

**Weekly Communication update 15/10/21**

Dear families,

Welcome to this week's Communication update. It will now include an update about what year groups are doing each week.

<p><b>General Update</b></p>	<p>Hello families. I hope this update finds you well.</p> <p>We have had a couple of bus routes cancelled this week due to driver shortage. We appreciate how difficult this is and the notice you are given is very short, however, transport is independent of us as a school and we don't have any input into how transport is run.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child's dinner account is in credit. We opened our Sociable Cafe this week. The parents who attended would like the cafe to be open to families regularly which is a really great idea. Post 16 are working on which day is best and will let me know shortly.</p> <p>The start of the day for pupils is 8.30am. If you bring your child to school can you please ensure that they arrive on time.</p> <p>I have just been notified that the school will receive funding to run a breakfast club after half term. We will be offering a warm bagel to pupils in the first instance as we gauge interest. Pupils will have the bagels in their classroom so will not miss any learning time.</p> <p><b><i>Pupils have been working incredibly hard this week:</i></b></p> <p>Year 7 - In Outdoor Learning pupils have been role playing what it is like to be a vet and how to work in a Veterinary Clinic. In Year Science pupils continue their work looking at forces and Newton. In Maths they are looking at how a calendar works.</p> <p>Year 8 - In Outdoor Learning some of Year 8 have had a workshop run by Solo Wood (a wood reclaiming company) and have made insect boxes. Other year 8 pupils continue to learn about gardening and growing. In Maths they are focusing on time in five minute intervals.</p> <p>Year 9 - In Art pupils are studying animals and making collages based on the animal models of Yinka Shibonare. Two Year 9 groups visited the Houses of Parliament this week.</p> <p>Year 10 - In RE pupils are learning about prejudice. In English they are studying poetry.</p> <p>Year 11 - In Childcare pupils continue to focus on conception and development of the foetus during pregnancy.</p> <p>Post 16 - Post 16 has started to redesign the quiet garden outside reception. Post 16 also opened the Sociable Cafe this week.</p> <p>Wishing you all a lovely weekend.</p>
<p><b>Lateral Flow Testing and Covid update</b></p>	<p>Please continue to test your children at home twice weekly using the kits we sent home on Wednesday. You should test your children on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Additional home test kits were delivered this week and have been sent home with your child.</p>
<p><b>Macmillan Coffee Event</b></p>	<p>We are hosting our Macmillan event on Monday October 18th during Parent/Carer evening. We would really appreciate some donations of cakes for this please. You can also support us by purchasing a cake when you attend on Monday. Additionally, there will be a raffle of a large cake baked by our fabulous teacher, Cindy - it is a vanilla and chocolate sponge decorated cake - tickets cost £1. Many thanks.</p>
<p><b>Parent Governor</b></p>	<p>Nathan Tulip has been appointed as Parent Governor. Nathan has a child in our Post 16. Congratulations to him.</p>
<p><b>Christmas Fayre</b></p>	<p>Our first ever Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday November 27th. We are asking for contributions for our tombola stalls. On Friday 5th of November we will be having a Mufti Day for the fayre. If pupils could</p>

	bring in either an unused gift, a bottle or a tin that would be great. Many thanks.
<b>Parent/Carer questionnaire</b>	Your views are very important and help contribute to the successful running of Bensham Manor school. I am asking that parents and carers complete a survey by next Thursday Oct 21st please. The link is on email and Kidwizz.
<b>Parent WhatsApp group</b>	The group coordinator will be in contact with you soon. Apologies for the delay with setting this up. Please email <a href="mailto:theoffice@benshammanor.com">theoffice@benshammanor.com</a> with your name, your number and child's name if you would like to join. Thank you
<b>Pastoral Parent/Carer evening</b>	This takes place on Monday the 18th of October from 3.30pm by appointment only.