



12th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful first week back. It has been great to see all of our children and to start our Spring Term Topics.

Census Day-Thursday 18th January 2024

The reason the school census takes place is so authorities can make better-informed decisions around funding for individual schools. By taking into account pupil-specific, school-specific and local community factors, and going deeper than the basics of how many pupils a school has, they can ensure that funding is directed to the right places, with more going to the schools and pupils who need it most. Universal Free School Meal funding is made available for all students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, who are not already eligible for free school meals. The number of pupils funded is based on the average of school meals taken on October and January census days for Years 1 and 2, and from the higher of the two census counts for Reception. Funding is also based on the number of meals ordered.

The menu is now live for the school meal on census day. The number of meals ordered is beneficial to our school budget so can we please ask that a meal is ordered on this day to support us. Children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and 2 get a universal free school meal. We have added a sandwich option to the census menu so please choose this option instead of sending in a packed lunch as this will really support the school. Mrs Wood will analyse the number of sandwiches ordered and if this is something parents prefer, discussions can be had for our summer menu to bring back sandwiches with Schools Catering.

The children will also have a movie afternoon after lunch and those who have ordered a meal will receive crisps and cookies! There are also prizes to be won for children who have a meal. If you need help booking, please ring the office for support. Please book asap as we are expecting a lot of meals and the numbers will support the kitchen in ordering.

Reminder about changes to Fashion Friday and attendance incentives.

At Bentley High Street, we have previously had '**Fashion Friday**', where children can come into school wearing their own top if they have 100% attendance. Whilst this has worked, it has started to lose its novelty. In addition, some children cannot help being poorly therefore it can be hard for them to not wear their own clothes and take part. Also some children wear a completely different outfit on a Friday! Therefore school council have come up with a new incentive. After Christmas, we will no longer have Fashion Friday.



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This term, the whole class will get extra playtime for their combined class attendance (not per child).

100%	Additional 15 minutes
99%	Additional 10 minutes
98%	Additional 8 minutes
97%	Additional 5 minutes

Also, we will now be praising 97% attendance as much as 100%. This is because 97% is our target.

Reading

Just to remind families that we aim for all children to read at home three times a week. This reading is logged on our electronic reading platform Learning With Parents. Children are able to earn rewards towards achieving prizes. They will also start to bring home certificates

Safeguarding

Out of order? Or simply outspoken? This week's guide, can help young people to recognise the difference between free speech and hate speech – and to understand why this complex area is an Online Safety risk. If you have any questions please ask Mrs Davey or Miss Brogan.

EYFS plea

Our early years is always on the lookout for the below items if you have any at home you don't need any more:

- Mobile or landline phones
- Books
- Fancy dress costumes ages between 2-6
- Scarves

Also, if you ever have any flowers at home, once they start to wilt, we will happily take them for our mud kitchen! So please just pass to a member of No.1, nursery or reception.

Bullying analysis

Each term we look at incidents of bullying logged at school. We log any allegation of bullying as well as founded events. We think that it is important to be open with families about the incidents we log and discuss with Governors. This helps us to combat bullying. There were 6 reported cases of bullying last term.

We have had several incidents related to name calling so we have attached some resources you can use at home to talk to your child about this at home. We have also been talking to pupils at school about this. If you have any concerns around bullying please use our flowchart which is also attached to this email.





