

Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Cooke

This week the children have been renaming the family groups. This year we have decided that each house name would be linked to British culture past and future. They each had to select and envelope with either a British artist, explorer, sports person, author and royal family member.

Peppa Pig are now Mary Kingsley.

Simon Cowell are now Harry Kane.

JK Rowling are now David Walliams.

Mo Farrah are now Meghan Duchess of Sussex

Princess Kate are now Stephen Hawking

Scooby Doo are now Chris Ofili

Please note the colours for the groups remain the same and all EYFS children have been allocated their family group.

We can proudly announce this year's school council representatives:

Year 1: Alexander Brown and Scarlet Hawke

Year 2: James Edwards and Poppy May

Year 3: Harry March and Lily Buckland

Year 4: Ashley Hodder and Neavy Gross

Year 5: Alex Scotcher and Erin Jeffreys

Year 6: Bobbie Carillo and Heidi Wright

Miss White will be running the School Council Meetings and we are looking forward to the school council making a difference to our school next year.

The Year 6 have made a tremendous start to their roles and responsibilities. I have heard so many compliments on how helpful and responsible they have been. We are so proud of them all. Head Boy and Girl interviews are being held on the 20th September.

Breakfast club is trialling a different set up. Breakfast will still be available on greeting and then the children can choose between the multisport/outside games and a book time. This is part of our drive on fostering the love of books and being active. Please do give me feedback on how this is working.

Please note that we will be moving away from accelerated reader. This will mean that your child will not be doing a reading quiz on the computer. This will not change the number of times your child will be heard read or be encouraged to answer questions about the text. If you have any questions on this, please either contact Miss Hull or myself.

Reading and fostering the love of books will be an increased focus for us so please do support us in this journey and look out for events pending in the future! Miss Hull has some exciting plans afoot!

We welcome our new Reception class to our school family. They have settled so well during their transition week. Welcome to these wonderful children.

Best wishes

From Mrs Cooke and the Great Bentley Team

School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week we will be on Week 3 of the new Summer Term Menu

Monday: Fishwich in a bun (veggie burger (v)), served with pasta, peas or beans - Homemade shortbread biscuit with an orange wedge

Tuesday: Homemade sausage roll (veggie sausage roll (v)), served with new potatoes, sweetcorn or beans - Flapjack

Wednesday: Spaghetti bolognese (Quorn mince (v)), served with peas, sweetcorn, and garlic bread - Fruit jelly & ice-cream

Thursday: Gammon ham (vegetable parcel (v)), served with sliced potatoes, beans and optional pineapple - Apple or cherry strudel

Friday: Chicken chunk nuggets (Quorn nuggets (v)), served with chips, peas, sweetcorn - Banana chocolate cake

Lighter Bites (offered as an alternative to the main course)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Jacket potato served with a choice of cheese, coleslaw, tuna mayonnaise or baked beans.

Thursday - Meat of the day baguette **Or** Cheese baguette (v).

A salad bar is available daily to accompany both main menu and lighter bites; fresh fruit and yogurts are also available each day along with drinks of milk, juice and water. Please could you encourage your child to say clearly at registration if they are having a Hot Dinner, Lighter Bites or Sandwiches (packed lunch) thank you.

Polite Reminder about Nut Allergies - Some children have severe nut allergies, we therefore kindly request that **NO NUT** products are included in packed lunches. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the next uniform shop will be on **Tuesday 25th September 2018 (please note change of date)**, 9.00am-10.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm. School uniform can also be ordered at any time using our Uniform Order Sheet; this can be found on our website and in the school foyer. Please ensure you enclose payment with your order. We will endeavour to turn orders around as quickly as possible (stock dependant). We hope this makes things a little easier for you.

Breakfast Club

If you are handing in payment when arriving at breakfast club, please can you ensure the money is in an envelope with the child's name and the date they are attending. This enables us to make sure the correct account is credited. Please note as of September the price per session will be £2.00. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3rd October - Year 5 trip to Brightlingea Beach
Thursday 4th October - Reception Class phonics talk
Tuesday 9th October - Year 4 Shrek trip
Thursday 11th October - PTA Film Night
Monday 15th October - Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
Tuesday 16th October - Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 18th October - Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 19th October - Finish for Half-Term

Parent/Carer Assemblies

You are invited to come along to the Parent/Carer Assemblies. These assemblies will start at 10.30am and we ask that you sign in at the main office from 10.15am. Please find details below for this term:-

Wednesday 3rd October - Year 6 Wednesday 21st November - Year 2
Wednesday 10th October - Year 5 Wednesday 28th November - Year 1
Wednesday 17th October - Year 4 Wednesday 5th December - Year R
Wednesday 14th November - Year 3

Plea for help

Please can we put a plea out for parents that would be willing to be added to a list for transporting children to local sports events. Please contact the school office if you would like to put your name down.

Christmas Lights

Great Bentley village is raising fund to help replace the Christmas lights and maybe extend the display. If any group/organisation would like to donate money, or if you wish to 'sponsor' a light bulb please send your donation to Great Bentley Parish Council c/o The Community Resource Centre, Village Hall, Plough Road, Great Bentley, CO7 8LD.

Request

We are looking to upgrade the play cottage in our reception area as it is looking very worse for wear. Could we have a shout out on the newsletter please for any donations of:

- . Outdoor coloured paint
- . Indoor paint
- . Cushions
- . Curtains
- . Carpet

Request

Mr Godfrey is looking for a glittery disco ball to hang in his classroom. If anyone has one he may borrow, please could you let him know. Thank you in advance.

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2019

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Wednesday 12th September 2018 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2018. Parents **MUST** log onto the website and make an application by the closing date. Apply online via www.essex.gov/admissions