



## Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to Benthal! I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday. I have had a good rest and I'm ready to continue building Benthal as a beacon school in the borough. We have had some improvement works completed over the summer, which I hope you have all spotted! It has been a real positive start to the year. The children are eager and are showing excellent behaviour for learning. They all look very smart in their school uniforms. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff: Ms Adedeji, Ms Turner, Ms Owens and Ms Cornish in the office. Also Ms Jassim has returned from maternity leave. Benthal will continue to give all children 'irresistible learning' through Benthal Creative Curriculum (BCC) and all the other wonderful extra curricular activities we offer at Benthal. I hope I can count on you all to continue giving the enormous amount of positive parent/carer support that we have been building over the last year.



It is great to be back!

## Dates to Remember

### Monday 24th Sept

DR Open Afternoon  
YR3 & 4 at 1.00pm

### Tuesday 25th Sept

DR Open Morning  
YR5 & 6 at 11.00am

### Wednesday 26th Sept

Phonics Meeting for  
Reception Parents at  
9.15am in the small hall

### Friday 5th Oct 2018

FoB Event for grown ups  
at 6.30pm in the large  
hall

## Assemblies

### Friday 5th Oct

Willow Class at 9.15am

### Friday 12th Oct

Birch Class at 9.15am

### Friday 19th Oct

Serrula Class at 9.15am

### Friday 9th Nov

Hornbeam Class at  
9.15am

## Trips

### Thursday 20th Sept

YR5 at Lea Valley

### Thursday 11th Oct

YR2 at Horniman  
Museum

## Stop Press

Something to celebrate! Two students at Mossbourne Academy and one at Clapton Girls have got the highest scoring GCSE results this year; they were ex-Benthal pupils! Fantastic news!

## After School Clubs

After School Clubs will start w/b 17th September 2018, we still have a few spaces left so please contact the office if you are interested.

We now offer After School Clubs for KS1 pupils as well.

## Curriculum

Reminder: Destination Reader Open Sessions for parents/carers in Key Stage

2. Come and be a part of a reading lesson with your child.

Children in YR3 & 4: Monday 24th September at 1.00-1.45pm

Children in YR5 & 6: Tuesday 25th September 11.00-11.45pm

Please come to the office a few minutes before the session is due to start.



## Safeguarding

As many of our older children are now walking home alone, please speak to your child about keeping safe, especially Stranger Danger and when crossing roads. We will be teaching all the children this

## Early Years Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering Extended Services for Nursery & Reception pupils. Breakfast Club from 8.00-9.00am and Playcentre from 3.30-6.00pm. If you are interested in these services, please contact the school for an application form.

## Benthal Values Certificate Winners

**ARBUTUS—Anas WILLOW - Gunja BIRCH—Clementine BEECH—Kaan HAZEL— Lydia HORNBEAM—Wiktor SERRULA—Tori ELDER - George ROWAN - Theo**

## Update of Personal Information

Could you please return the pupils' information slips to the school office by Friday 21st of September if any of your personal information has changed since the last academic year. It is extremely important that the school has your up-to-date information and we are able to contact you in a case of emergency. Thank you.

As part of our efficiency savings plan, we would like to start circulating the school newsletter by e-mail only after the half term holidays. It will also be available on the school website and be on display on all school notice boards. Please provide us with your e-mail address if you would like to receive a school newsletter by e-mail.

## School Fees

Please be reminded that all fees for school services are payable in advance of your child receiving the service. In line with the school's debt recovery policy, services to your child could be stopped if you have an outstanding balance on your child's account.

## Nursery

The children are so excited to start school, making new friends and meeting their first teacher!



## Reception

Our topic this term is superheroes! We will discuss why we are super and who our everyday superheroes are.



## Year 1

This week we have been revisiting our numbers and phonics sounds! It has been a very lively week!



## Year 2

We have been busy making models of different forms of transport to kickstart our new topic Journeys into the unknown.



## Year 3

This week we have been learning the African Folk Tale The Fire Children. We have focussed on re-telling using adjectives.



## Year 4

We have begun our topic of Ancient Greece. Our first task was to explore and create Greek patterns!



## Year 5

We will be exploring rivers from around the world. We will have lots of fun!



## Year 6

This week we have started to explore World War Two by reflecting on soldiers experiences.



## Attendance

Well done Magnolia class last weeks winners with 96.8% attendance