



29 September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We have had a wonderful week in school.

Below are some figures about our attendance compared to national figures. We are really pleased with the progress made across school. Parents may have noticed that we are now doing home visits, daily, for children who are not in school and when we have had no contact from the families. I hope that families can appreciate how time consuming this can be. Please can we remind parents about contacting school if their child will be absent.

WK- commencing 11 th September	National	Our School- Bentley High Street Primary School
Overall absence rate	5%	4.9%
Authorised absence	2.9%	2.00%
Unauthorised absence rate	2.1%	3.00%
Overall attendance	95%	95.1%
Persistently absent	22.3 (previous year)	12.5

European Day of Languages

It was lovely celebrating European Languages Day earlier this week with our children. We learnt lots of new things about one another and it was great to see children embracing their culture and heritage. Children learnt just how diverse our school is and the different languages spoken across their class. They all made multilingual welcome signs for their classrooms and the best part was celebrating and embracing their uniqueness.

Thank you for the wonderful photographs and special items to reflect cultural heritage that you sent in with your child. Also for the wonderful foods made and shared - it was great to see children trying different foods from around the world!

Black History Month

Next week is the start of Black History Month, all classes will spend time learning about an important figure from Black History. Children will be displaying their learning in the large hall during parents evening on Tuesday 17th October.

Reading





We have just over 40 children left to log into reading with parents. Class teachers will be contacting these families next week. We are absolutely loving being able to watch children read at home and seeing how much children are reading. It is now so much easier to check reading and praise children daily. Last week children in KS2 and some from KS1 were given accelerated reader logins so they can complete reading quizzes at home. If you are unsure if your child has this, then please speak to your class teacher. Like last year, this log in allows children to test their understanding on books they have read and compete to read the most words, or complete the most quizzes each week, in order to win a story in the weekly achievement assembly.

Secondary school admissions for Doncaster are officially open!

If you have a young person due to start secondary school next September in 2024, you can now apply for a secondary school place for them in Doncaster.

Simply visit the link below and click on the portal link under 'Secondary Year of Entry – September 2024 (Year 7)' to get started.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

The national closing date for secondary admissions is **31 October 2023** – so don't forget to make sure you've completed your application and have a receipt before then! In the meantime, you can always check in with your local secondary school to see when their next open day is and pop in for a visit before making your application.

Local Charity Bake Sale – FRIDAY 5th September

We will be holding our first bake sale of the year NEXT FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.

We are asking for any donations to be brought to children's classes on the day.

Please leave wrappers on and put in a list of ingredients (No nuts allowed!)

Children can bring in 50p to buy a cake.

All proceeds will go to the charity the children have chosen to support this year!

Harvest festival and Census day

Harvest festival will take place on Thursday 5th October.

All children will visit St. Peter's church for a Harvest Service which parents are invited to join!

The service times are:

No.1, Nursery and Reception: 10am

Year 1 and Year 2: 11am





Year 3 & Year 4: 1:30pm

Year 5 & 6: 2:30pm

We will be collecting for the Doncaster and Bentley food banks! Any donations are welcome and can be brought to the school office or to your child's class.

Guidance from the NHS- Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know

Smilers

Smilers child care has limited places left this term, if you're interested please phone the school office and ask to speak to our Smilers manager, Paula, for more information.

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.

Monday 02.10	Start of Black History Month
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Friday 06.10	Charity bake sale – please donate any cakes! Children can bring 50p to buy a cake.
Monday 09.10	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 17.10	Parents evening – With me in mind CAMHS drop ins available
Wednesday 18.10	Year 6 at Eden Camp EYFS bedtime story reading event Children can come in PJs and bring their favourite book and teddy. Parents invited to join at 9:00 and 2:30 for a drink, snack and a story. Individual & sibling photos
Thursday 19.10	5F class assembly Individual & sibling photos
Friday 20.10	<i>Wear it pink (or blue) day 50p donation</i>

