



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



Message from Mrs Crolla



Mrs Crolla
Head Teacher

Our value for this term is: Respect

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing half term. Term 2 has already got off to a busy start, with school trips, visitors and sporting tournaments. Within the Newsletter this week, you will find information regarding forthcoming events, some urgent requests linked to the safety of children on site and contributions from children.

Armistice Day

We welcomed members of the Royal British Legion this morning, who led our act of remembrance. The children, once over the bang, stood respectfully for the two minutes silence. Members of the School Council and Benson Barrows will also join Mrs Mottram and Mrs Stokes, to represent the school, for the local parade this Sunday.

Safety of Children on Site

We require your help and support to ensure that all children are safe on site please. You can do this by making sure children do not play on the climbing equipment or trim trail before or after school and by not parking in the staff car park when collecting children after clubs. Unfortunately, there was a near miss the other day, endangering a child. Thank you for your co-operation with these important matters.

Operation Christmas Child and Wallingford Food Bank

A huge thank you to all those families who have contributed a shoe box or boxes full of goodies. If you would like to contribute to the Wallingford Food Bank, the box is now in reception.

Non Uniform Day - Children in Need

We are keeping this low key this year because we have asked you for several contributions already. Children can wear spotty or multi-coloured clothes to school, on Friday 18th November. Any money collected will be donated to Children in Need.

Mrs Helen Crolla, Headteacher



Key Dates

- **11/11/16** - Chestnut Class Care & Share Assembly @ 2.45pm
- **16/11/16** - Flu Immunisation programme for Years 1, 2 & 3
- **17/11/16** - Sycamore & Hawthorn Class Trip to Didcot Railway Station for WW2
- **17/11/16** - Final Day for Shoebox Appeal
- **18/11/16** - Children in Need Day (Spotacular)
- **23/11/16** - FoBS – Rags2Riches Collection Day
- **24/11/16** - Year 6 Skillforce Day Trip
- **29/11/16** - Sycamore & Hawthorn WW2 Education Museum Workshop
- **01/12/16** - Open Morning at 9.30am
- **05/12/16** - Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- **06/12/16** - Infant Nativity at 6pm
- **07/12/16** - Infant Nativity at 2pm
- **09/12/16** - FoBS Christmas Shop and FoBS Disco
- **09/12/16** - Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long
- **09/12/16** - WWII Year 5/6 Dress-Up Day
- **16/12/16** - End of Term 2 at 2.15pm
- **04/01/17** - Beginning of Term 3



Other News

Vacancy: Clerk to the Governors

If you have secretarial skills and would be interested in the position of Clerk to the Governors, please look on our school website under vacancies, or ask for further details from the office.

Sports News

Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament

Congratulations to our boys for some great teamwork and individual performances in this Wallingford Schools Competition. All the boys played to their strengths. After 6 hard fought games, the final scores were so close there was a 3-way tie at the top for first place! Once the actual number of goals scored had been added up, Benson finished in a well earned second place, by just one goal!

After School Clubs

Please make sure your children bring adequate and warm clothing for the weather! This should include a waterproof if the weather is likely to be wet. Could I also please remind the children that signing up to a club does require a level of commitment and absence should only be due to illness, medical appointments or absence from school

Many thanks

TANIA HADFIELD

Other News



When we went to Longridge we slept in room's that had bunk beds. They were metal beds and 3 in each room. They were comfy and soft so good to sleep in.

The rooms each had a toilet in and a metal floor. The room numbers went up to 8. We used room 2 to room 7. We used one block of rooms and there were two. We didn't spend much time in our rooms but we knew who slept were if there was a problem. The first room was a room of 5 girls. The next room was the teacher's room then there were two spare rooms, then there was the boy's room and there was 5 of them. The last room was the other girl room with 6 girls.

By Phoebe Stratford





FoBS News

It is a crazy time of year for the FoBS team, we know how much the children love all the activities we provide and we need as much help as possible from all parents to make it happen. Please take some time to read the notes below.

School Christmas Shop - Urgent

The school Christmas shop is proving very popular this year. Thank you for all the gifts you have donated. We are counting up the slips and have noticed that many more children are wanting to purchase 2 gifts each this year. This is going to leave us short in the shop of gifts to choose from. **If you have not donated the same amount of gifts as you are requesting, please can you bring more gifts to the office asap.**

Rags2Riches

Collection drop off from: **Monday 21st until 9.15am on Wednesday 23rd November**
Help FoBS raise funds and clear your house of unwanted clean / dry / reusable clothing, bedding, towels and accessories (shoes, bags belts etc). You should have received a bag in your book bags this week.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26th November 12 - 4pm Benson Parish Hall

For an afternoon of magic and sparkle our Christmas Fayre is back! Opening earlier due to demand, come along and enjoy Santa's Craft Workshop and Salon, the famous Magical Grotto with the big man, hot food, mince pies, mulled wine and, of course, Christmas shopping. Can you help on the day? Can you bake a cake or some cookies for the cake stall? Please contact one of the FoBS team or the office if you can.

Nativity Performance Teas

Can you bake a cake or make some biscuits for the event?

Annual Christmas Disco - Friday 9th December

Reception & KS1 6 - 7pm KS2 7 - 8:15pm

Calling all children to dress to impress and put on their dancing shoes! The Annual Christmas Disco is just around the corner. Try your luck in our Christmas Raffle with great prizes donated by local businesses! £2.00 per child to include drink & crisps, pay on the door on the evening.

