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A warm welcome back to all our pupils and hello to our new Early Years pupils. We hope you all had a good Summer. We will continue to bring you a Newsletter each full school week. Most information (and more) can be found on our website and we will also keep you up to date via Parentmail and Twitter. If there is anything you would like to see on this newsletter, then please leave a message with the office staff.

News & What's coming up

Start of Year Parent Information sessions (next week) – not to be confused with appointment based sessions on 21st September – These dates were sent out on Tuesday via Parentmail

We hope that these sessions will provide you with specific information about your child's year group as well as important whole school information, e.g. staff, homework and learning themes. We envisage these meetings will last approximately 45 minutes.

These meetings will take place in the school hall and dates for these sessions are as follows:

- Year 1 - Monday 11th September in the Infant Hall
- Year 2 – Monday 11th September in the Junior Hall
- Year 3 – Tuesday 12th September in the Junior Hall
- Year 4 – Wednesday 13th September in the Junior Hall
- Year 5 – Thursday 14th September in the Junior Hall
- Year 6 – Friday 15th September in the Junior Hall

While these meetings are taking place younger children can watch a DVD in a nearby room supervised by several members of staff to allow you to focus on the meeting.

If you should need assistance with access to our school buildings, please contact the school office so that arrangements can be made for you.

We hope that you will be able to attend one of these meetings and look forward to meeting you there. If you are unable to attend your child's Year group allocated meeting, any paperwork will be made available on our website.

Open Evening – Thursday 21st September

As not all parents are not yet registered with Parentmail, we will be sending out a letter in the usual way where you can book a time slot to meet with your child's teacher at the Open Evening on Thursday 21st September.

These meetings will be focused, 5 minute appointments to allow you to meet your child's new teacher, exchange important information and discuss initial targets for the coming academic year based on their school report from July 2016. We hope that these appointments will highlight clear priorities so that children, parents and school staff can work even closer together. If more time is needed with a parent to discuss further important issues, the teacher will arrange this with you.

We will also have the half price book man and Tempest Photography where you will have the opportunity to have photos taken.

Parentmail

We have now successfully upgraded to a new version of Parentmail. If you have not yet registered for the new update or downloaded the app, we highly recommend that you do so. In response to parent feedback we are aiming to move more communication online and will eventually be going paperless and all letters, trip consent forms, parents evenings etc will be sent via Parentmail and the app.

If you have an Android ("Play") or Apple ("App Store") smartphone, simply search for "South Benfleet Pri ParentMail" in your App store.

If you have not received a registration email or you are having problems downloading the app then please contact Mrs Crickmar in the School Office. Thank you to all parents who have already successfully moved over to our new system.



Training Days

We can now confirm that we have booked all of our remaining training days and they are as follows:

- Friday 22nd September
- Friday 20th October
- Monday 2nd January
- Thursday 29th March

See overleaf for menus for this half term

School Uniform

At the start of a new school year, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind that our school uniform is as follows:

- Green sweatshirt / cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt with school logo (remember young children struggle with any buttons)
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Green / white check dresses in summer
- Black shoes (not trainers) (young children need Velcro not laces please)
- PE bag and book bag- please do not send in large bags as we don't have the storage space
- Trainers are not allowed to be worn during the school day.
- Boots are not suitable to wear all day in. In really poor weather wellingtons may be worn to school with a change of shoes for in school use and a bag for the boots.
- Long hair should be tied back for reasons of hygiene and safety. Please no extreme hair styles, shaved patterns, coloured hair etc. **Can we ask that large fashion bows are not worn to school. A small bow may be worn on the back of the head.**
- Jewellery, other than watches and 'stud' earrings is not allowed for safety reasons.
- Make up is not permitted in school, including nail varnish

P.E. Kit

For reasons of safety, and hygiene, children must change into suitable PE clothing. Therefore please ensure that your child has the correct kit available for all lessons. Please ensure all PE kits are also named!

