



Benfield Primary Newsletter

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Message From Mr Dower

At the end of a very long term, I would like to express my thanks to all the families for all your support, the staff for their hard work and the children for their fantastic efforts during the term.

Our attendance as a school ended at 93.5% which, with the amount of illness we have had of late, is not too bad. However, we will look to improve this over the next term. Our aim is to end the year at 96%.

We wish all families a restful and happy break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back in the new year!

Mr Dower

Attendance

Autumn Term

1st—Puma 95.5%

2nd—Koala 95.1%

3rd—Tiger 95%

4th—Elephant 94.9%

Father Christmas Visits Benfield!

Our lovely Key Stage 1 had a special visitor this week...



A huge thank you to the FABS for the Christmas gifts to the children!

Year 1 News

Year 1 have been doing a DT project that will help to save Christmas! Santa needed a new sleigh, so the children have designed new ideas, tested different materials and then made prototypes - the elves came and took some prototypes to Santa and he spoke to the children about them when he visited earlier this week! Look out for Santa's chosen design if you see him flying through the air on Christmas eve.



Staff Panto

Today we had our Annual staff Panto and the teachers did not let us down. The children were treated to Jack and the Beanstalk. Miss Peacock and Mr Mel lead a stellar cast, playing Jack and his mother. Fun was had by all the images of Mr Price in a bonnet will live long in the memory! A huge thanks to FABS for arranging popcorn for everyone to have whilst they enjoyed the show.



Key Dates

Monday 6th Jan—Pupils return to school

Monday 6th-Friday 10th January—Yr 6 Residential visit to Hindleap.

Thursday 9th January—Year 3 Prehistoric Workshop

Monday 13th January—Reception Bikeability training.

The brilliant Year 6 Christmas Poem

‘Twas the night before Christmas, at Benfield School’s gate,
The halls were all silent, the term’s end was great.
Mr. Dower and the staff had gone for the night,
But Mr. Childs stayed behind, grumbling outright.

“Christmas is nonsense,” the caretaker said,
As he locked up the doors and shook his head.
But a noise on the roof made him pause in surprise,
And reindeer appeared, lighting up the skies.

“Now Dargavel, Badley, now Peacock and Price,
On Gracie, on Mel, flying swift through the night!”
Led by St. Nick, they brought gifts for the crew,
And left treats for the children—Christmas spirit anew.

Even Mr. Childs, with a sigh and a grin,
Let a bit of the holiday spirit in.
He chuckled, “Perhaps this Christmas cheer,
Isn’t so bad—it’s the best time of year!”

As Santa departed, his sleigh flew from sight,
Calling, “Merry Christmas, Benfield, and to all a good night!”



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