



Beenham Primary School



Valuing ourselves. Valuing everybody.

Dear Families

As ever there has been lots happening in school.

Mobile Library

We are lucky enough to be a stop on the mobile library route. We have been taking some of the children in to choose books to share back in class. We understand that most libraries are some distance away from here so if you want to pop into the mobile library between 915am and 945am when it next visits, here are the dates:

20 February, 12 March



Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages so don't stop when they can read for themselves, just read together instead.

We want to encourage our children to read anywhere and everywhere. So over half term we would like the children to get excited and creative by reading somewhere safe but unusual. Please take a photo of them reading, send it in to school and then there will be a prize for the most unusual spot the children found.



NSPCC

This charity came into school to provide the children with some learning around 'speaking out and staying safe'. The children had assemblies in their classes to talk about some of the different aspects followed by some volunteers coming into school with a fantastic cuddly Buddy. Some of the children had sessions led by the volunteers and the rest of the school worked on understanding and recognising abuse but most importantly talking to someone about it.



Outdoor Learning

The sessions in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have been a huge success. The quote "Children still need a childhood of mud, puddles, trees and sticks – because it positively influences their physical and emotional development, social and emotional skills" really summarises how we feel about outdoor learning. It has been wonderful to watch them being energetic and exploring as well as being imaginative. I have been turned into several different creatures when they were using the wands they had made!

Keep your child safe online

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.

These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



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- [Inclusive Digital Safety Hub](#) and [Online Safety Hub](#), created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters - support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well
- The Children's Commissioner has published [advice for parents on talking to your child about online sexual harassment](#) specifically, based on input from children themselves

Parent Evenings

These are planned for next Monday 5 February and Tuesday 6 February. The sign-up sheets are in the entrance of school if you haven't yet booked your place. We look forward to seeing you to talk about how your child is doing in school.

Late arrival to school

We have noticed an increasing number of children are arriving to school late in the mornings. May we remind you that school 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.

Medical/dental appointments

Wherever possible, please can medical and dental appointments be made outside of school hours as appointments during school time can be disruptive to your child and the children in their class.

Staff News

We have welcomed Mrs Puzas to Beenham Primary School. She is working on Thursdays and Fridays in Torak class as well as leading House Assemblies for Morpurgo House.

Happy Birthday

Mollie from Torak
Adrian from Torak
Luke from Totem
Mrs Kilshaw
Isla from Tala
Grace from Torak

UNIFORM

Home > Parents > Uniform

The school expects every child to adhere to the following school dress code:

- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or tailored shorts
- White polo shirt
- Green/white gingham summer dresses during appropriate weather condition
- Beenham Primary School jumper or cardigan with the embroidered logo
- Black, grey or white socks or grey, green or black tights
- Footwear – sensible black shoes - closed heel and toe. No long boots or open toes.

P.E. Kit:
All children are required to change their clothes for P.E. lessons for hygiene reasons. The clothing required for PE is:

- Yellow Beenham Primary School T-shirt or plain yellow T- shirt
- Green sports shorts/tracksuit or plain black leggings or joggers
- The P.E. kit should be free from logos or offensive slogans
- Black or white trainers/ plimsolls

Hair and Accessories:

- Long hair must be tied up using a green, white, grey or black hair band
- Plain gold/silver Stud earrings may be worn but must be removed, by the child, for P.E. lessons
- Other jewellery is not permitted unless for religious reasons and with permission from the Headteacher
- No make-up or nail polish is to be worn
- Hair should not be dyed nor have patterns shaved into it

Additional items:

- School fleece

General Expectations:

- Due to limited cloakroom space, children should carry their belongings in a Beenham Primary School drawstring P.E. bag or book bag – no other rucksacks/bags are permitted
- All items of personal property should be clearly marked with the child's full name
- Mobile phones and any items of value should not be brought to school and the school takes no responsibility for these items and are not covered under the school's insurance policy

Clubs

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

Drama - Mondays (Fridays for the time being whilst JMF rehearsals take place)

Streetdance - Tuesdays

Yoga - Wednesdays

Kind regards

Zoë Voisey

Interim Headteacher