



Beenham Primary School



Valuing ourselves. Valuing everybody

Dear Families

Gosh there has been a lot of weather this half term! It feels as if we have had rain pretty much every day at some point. How lovely it has been though to see the first signs of spring with blossoms and of course the sun (occasionally).

Measles Vaccination

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage about the increase in measles outbreaks <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cqee2qz4vk1t>. Measles is a highly infectious disease and can be very serious. We are advising parents and carers to check their children are up-to-date with their MMR vaccine by checking his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP to check their immunisation history. Children should receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine when they are a year old and the second at three years and four months old. If your children have not had the MMR vaccine or they have not had both doses you can get a vaccine by making an appointment with your GP.

World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. Thank you for supporting your children with this. The costumes were amazing and made everyone smile. There were lots of activities throughout the day in the classes and a focus on books of every kind! Perhaps, you could talk to your child or share with your child your favourite book from when you were younger? Have you seen the World Book Day rap - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpTkjssrL4k>

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from a brilliant local author, Debi Evans who spent lots of time with the children talking about her craft and the wonderful stories that she writes.

Reading - read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life, doing some mad actions or even researching topics together on the internet. The research suggests that all children of primary age really benefit from hearing and exploring words and language with their families.

Keep your child safe online

E-safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

79% of 7-11 year-olds said they would tell their parent or carer if something worried them online.



Childnet, Have your Say (2013)

Checklist

Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Put the family computer in a communal area so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.



Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are



Deal with it:

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Take Action page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems – and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared – find out more with our pre-teens age guide at internetmatters.org/ageguide10-13

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Donation

We have been kindly given an anonymous large donation of funds from a villager in Beenham. We would like to say a huge thank you for their kindness.

Late arrival to school

Please make sure that you are on time for school. Beenham has a rolling start from 835am to 845am when the gate is closed. It can be very disruptive to your child if they are late and to the other children in their class too. We hope you will support your child's learning and make sure that they are in school on time.



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Staff News

We have welcomed back Mrs Edwards to Torak class.

Happy Birthday

Bella from Torak
Aila from Torak
Mrs Voisey
Pagan from Torak
Zac from Torak
Dannika from Tundra
Holly from Torak
Willow from Torak
Miss McBean

Clubs

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to join any of the after school clubs:

Drama – Mondays
Streetdance-Tuesdays
Yoga-Wednesdays

Kind regards

Zoë Voisey

Interim Headteacher