

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Can I please ask you all to ensure that your children are here on time every day. School is open from 8:40 and staff use this time to provide extra support for pupils. If your child is late they might be missing out. School officially starts at 8:55 so it is even more important that children are in, at the very least, at this time. Unfortunately, a lot of children are coming into school at 9am or later - lessons have already started! Next week all our children will receive an assessment from teachers so staff can track how well your child is doing. Information about your child's learning will be used to help teachers plan the next steps in learning over the next half term. Thank you for bringing your child to school everyday on time.

**Mrs Dennis**

**'BIG EARS, KIND HEARTS'**

At Benson we are really changing the way we treat each other. 'Big Ears, Kind Hearts' is all about our ability to listen to each other. Listening carefully always helps us understand what the root of a problem is. We know we are safe if people take time to listen. If we are feeling sad or other children are bothering you then we know that at our school adults will take the time to listen to us and then do something about it. When we listen we learn how someone else feels - then our hearts are in the right place to show others how much we care.

Remember - good listening is about using lots of clues around us - what facial expressions can we see? What mood are people in? What do their actions say about them?

Mrs Dennis always mentions this in our assemblies and even tells the staff that this is the way things work around here.

**Important Notice**

Please be aware that as of Thursday 1st February 2018, the following charges will be applied to parents who are late picking up their children:

**End of School:**

3.30 pm-3.35 pm	£2.00
3.35 pm-4.00 pm	£5.00
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	£10.00

**After School Clubs:**

4.30 pm-5.00 pm	£5.00
5.00 pm – Latte	£10.00

**Year 2 Find Mysterious Eggs**

On Monday morning, Year 2 pupils discovered a trail of straw that led from the doors all the way into the classrooms. Inside the classrooms were large, unusual eggs. We have a few theories about the where the eggs came from...including dinosaurs! Don't worry though, Year 2 will solve this mystery!



**New PE Equipment**

The children in year 1,2 and 3 had lots of fun playing with our new tri golf equipment this week! Mr Ricketts now wants to start a golf club! Watch this space! Many thanks to Mrs Smith's husband for the incredible donation!



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