



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 22 28th May 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to half-term! The children and staff certainly deserve a rest, we hope you all have a lovely half-term break!

Attendance:

We are all working really hard to make our school the best it can be, however our overall attendance figures are currently not high enough to be deemed good, (this is not related to Covid). The Local Authority are keen that we are stringent in our processes to monitor and address poor attendance, after all we all know school is where children learn best. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

A few reminders:

- Make routine dental and eye appointments **outside** of school time – these will not be automatically authorised if routine and taken in school time.
- If you know your child will be absent for an appointment that **cannot be made outside of school time**, please request leave of absence BEFORE the appointment and provide evidence of the appointment.
- Lateness: currently the last time slot for arrival is 8.55 - 9am. A late mark will be issued between 9-9.10 and any arrivals after 9.10am will be marked as unauthorised. The local authority may choose to fine for persistent absence, including those as a result of lateness.
- Penalty notices, £60 per parent (rising to £120 after 21 days), can be issued by the local authority for attendance below 90% and holidays, or suspected holidays, taken in term time.
- If your child is too ill for school, please let the school office know before 9.30am
- Late nights, birthdays, ill parents/ siblings are not reasons for absence that can be authorised

Thank you for your support in this.

Uniform & presentation:

The vast majority of children wear school uniform proudly, please support us by ensuring your child wears correct school uniform every day, it really does help them come to school in the right frame of mind for learning and supports good behaviour. Please remember that Nail polish and temporary tattoos are not permitted and children with long hair should wear this tied back for health and safety reasons as well as preventing the transmission of headlice.

Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, or the first two days of the half-term holiday, I will be on call so please let me know straight away. For this reason only, please text: 07570707587 as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

INSET Day:

Don't forget Monday 7th June is an INSET day and so the school is closed to children. We will see you back on Tuesday 8th June.

Have a lovely half-term holiday – I hope we get good weather!

Best wishes, **Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**



Diary Dates

Important dates:

Monday 7th June INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 8th June Wood Green Animal Shelter visits to classes (Please remember donation of pet food – thanks)

Wednesday 9th June & Thursday 10th June – Life Bus visit (PSHE linked activities)

Wednesday 23rd June – New Reception Parents meeting 6pm (This may be virtual)

Tuesday 20th July – Change over Tuesday – Children move to new classes/teachers (if guidance allows us to mix bubbles at this time)

Thursday 22nd July – Last Day of the school year

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family