR headsets and even robots....so as you can imagine, had an amazing day!

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child only has water in their water bottle. Children are not allowed juice, except with a packed lunch. Throughout the day they are encouraged to bring a water bottle so they can have a drink but this should only be of water. Please ensure that you adhere to this rule and do not place your child in a difficult position – **water only in water bottles please.**

Reading Books

Huge thanks to the Friends of Benton Park who have donated £1400 to give each class in the school the opportunity to spend £100 on their reading area books. Classes will be choosing their books over the next few days. We will get them ordered and put into place as soon as possible.



Mr Shepherd has asked me to thank everyone for their kind donations of old IT equipment. We now have enough of everything except monitors! If you have an old working monitor you no longer use, we would be happy to take it off your hands!

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100 Club

Sarah Zobel from the Friends of Benton Park is introducing the **100 club!** For £10 per month you will be entered in to 10 monthly draws to win cash prizes!

Catch Sarah in the yard or call in to the school office where you can register your interest.

Did you know that you can help Benton Park receive donations from retailers just by registering while you shop online?

Check out [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

All you have to do is register your details with them and when you make an online purchase with one of the registered suppliers, through their website, Benton Park will receive a donation.

Since sending out the newsletter last week we already have 7 supporters and have raised £7.24! There will be a prize each term for the person who has raised the most money!

The advertisement features the Easyfundraising logo at the top left, with the tagline 'feel good shopping'. The main headline reads 'Help out when you check out'. Below this, it states 'Collect FREE donations for Benton Park Primary every time you shop online.' The central part of the ad is titled 'We need you to...' and lists three steps: 1. Join (with a smile icon), 2. Shop (with a shopping basket icon), and 3. Raise (with a coin icon). To the right, there are illustrations of various retailers' logos and packaging, including Expedia, Argos, John Lewis, Amazon.co.uk, and ASOS. At the bottom, it provides the URL 'easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bentonparkprimaryschoolbenton' and lists several media outlets where the campaign has been featured, such as The Guardian, The Telegraph, Daily Mail, The Independent, and Evening Standard.

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[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bentonparkprimaryschoolbenton](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bentonparkprimaryschoolbenton)

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If you have any queries, please contact Molly Hogg from Friends of Benton Park, through the school office via email at office@bentonparkprimary.co.uk or on 0191 2665122.