



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all our families. We do hope you all had a wonderful summer break. School has started exceptionally well - and all the staff have remarked on how well presented children have been. It is great to see the vast majority of children wearing black shoes. It really makes a difference. Thank you. Events are starting already and this week we welcomed Y6 parents in to discuss how to apply for **secondary school places**. If you need advice please speak to Sam. The music service delivered an outstanding performance to groups of children this morning—a real treat to children and staff alike. Looking forward to a fantastic year everyone. My door is always open so please come and see me if you need anything at all.

Regards Mrs Dennis

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Attendance.

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



It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work

Please remember that parental illness, going shopping, visiting family, truancy, not wanting to go to school, alleged bullying (speak to school immediately to resolve the issue) are not acceptable reasons to be absent. All of these will be recorded as unauthorised absence, including if your child arrives at school after the close of registration.

After School Clubs.

The clubs will be starting back in 2 weeks, letters will be sent out next week. Please remember that the clubs have limited spaces so don't delay in completing the acceptance form.



Parent Coffee Morning.

Miss Milbery and The Speech and Language Therapist will be holding a Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 3rd October at 9am. This is for any parents that have children with any additional needs that would like advice and support. In addition, if you are concerned about your child's progress this will be an opportunity to discuss with Miss Milbery. Alternatively, if it is a speech and language concern, you will be able to discuss this with the Speech and language Therapist. If you have a child who is currently receiving support from our Speech and Language Therapist, please do come along as she will share tips and games that can be used at home. Letters will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 12th September 2018
- Thursday 13th September 2018
- Monday 17th September 2018
- Tuesday 18th September 2018
- Monday 24th September 2018
- Wednesday 3rd October 2018

- Year 6 Pre-visit meeting for Whitemoor lakes at 3.30pm
- Roald Dahl Day—Children to dress up as their favourite book character
- Year 3 Parents Workshop at 9.15am.
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- Year 6 trip to Whitemoor Lakes.
- Speech & Language Parent Coffee Morning at 9am.

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