



22nd March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Next week is our last week before the Easter holidays so we have lots of egg-citing things going on! Please remember that school is not open on Friday as it is Good Friday.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLIES

Below are the times for our end of term assemblies. Zoom links will be sent out by class teachers so families can join online. Please be aware though that the quality of the video may not be great as we do not have the right technology. We will do our best though!

Tuesday 26th March

End of term assemblies

No.1 & F1 – 9:15AM & 2:45PM

Yr 5 - 10:30am

Yr 6 – 11am

Yr1 – 1pm

Wednesday 27th March

End of term assemblies

Yr 3 – 9:30am

Yr 4– 9:45am

F2 – 1:30pm

Yr 2 – 2:30pm

Mobile Phones

As you have been informed, the DFE has published guidance over the use of mobile phones.

The DFE have stated that the use of mobile phones should be prohibited. At our school we do not allow mobile phones and children should not have them in the playground or access to them during the school day. However, in some circumstances, we recognise that children have phones because they walk home independently, and it may be needed for safety. In these circumstances, children hand their phones into the school office on arrival. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in how many are handed in. Whilst the school may keep the phones during the day, we take no responsibility for loss or damage.

If you feel that your child falls into exceptional circumstances and needs to bring their phone to school, you were asked to complete a form on parentmail. If you missed this, contact the school office and they can send you the link. From the start of the summer term, we can only accept phones that parents have notified us that they need to bring in. Please note that due to safeguarding and behaviour policies, we will be forced to adopt processes for any child found with a phone that has not been handed into the main office. Updated policies will be sent to families soon.

Early years spaces!

We currently have spaces in our 2 year old setting and our nursery. If you would like to arrange a visit or learn more about our early years offer please contact our school office.

We are holding an open evening on **Monday 25th March 3:30-4:30** if you would like to meet with members of the team and have a tour of the settings.

All things Easter at Bentley High Street!

The Easter holidays are soon approaching so we are happy to announce we have some Easter activities for you all!

NO.1, NURSERY AND RECEPTION SPONSORED EASTER EGG HUNT

On WEDNESDAY 27th March our Early Years children in No.1, Nursery and Reception, will be taking part in a sponsored Easter Egg Hunt!

The children's challenge is to walk around the school field and find the 10 hidden Easter eggs!



Children are raising money for resources for their classrooms.

NO.1 – YEAR 6 EASTER BONNET COMPETITION.

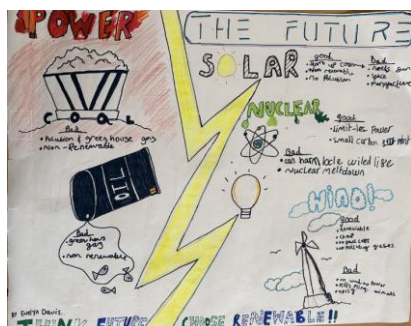
Entry is £1 and entries need to be brought into school by TUESDAY 26th MARCH. The winner will then be announced on THURSDAY 28th MARCH.

EASTER HAMPER – we will be having an Easter raffle with the chance to win an Easter hamper. Tickets will be on sale from next week. They will be available from the office and in the Key stage 1 playground before and after school. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March.

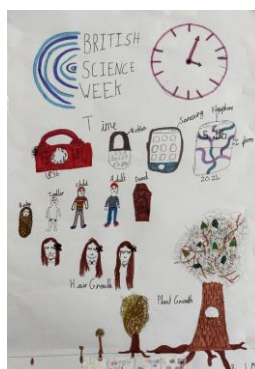
Our last day is Thursday 28th March – children can come in their own clothes, and bring a small inexpensive toy, for a £1 donation.

Science Week Poster Competition Winners

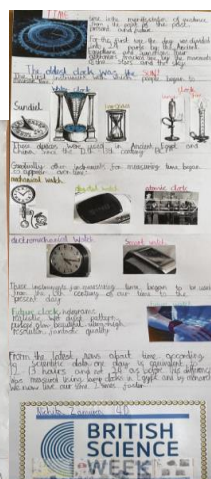
We had many excellent entries to the competition and are very proud of what children produced. Well done to all who got involved. Here are the school winners who have been submitted to the official national competition.



Evelyn in Y3



Pippa in Y4



Nichita in Y4



Rosemary in F1

Anti-bullying parent session

We are holding our anti-bullying parents group on **Monday 25th March between 2:45-3:30**

We will be discussing:

- How we promote anti-bullying at Bentley High Street.
- The bullying analysis for Spring term
- Any concerns parents would like to discuss.

Healthy snacks

A reminder that children can bring a piece of fruit for snack during the day. We are noticing an increase in litter around school so ask children only bring crisps or snacks in wrappers if they have a packed lunch.



Learning with Parents

If some parents are still struggling with the online reading log. Please review a video which can be found here:

[Digital Reading Log - Learning with Parents](#)

Just a reminder that you do not need to send photographs and videos. You should be sent weekly reminders so there should not be a need to log in. We will organise another information session for parents soon

Fantastic progress with the number of children registered with Learning with Parents. 4 more are now on – 13 more to go. Raffle winner is Sandra in Year 4. Well done. Look out for the next competition soon.

Reading 3x

Well done to 2K. 16 children read 3 times and more this week.

Well done to Dominic in 6P for reading the most words in KS2 with 34,059 words and Tomasz in 2W reading 6,113 words in KS1. Congratulations to Luna in 6R for completing the most quizzes this week.

Travelling bookfair

We will have the travelling bookfair in the school hall from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March at 3.30 - 4.00. You can buy a range of books aimed at Primary school children and you can use your £1 World Book Day tokens too.

Safeguarding

This week is all about having open conversations about our digital lives.

Parking

Please can we again remind parents about parking near the school site. As a school we are concerned about how cars park on the road adjacent to the school carpark and we are working with the local authority about this.

We do not advise any children leaving school to walk to cars parked on the roadside. This is due to the amount of cars and the lack of visibility. Please take care if you drive and park here. We urge you to drive and park sensibly. Please remember that it is an access route for other businesses and emergency vehicles who may need access.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
Principal

Why the digital reading log motivates families to read more





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.

25.03	Anti-bullying parents' group 2:45 – 3:30 EYFS opening evening 3:30 – 4:30
26.03	End of term assemblies No.1 & F1 – 9:15AM & 2:45PM Yr 5 - 10:30am Yr 6 – 11am Yr1 – 1pm Year 3 Merton Park KS1 multi-skills competition EYFS sponsored easter egg hunt
27.03	End of term assemblies Yr 3 – 9:30am Yr 4– 9:45am F2 – 1:30pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm Yr1 emergency services museum
28.03	Last Day – Toy day Whole school church – 10am
28.03	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Doncaster Transition Dates:

School	Dates for Y6/7 Transition (Summer 2024)
Armthorpe Academy	9, 10 July 2024
Ash Hill Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Astrea Academy Woodfields	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Campsmount Academy	9, 10, 11 July 2024
De Warenne Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Don Valley Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Hall Cross Academy	10, 11 July 2024
Hungerhill School	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Outwood Academy Adwick	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Outwood Academy Danum	9, 10 July 2024
Ridgewood School	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Rossington All Saints	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Sir Thomas Wharton Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024



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The Hayfield School	9, 10 July 2024 (8 July 2024 Transition Evening)
The Laurel Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
The McAuley Catholic High School	10, 11, 12 July 2024
Trinity Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024
XP EAST	9, 10, 11 July 2024
XP SCHOOL	9, 10, 11 July 2024