Kit for Boys and Girls Key Stages 1 and 2

Indoor	Outdoor
Plain white T shirt	Plain white T shirt
Black shorts	Black shorts

Key Stage 1 - Plimsolls

Key Stage 2 - Trainers

For use during cold weather jogging bottoms / top or tracksuit bottoms / top are required in addition to the basic kit.

Please remember that all children need to remove any permitted jewellery before a PE lesson.

Please note also, that if tights are worn to school, socks must be provided for the PE lesson

What's on next week

Monday 1st September

1pm – Early Years Parents meeting
3.30-4.15 – Year 1 Parent Information Session – Infant Hall
3.30-4.15 – Year 2 Parent Information Session – Junior Hall

Tuesday 12th September

Early Year – Jade class – School dinner day
1pm – Early Years Parents meeting
3.30-4.15 – Year 3 Parent Information Session – Junior Hall

Wednesday 13th September

1pm – Early Years Parents meeting
3.30-4.15 – Year 4 Parent Information Session – Junior Hall

Thursday 14th September

Early Year – Amber class – School dinner day
1pm – Early Years Parents meeting
3.30-4.15 – Year 5 Parent Information Session – Junior Hall

Friday 15th September

1pm – Early Years Parents meeting
3.30-4.15 – Year 6 Parent Information Session – Junior Hall

PTA News

Ticket purchases are available from Lorraine Jones Hearn on 07956 467477

Adventure Island: Prices £15(big) £12(Junior/Mini)

Adventure Golf: 2 rounds - £3 each

Sea-Life tickets: £5 Adult - £2.50 Child

Future dates for your diary

The dates below are for your information only – full details of events will be sent via a separate letter or mentioned in the main weekly newsletter.

Thursday 21st September – Individual School Photos

Thursday 21st September – Meet the teacher parents evening:

3.30-5.30 & 6.00-8.00pm – details to follow

Friday 22nd September – Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 29th September – 9am Macmillan Coffee morning and Parents Forum
















Thursday 12th October – Proposed Flu immunisations

w/c 16th October – Harvest Festival – TBC

Wednesday 18th October – School Disco (Yrs 1-6) TBC

Friday 20th October – Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Menu for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Hearty Slice of Homemade Pizza with a selection of toppings 	Jacket Potato Day with a variety of fillings 	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	Homemade Chicken Pie	Beef Burger in a Bun
Potato Salad		Homemade Quorn Bolognaise 	Homemade Quorn Pie 	Quorn Burger in a Bun 
Salad Bar 	Salad Bar  Crusty Bread	Peas Salad Bar 	Peas Runner Beans 	Beans Salad Bar 
Ice Cream Fruit Selection 	Homemade Chocolate Shortbread Fruit Selection 	Homemade Gingerbread Man Fruit Selection 	Fresh Fruit Bar 	Yoghurt Selection Fruit Selection 

Homework Reminders

Don't forget to read at least 4 times a week, do your Times Table Rockstars and practice your spellings.

Year 6 – Learning Log; 4 reads; 15 TT Rockstar games

Year 5 – 4 reads; 15 TTRockstar garage games; Grammar sheet; River project (due 21st September)

Year 4 – Maths sheet in purple homework book; 15 TTRockstar garage games; 4 reads with an adult

Year 3 – 4 reads and 15 TTRockstar garage games

Year 2 – 4 reads

Year 1 – 4 reads

Don't Forget!

Parent Information Sessions after school each day. See above for further information.

Early Years parents meetings – 1pm each day in Jade/Amber class

Please ensure all PE kits are in school for next week

Letters sent home

Flu immunisation letters – please send completed forms back as soon as possible

Don't Forget



Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who are Stars of the Week

Yr6 Gold Class – Bobby

Yr6 Green Class – Jake

Yr5 Aqua Class – Dexter

Yr5 Silver Class – Leah

Yr4 Orange Class – Tom C

Yr4 White Class – Sasha

Yr3 Blue Class – Whole Class

Yr3 Purple Class – Colby

Yr2 Red Class – Ben

Yr2 Ruby Class – Deanna

Yr1 Bronze Class – Ava C

Yr1 Yellow Class – Sienna

Well done and keep up the good work.



