

20th October 2022

BENJAMIN ADLARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM MR LOVELIDGE

Dear parents/guardians

It's been another fantastic term at Benjies which has flown by. It has been great to open our doors back up to parents and carers this term with the 'shared' mornings. These are an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and learn about how they can work with school and their child's class teacher to support their child's learning at home. We can't wait to share our next shared sessions with you next term which will be based around how maths is taught at Benjamin Adlard.

There is a big focus on attendance both nationally and in our schools and whilst you may not be aware of this, our attendance was below the national % at the end of last year.

I just want to remind all parents and carers that this is one of our key priorities this year as we look to improve our whole school attendance. Please can I ask all parents and carers to work with us and support us to improve school attendance. There are some further details on how you can do this on page two of this newsletter

Have a wonderful, fun-filled half term and we look forward to seeing you on the 31st October.

Mr Lovelidge

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

- ☒ The Lion Inside by Jim Field (Aged 3 - 5)
- ☒ How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jefferies (Aged 5 - 7)
- ☒ The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf (Aged 8 - 11)

HALOWEEN DISCO

We will be hosting a Halloween disco on Wednesday 2nd November. All children are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes or party clothes. We ask that children return to school for the disco at 4.15 p.m. via the key stage one playground. The charge for the disco will be £1 per child and children can pay on the door. The disco will last for one hour and children will be picked up from their normal exits via the key stage one playground.

STOP, UNDERSTAND AND MOVE ON - FREE PARENTING COURSE

We are delighted to offer a four week stop, understand and move on FREE parenting course. The course is two hours long (9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.) and will run for four consecutive weeks starting next term. During this course, you will learn top tips and tools to help your child develop greater resilience, understand themselves and embrace wellbeing. To book on this course please ring the school office (01427612562) or email jrichardson@benjaminadlard.anthemtrust.uk



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CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are delighted to announce the Christmas fair will be returning on the 30th November. All parents can collect their children from 2 p.m. and enjoy walking around the fair. The fair will close at 3.30 p.m. Further details about the fair will be sent out closer to the time. We would welcome any games, toys, puzzles or raffle prizes that are in condition that parents/carers are willing to donate. Please speak to Miss Marshall if you require any more details about the Christmas fair.

ATTENDANCE

In order to improve our school attendance and reach our target of 96%, we need your support with the following –

1. Adhering to the school time and ensure your child arrives at school on time (between 8.50 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.). Children who are late miss vital learning. Late arrivals will be monitored and if your child (ren) are persistently late in arriving at school, we will address this with you to offer any support that may be needed.
2. We will not be authorising the early collection of children in the afternoons unless they need to attend medical appointments. In such circumstances, we would require evidence of the appointment and a request for absence form will need to be completed in advance of the appointment taking place.
3. For any child whose attendance falls below 90%, this is classed as a 'Persistent Absentee child' by the government. Their attendance will be monitored weekly and support offered to work together to improve this for your child (ren). If your child remains a persistent absentee for a long period of time, then you may end up receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice.
4. Please do not book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise these as per government instruction.
5. Finally, please speak to us if you are having any issues with your child (ren) getting up in the mornings, getting dressed, or not wanting to come to school – we can help you! We are always here to listen.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 21st October – Break up for half term
Monday 31st October – Return to school
Wednesday 2nd November – Halloween Disco
Wednesday 30th November – Christmas Fair

If any adult has concerns about the welfare of any child, then they have a responsibility to call the Children's Customer Services Centre on 01522 782111. Further advice on this can be obtained from school Designated Officers (Mrs Joanne Richardson and Mrs Debbie Glover)



JOANNE RICHARDSON



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