

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have a very well earned rest over half term everyone. What a marathon eight weeks we have had. I am so pleased with the progress children have made over this first half term. Well done to all our children for doing so well in assessments.

We are back at school on 5th November so we look forward to seeing you all then.  
Stay safe.  
Mrs Dennis



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### Attendance

**Whole school attendance from 5th September to 26th October 2018 is 96%  
Well done to all our families and keep up the good work.**

To maintain our excellent attendance we ,at Benson School, are working very hard to ensure that our pupils attend school regularly and on time.

When pupils arrive late to school there are many consequences. They miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. When one pupil arrives late, it can disrupt the entire class and the teacher – everyone’s education is compromised. There might be an occasion when your child is late for a genuine reason and the school understands this. However, unless the reason is genuine then your child is expected to arrive at school no later than 855am. Reminder:

**8.30am - School gates open**

**8.40am - School doors open for children to access cloakrooms and classrooms**

**8.55am - Registration**

**8.55am – 9.15am - Children to access school by the School Office for ‘Late sticker’ and receive a Late mark (L).**

**9.15am onwards - Children to access school by the School Office for ‘Late sticker’ and receive a U Mark (unauthorised absence).**

Meanwhile, if anything can be done to support getting your child to school on time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Does your child/ren play the online game Fortnite?  
It is, right now, the most popular video game in the world.  
Please be advised that it is NOT suitable for children under 12 years



Here's what parents need to know about this game.

- Fortnite is an online shooter that starts with 100 players and leaves one winner standing.
- The entire point of the game is to kill other players, but the violence is cartoon-like.
- Although the game itself seems pretty harmless, players can talk and type whatever they want to each other, and bad language is rampant.
- In-app purchases can turn this free game into an expensive habit, with the average player spending about £85.
- Short matches and accessible gameplay make the game addictive.
- You can regulate your child's playtime (as well as in-app purchases) via parental controls on platforms like PS4, Xbox One, Switch and iOS.

If your child is showing signs of isolation or depression because of the game, seek professional help.  
(from www.tomsguide.com)



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## Children's Flu Vaccine Information

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.



**In the autumn/winter of 2018/19, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for eligible children, including:**

children aged 2 and 3 on August 31 2018 – that is, children born between September 1 2014 and August 31 2016

children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

in some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine (following a pilot in some areas)

children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions

**Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia.**

### How to get the flu vaccine for your child

**Our school nurse will be coming into school to vaccinate children on 20th November 2018, letters have been sent out. Please complete the forms and return to school.**

Your child's GP should contact you about getting them vaccinated before the winter.

Talk to the GP or a practice nurse if you want more information about when and how your child will be vaccinated against flu.

If you haven't heard from your GP by early November 2018, contact them directly.

### Toast Money

Reminder to all parents that Toast money must be handed into school On **Mondays**. In a named envelope.

### Child Absence

When reporting an absence, you can phone the school office or leave a voicemail on the child absence line before 9am.



### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 26th October 2018— School closes for half term holiday

Monday 5th November 2018— School re opens normal time 8.40am

Wednesday 7th November 2018— Class 4C School trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Thursday 8th November 2018— Class 4CH school trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Friday 9th November 2018— Class 4H school trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

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