



# Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 3 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022



## Dear Parents & Carers,

**Share & Shine** – we hope you enjoyed this opportunity to visit your child’s classroom and see some of what they’ve been learning so far this year. The children love these occasions and we really appreciate your support in attending them, we had an amazing **90** visitors, which is fantastic!

**Smoking & Vaping:** We are a smoking and vaping free environment. Please refrain from this on our site, including our playground and field.

**Safeguarding** is the responsibility of everyone! If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding on: 0345 045 5203 to make a social care referral.

**Attendance Matters** - There are incredibly strong links between the attendance figures of children and their attainment which is why there will be further requirements on schools to monitor and report attendance next year. Research shows that higher than average rates of attendance lead to more secure outcomes for pupils. We monitor every child’s attendance at least weekly and will discuss this with parents where we have concerns and involve our Local Authority Attendance officer where necessary.

**Reading** - As a school, we champion reading for pleasure and we expect children of all ages to be reading outside of school and ask that notes are made in the home/school reading record that we provide. Even where children are reading fluently and independently it is important that children are encouraged to read regularly at home to keep this vital skill continuously developing as this impacts learning in all areas of the curriculum. Thank you for supporting your child with this fundamental life skill.

**Homework** - In addition to the core homework for each class: reading, spelling, number fact learning, each term we offer a menu of optional homework that can be completed by children across the school. This term I have asked children for their ideas for what they would like to see on the homework menu and this is being finalised and will be sent out next week.

**Parents meetings** - We have had great take-up for our parents meeting with teachers next week. If you find you are not able to attend your appointment, please do cancel in good time as this will enable teachers to offer the time to someone else and will avoid valuable teacher time being wasted – thank you.

**Nail varnish & temporary tattoos:** These are not allowed as part of our uniform and appearance policy, please save them for holiday periods – thank you.

## Harvest donations – Trussell Trust Food Bank

As always we will be collecting donations of dried and tinned goods for the Trussell Trust food bank in March. These can be brought in during the last week of term and will be displayed at our Harvest Assembly before being taken to the food bank.

**Best wishes Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**

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### Diary Dates

w/b 10th October 2022  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 24th October  
Monday 31st October  
Friday 18th November  
Tuesday 20th December

Y5/6 Bikability this week  
Parents’ Meetings 3-6pm – In Person  
Parents Meetings 3-6pm - Virtual  
Harvest Assembly – Parents invited 2.30pm Village Hall  
\*\*\* **FOBS Halloween DISCO 6-7.15 School Canteen**\*\*\*  
Half-term Holiday  
School re-opens for 2nd half-term  
Children In Need Day  
End of Term – Christmas Holidays

**Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family**