



Message from the Headteacher

Growing the Bentworth Community

I am well aware that we haven't had any whole school community events this term. This is something we intend to improve in 2014. Our aim is to hold at least one whole school community event each term and we will be looking to include as many parents and volunteers as possible for these days.

On Wednesday we held an open morning and walked parents around the school to see the high quality teaching and learning taking place at school. It was a great opportunity to share our achievements and talk through some of the key priorities for next term. Thank you to all the parents who attended and engaged in a focused discussion about learning. We intend to hold another Open day each term, so if you were not able to attend please keep an eye on the school diary for the next open morning.

Next week is the Parents Forum, once again this is an opportunity to discuss some brand new initiatives for the next term, to answer any questions you have and to work together to continue to improve ARK Bentworth.

ATTENDANCE is still an area we need to significantly improve. This will be high on the agenda for discussion at the Parents Forum, we would welcome any thoughts and/or ideas how we can support parents to ensure that their children are at school and on time.

Have a great weekend

Damian McBeath

Clubs finished for the year

We would like to remind you that all after-school enrichment clubs have ended for the year, and there will be no clubs next week.

After-school play centre will continue next week.

Play centre will have an end of year party on Tuesday.

Thursday will be the last day for play centre.

You will be able to sign your child up to clubs in the first two weeks in January.

Please note that the last day of term is Friday 20th December. School will finish at 1.30 on this day.

Please make sure your child is collected promptly on this day.

School will open again for all children on Thursday 9th January 2014.

Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Prairie View with 97%**. Second is **Oxford Brookes with 96%** and third Cumbria with 95%. Our whole school attendance for the week is **94%**. At ARK Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed this target. Please support us in achieving this goal by ensuring that your child is at school by 8.55am each morning and attends every day.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property again.

We will be laying all the unclaimed items out next week for you to check through, in case your child has lost anything.

Any unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of the week.

We would like to remind you to write your child's name and class in every items of clothing your child wears to school. This includes shirts, trousers and PE clothes to avoid anything getting misplaced when children are getting changed.

Birthday wishes to:

Year 3: Daisy Bran 8
Year 5: Daniyel Charles 10
Year 5: Aidilia Khairurrizal 10
Year 5: Abdulla Osman 10



STAR AWARDS



Reception	Suhaib Adan
Year 1	Daisy McKeown
Year 2	Ridhwan Sanogo
Year 3	Stanley Fitton-Buckingham
Year 4	
Year 5	Aidlia Khairurrizal
Year 6	Madeeha Turay

Lunches

If you would like to change your child from packed lunches to school dinners, please let the office now by the end of next week so that our records can be updated for January.

Please note that changes to your child's lunch choices can only be made for the beginning of a new half term. You will not be able to make changes half way through the half term.

Celebration Assembly: Next Friday at 9.10am Come and join us!

We will be celebrating the value of Community.

We will also like to share some of the projects children have worked on this half term, so please send in anything you have made or created together at home!



BRONZE AWARDS

Year 3: Saba
Shay, Stanley, Mohammad and Mia



Stay and Play

Stay and play will resume again on Tuesday 21st January 2014.



Important dates for the final week

Tuesday 17th December: Santa's Grotto; Play Centre's end of year party

Wednesday 18th December: Santa's Grotto; Christmas-themed school lunch

Thursday 19th December: **Parents Forum 6-7pm**; Class Parties

Friday 20th December: End of Term: school finishes at 1.30pm*

**If your child usually attend Afternoon Nursery, you are welcome to bring your child to the Morning Nursery instead on this day.*