

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy few weeks at Benson. The holidays are far behind us now and all our children are working very hard to ensure they do the very best they can do in 'end of year' exams. Year 6 have only two weeks left before SATS exams and I know you will help support children so they don't get too stressed by the whole process. A good night's rest will benefit them at this stage. Benson is still having lots of fun too. Year 4 have just produced some exceptional art and poetry for the 'Windrush Project': their work will be displayed in Birmingham Library so please go and have a visit. Our choir continue to impress and we will be adding their voices to our website for all to enjoy soon. We have lots more planned over the summer term. We are particularly looking forward to our drama project with the Big Brum Theatre Company - the whole school will be taking part and we hope to show off our work to you all soon. Stay safe

Mrs Dennis

Attendance

Benson Community School is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. **We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.**

However since February 2018 we have had 6 families fined for taking their children on holiday during term time and two families fined for not bringing their children to school on a regular basis. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

If your child's level of absence is of serious concern, the school will offer advice and support to improve attendance. After this, any unauthorised absence may result in the School and the Local Authority taking legal action.

Again, we would like to thank those parents who make sure their child is attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

Building Project



You will all have noticed that our Resource Room has been demolished. This is all part of a sizable building project to ensure that we have enough classrooms at our school. Builders will be moving in to start the works over the next few weeks. This will have an impact on how children and parents get onto the school site. The upper playground will have restricted space so a new entrance will be made to ensure that you can arrive on site safely. We are working closely with Birmingham City Council to ensure that the project runs as smoothly and as quickly as possible. More details to follow...

Year 4 News

This week year 4 have taken part in a community project celebrating 70 years since the Empire Windrush came to Britain from the Caribbean. Miss Williams from Project Windrush came to tell us all about why the ship came to Britain in a very informative assembly.



We then produced poetry and artwork based on the Caribbean which will be displayed not only at Tesco, Spring Hill but also in the Birmingham Central Library! How exciting! You can go and see our work between the 4th May and the 30th

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