THE Megacentre Rayleigh

Parentalk – the Primary Years

Rayleigh Mega play have organised a free six week course for parents of primary school age children looking at boundaries, communication, encouraging independence and strengthening family relationships.

This will be on Tuesdays from 12.30pm-2.30pm on 12th/19th/26th September and 3rd/10th/17th October.

Please contact Rayleigh Megaplay direct for further information.

South Benfleet School Menu Week 1 Commencing Monday 4/9 25/9 16/10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage	Chicken Chunks with an option of Korma Sauce or Sweet & Sour Sauce	Homemade Macaroni Cheese or Jacket Potato with Cheese / Beans	Home cooked Pulled Pork in a wrap with optional BBO sauce	Fish Fillet in a bun (optional)
Quorn Sausage	Southern Fried Veggie Nuggets		Quorn Strips in a wrap with BBO sauce (optional)	Vegetable Cheese Bake in a bun (optional)
Creamy Mashed Potato	Fluffy Rice	Peas	Pasta Selection	Chips
Beans	Salad Bar Naan Bread	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar Sweetcorn
Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake Fruit Selection	Iced Smoothie Fruit Selection	Fruit Pots or Yoghurt	Homemade Banana Muffins Fruit Selection	Ice Lolly Fruit Selection

South Benfleet School Menu Week 2 Commencing Monday 11/9 2/10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Hearty Slice of Homemade Pizza with a selection of toppings	Jacket Potato Day with a variety of fillings	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	Homemade Chicken Pie	Beef Burger in a Bun
Potato Salad		Homemade Quorn Bolognaise	Homemade Quorn Pie	Quorn Burger in a Bun
Salad Bar	Salad Bar Crusty Bread	Spaghetti	Creamy Mashed or New Potatoes	Chips
Ice Cream Fruit Selection	Homemade Chocolate Shortbread Fruit Selection	Peas Salad Bar	Peas Runner Beans	Beans Salad Bar
		Homemade Gingerbread Man Fruit Selection	Fresh Fruit Bar	Yoghurt Selection Fruit Selection

South Benfleet School Menu Week 3 Commencing Monday 18/9 9/10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Day! Choose from Homemade Tomato or Cheese Sauce	All Day Breakfast (sausage, bacon, scrambled egg)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers	Home cooked Roast of the Day served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Chicken Cajun in an optional Wrap
Salad Bar		Quiche	Veggie Nuggets	Quorn Dippers in an optional Wrap
Garlic Bread	Vegetarian All day Breakfast (vegetarian sausages and scrambled egg)	Chips	Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta Selection
Homemade Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Selection	Hash Browns Baked Beans	Peas / Salad Bar Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes	Salad Bar
	Jelly Fruit Selection	Ice Cream Fruit Selection	Angel Delight Fruit Selection	Iced Rock Cake Fruit Selection

