

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next Tuesday at our parent afternoon. Staff will have a brief meeting with you all to inform you of your child's current attainment and progress. You will be given some guidance on what your child needs to work on next to help them achieve their end of year target. All our children are working very hard every day and I am very pleased with the improvements I see in their books. Please keep up all the support at home. Work on reading and spellings every day makes a significant difference to how well your child does at school.

Can I remind you all again that school is open for children from **8:40**. Teachers have prepared extra activities at the start of each day to help your child. If your child can get to school at this time then you know we will be giving them additional teaching support - please take advantage of this if you can. Certainly can you ensure that children are in school by 8:50 at the very latest. By helping them get to school a bit earlier you are giving them time to take coats off and change reading books before they are registered at 8:55. The children who get here at **8:40 every day are having an extra 15 minutes teaching a day** - teachers report to me that it is making a big difference.

As always I have an open door policy - if anything is concerning you please ask the office to make an appointment to see me and I will prioritise your concerns.

Thank you for your continued support - See you next Tuesday.

Mrs Dennis

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

The year 1 team would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support their children during their phonics workshop this week. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the chance to share the things they have been doing in school with their parents and carers. It was a great opportunity for the children and parents to learn from each other.



Royal Ballet Visit from Year 1

This week year one were really lucky as Birmingham Royal Ballet came to visit them. They had lots of fun and learnt lots.

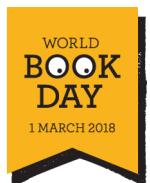


Nursery Places 2018

Do you have a child who was born between the 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015? Then NOW is the time to apply for a Nursery place for September! We offer 15 hours free Nursery provision (2.5 days), or 30 hours full-time for working parents. Please see Mrs Clarke or Miss Kaur for further details.

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March, Benson children celebrated World Book Day. Nursery and Reception enjoyed a day of stories and fun, coming to school in their pyjamas accompanied by their favourite teddy whilst the rest of the school dressed as popular book characters. The standard was outstanding and the judges had a difficult task selecting the winners.



Thank you to all who made the day such a success and Happy Reading to you!

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Benson Community School is looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor who will be required to deliver a safe and creative programme of lunchtime activities for children across the school.

Application forms can be collected from the office or off the website.

Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd March

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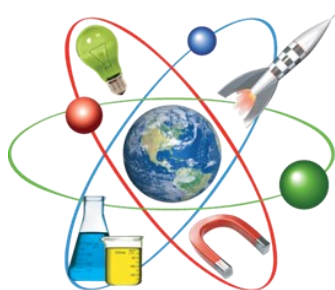


It is **Benson's Science Week** all next week and children at the school will have the opportunity to take part in lots of Science-related activities. There will be a **'Forensic Science Workshop'** for Years 4 and 5, **'Show and Tell'** assemblies for all year groups to celebrate the fabulous science projects the children have been completing at home for the past 3 weeks (**with plenty of prizes to be won!**), Science quizzes and much more!

If your child hasn't brought in their Science Project, then please make sure it is completed and handed in on Monday 12th March to their class teacher.

This year's Science Projects:

- Year 1 - Farm animals
- Year 2 - Dinosaurs
- Year 3 - Mini beasts
- Year 4 - Sea Creatures
- Year 5 - Big Cats
- Year 6 - Endangered animals



Year 4 Raffle Prizes

Year 4 have some fantastic prizes to give away in their raffle. The top prizes are two amazing Android tablets. Also up for grabs is a framed picture of Disney Princesses, kindly drawn and donated by Mr Phillips and a framed picture of some top footballer, which has been drawn and donated by Mr Singh. Tickets cost £1 and will be drawn on Friday 16th March.

Reception



This week, children at reception have been busy making their mother's day cards using water colour painting.

Well done reception! 😊



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This week Year 3 became a bustling Press Conference!

A plethora of reporters from across Year 3 had the opportunity to interview some historic characters from Roman times. In the spotlight was General Paulinus from the 1X Legion, alongside Queen Boudicca and a loyal Roman soldier called Milo.



A flurry of action from our camera crews recorded the excellent questioning skills of our Field Correspondents. The interviewees were bombarded with vigorous and informative questions.



Well done Year 3! 😊

Term Dates

Spring Term Ends:
Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter Holidays
Friday 30th March 2018
Friday 13th April 2018

Summer term starts:
Monday 16th April 2018

Half term:
Monday 28th May -
Friday 1st June 2018

Summer Term ends:
Friday 20th July 2018



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