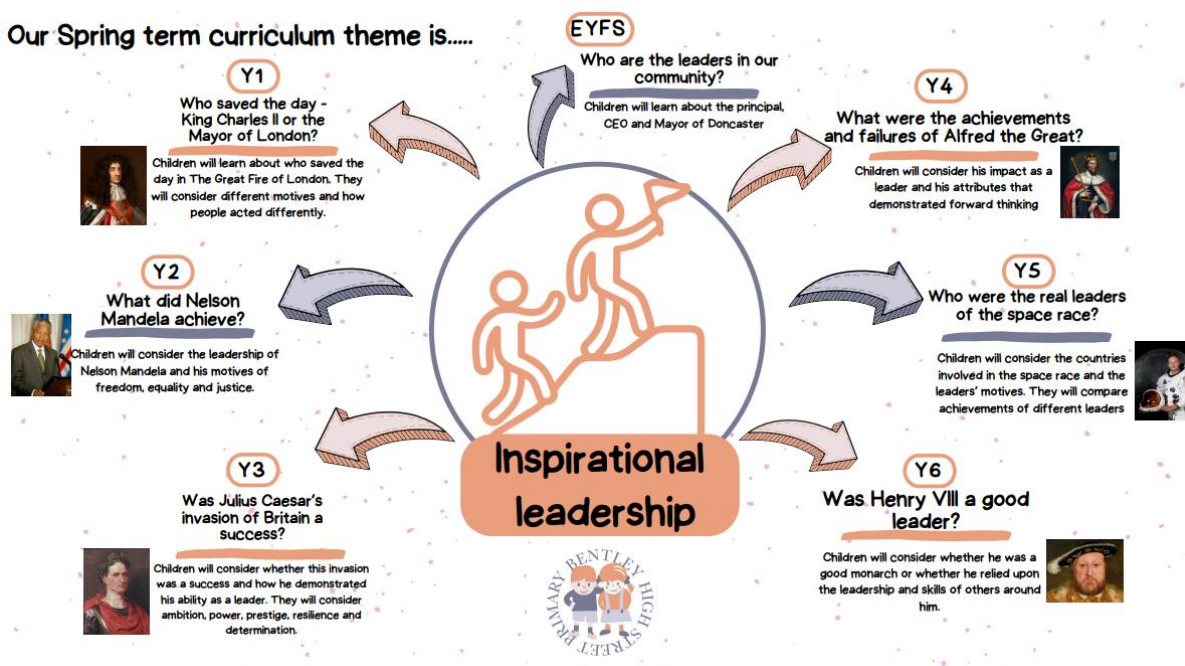
If you would like to find out more, you are welcome to attend our parent anti-bullying workshop on **Tuesday 23rd January at 2.30.**

In addition, a copy of our worry box notes will be being sent home for children to write down any concerns they have. These notes can be brought back to school to go in our worry box.

Curriculum

This week marks a new term and therefore new and exciting topics! Hopefully, children have been telling you all about their amazing learning. Our new curriculum theme is 'inspirational leadership' where children will study the successes and failures of different leaders from the past. Here is what we cannot wait to get started with:

Our Spring term curriculum theme is.....



A message from Doncaster Council:

As levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and norovirus continue to rise, schools and parents/carers are being reminded of 5 simple steps they can take to reduce viruses and other infections spreading in the community –





helping their children make a healthy start to the year and minimising the impact of illness on attendance as schools head back and parents return to work.

Teach good hygiene habits

Encouraging good hand-washing habits is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread. Regularly wash hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser when convenient. Please note that sanitizer doesn't work on Norovirus / stomach germs!

Using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, binning it and then washing hands will help prevent infection from spreading.

Measures can be taken to prevent and control airborne spread infections, such as ventilation, to prevent respiratory particles from spreading where there is no close contact between people.

e-bug resources for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits – and why they are important – to your child or teenager.

Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Along with rising cases of norovirus, there are also increase in other gastrointestinal infections, such as Shiga toxin-producing E.coli.

If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, washing your hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop.

If you are unwell, you should avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable in these settings. Do not return to work, school or nursery until 48 hours after your symptoms have stopped.

Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home

While children are encouraged to stay in education or childcare with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), children should stay home from school or nursery if they're displaying the following symptoms:

- If your child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.





- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up – this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.
- At this time of year, other types of illnesses that circulate are scarlet fever and chickenpox, as cases usually peak in late winter and early spring.
- Symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the tummy, flushed cheeks and 'strawberry tongue'. If you suspect your child has scarlet fever, contact your local GP; and if diagnosed stay away from nursery or school for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.
- Chickenpox is highly contagious, with the most common symptom being an itchy, spotty rash. If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

Get vaccinated

Vaccination offers the best protection against flu and is given as a quick and painless nasal spray for children. However, vaccine uptake amongst pre-school children is one of the lowest, despite the illness being more serious for this ages group in some cases. Children eligible for the flu vaccine include:

- children aged 2 to 3 years old on 31 August in 2023
- all primary school-aged children (reception to year 6)
- secondary school-aged children (year 7 to year 11)
- children aged 6 months and older with long-term health conditions.

Similar to the flu vaccine, there has been a drop in uptake of routine childhood immunisations, which protect children against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. You can take a look at the childhood vaccination schedule to make sure your child is up to date with all their vaccinations.

Scabies

Schools and parents are reminded to be aware of scabies in their children and young people. Scabies is a skin infection caused by tiny mites that burrow in the skin. The appearance of the rash varies but most people have tiny pimples and nodules on their skin. The scabies mites are attracted to skin folds such as the webs of the fingers. Burrows may also be seen on the wrists, palms, elbows, genitalia and buttocks.

Spread is most commonly by direct contact with the affected skin. The rash usually spreads across the whole body, apart from the head. Scabies remains infectious until treated.

Exclude affected children from nursery or primary school settings until after the first treatment has been completed. Older children can attend school settings with advice to avoid close skin contact with others until after the first treatment has been completed.





If there are 2 or more cases of scabies within your school contact UK Health Security Agency on 0113 386 0300.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
Principal

Diary Dates

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

Christmas Holidays			
Week	Spring Term		
	08.01		Trust TRAINING DAY
	09.01		ALL CHILDREN RETURN Afterschool club start
	10.01		
	11.01		
	12.01		Year 6 parents SATs meeting @3:45pm
16	15.01		Martin Luther King day
	16.01		
	17.01		
	18.01		Census day – Movie theme Yr4 Parents multiplication check meeting 3:30pm
	19.01		
17	22.01		Y2 chicks are arriving
	23.01		Anti-Bullying workshop
	24.01		



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	25.01		Year 1 Parents – Phonics meeting about the phonics screening check and how parents can help 3:30pm
	26.01		
18	29.01		
	30.01		
	31.01		
	01.02		2K class assembly 10am
	02.02		
19	05.02		
	06.02		Y1 Church visit 1pm Safer internet day
	07.02		Y6 church visit 1pm
	08.02		
	09.02		
Spring Half-Term			
20	19.02		TRAINING DAY
	20.02		Fair Trade Fortnight Young Voices @ Sheffield arena
	21.02		F2 @ church 1pm
	22.02		No.1 & F1 church visit PM Year 1 Parents – Phonics meeting Supporting your child with phonics/reading fluently 3:30pm
	23.02		
21	26.02		No.1 & F1 church visit AM
	27.02		YR 4 Castleton
	28.02		YR 4 Castleton
	29.02		
	01.03		





22	04.03		F1 Parents evening 3:40 – 5:00pm
	05.03		F2 @ Eureka Whole school & F1 Parents evening 3:40 – 7:00pm
	06.03		Careers day
	07.03		World book day
	08.03		World maths day Start of science week
23	11.03		Year 5 @ Space Centre
	12.03		5&6 New college – football tournament
	13.03		
	14.03		
	15.03		End of British Science week Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
24	18.03		
	19.03		
	20.03		
	21.03		Year 4 Exploring Easter @ ST. Peters World poetry day
	22.03		Y2 @ Austerfield Y5 @ St. Peters Church 1pm
26	25.03		
	26.03		Yr3 Merton Park all day
	27.03		End of term assemblies No.1 & F1 – 9:15AM & 2:45PM Yr 3 – 9:15am Yr 4– 9:45am Yr 5 10:30am Yr 6 – 11am





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			Year 1 @ emergency services museum
	28.03		End of term assemblies F2 – 1:30pm Yr 1 – 2pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm
	29.03		BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
<i>Easter Holiday</i>			



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