Term	Date	Activity	Additional Information
AUTUMN	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th Sept	Year group parent information sessions	3.30pm school halls – see email and newsletter for info
	Thursday 21 st September	Individual school photos	
	Thursday 21 st September	Meet the teacher parents' evening	3.30pm – 5.30pm & 6.00pm – 8.00pm
	Friday 22nd September	Staff training day – school closed for pupils	
	Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning & Parents Forum	9am in the Infant hall
	Thursday 12 th October	Proposed whole school flu immunisation	Separate letter to follow and date TBC
	WB 16 th October - Date TBC	Harvest Festivals	9.00 – 9.15 EYFS & parents 9.45am Y1,2 & parents
	Wednesday 18 th October	PTA run school discos (not Early Years pupils)	3.30pm-5.00pm Infants & 6pm-7.30pm Juniors
	Friday 20th October	Staff training day – school closed for pupils	
	Date TBC	PTA AGM in school library	7.00pm – 9.00pm - all welcome
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October		HALF TERM	Back to school on Monday 30th October
	Thursday 2 nd November	Open morning for new parents (2018 intake)	9.30am - Please book via the school office
	Tuesday 14 th November	Open morning for new parents (2018 intake)	9.30am - Please book via the school office
	Thursday 16 th November	Year 4 Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Friday 17 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visiting Anti-bullying Roadshow Children in Need fundraising day 	Key Stages 1 and 2 Details TBC including special school lunch
	Friday 24 th November	Year 5 Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Friday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Bazaar	PTA - after school event
	Mon 11 th , Tues 12 th , Weds 13 th December	EYFS & KS1 (infant) Nativity play to parents	2.00pm - 11 th and 9.30am – 12 th & 13 th
	Thursday 14 th December	Early Years magician and Christmas party (am)	Early Years children only – more info to follow
	Date TBC	KS2 Christmas Services - St Mary's Church	Further details to follow
	Friday 15 th December	Christmas dinner day	Letter/info nearer the time
	Tuesday 19 th December	Touring Pantomime for whole school	
	Wednesday 20 th December Last Day of Term	Christmas parties Years 1 - 6	Please send in requested food items No uniform today - wear party clothes to school
Thursday 21st – Friday 29th December		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
SPRING	Tuesday 2nd January	Staff training day – school closed for pupils	Pupils start back on Wednesday 3rd January
	Tuesday 23 rd January	Parents' evening 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Appointments / more details nearer the time
	Thursday 25 th January	Open evening 5.30pm to 8.30pm	Appointments / more details nearer the time
	Thursday 1 st February	Year 3 Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Wednesday 7 th February	PTA run school discos	3.30pm-5pm EYFS & Infants 6pm-7.30pm Juniors
	Date TBC	Parents' Forum	All parents welcome
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February		HALF TERM	Back to school on Monday 19th February
	Feb/March - Date TBC	Infant Music Festival	Runnymede Hall Benfleet, Year 2 children
	WC 26 th February	Whole school book week	Book themed dressing up day - Friday 2 nd March
	Tuesday 13 th March	Year 1 Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Thursday 22 nd March	Year 2 Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief – fundraising day	Details to follow
	Thursday 29th March	Staff training day – school closed for pupils	
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April		EASTER HOLIDAYS	Back to school on Monday 16th April
SUMMER	Friday 4 th May	Early Years Assembly to parents	9.30am
	Monday 14 th – 18 th May	SATS WEEK Year 6 Year 2 Assessments from Easter to half term	PLEASE AVOID ANY ABSENCE DURING THIS PERIOD
	Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day (Juniors am, Infants pm)	Weather permitting! Alternative date 15.6.17
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June		HALF TERM	Back to school on Monday 4th June
	Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th June	Year 6 School Journey to The Netherlands	
	Week of 11th – 15th June	Year 1 Statutory Phonics screening	More info for Year 1 parents during the year
	Date TBC	Junior Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion	Year 5/6 choir – details to follow TBC
	Tues 26 th & Weds 27 th June	Year 6 Transition days to secondary schools	
	Thursday 28 th June	Display open evening all classes open	5.00pm-7.00pm details to follow nearer the time
	June/July (TBC)	District Sports – Athletics competition	Junior age Children
	Weds 11 th & Thurs 12 th July	Junior Production (3x shows)	Weds: 9.30am & 1.45pm, Thurs: 9.30am
	Monday 16 th July	Year 6 Outdoor Activity/ Adventure Day	Stubbers – Upminster - Details later
	Wednesday 18 th July TBC	PTA run school discos	3.30pm-5pm EYFS & Infants 6pm-7.30pm Juniors
	Friday 20 th July Last Day of Term	Year 6 Leavers assembly & reception pm	Details to follow nearer the time