

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

We have had a great week, but the highlight has to have been World Book Day. Children and staff all entered in to the spirit of the day and costumes were fabulous - thank you for your efforts and supporting us in this.

Huge thanks to FOBS and wonderful parent helpers who made last Friday's Neon Disco such a success, we had a fabulous turnout with 70% of children taking part. The newly decorated Village Hall looked fantastic with lights and neon decorations and the array of neon clothing (not seen in such large quantities since the 80s!) was a spectacle to behold!

### Building works:

As you, know we have some building works in the pipeline for some time now, with the mobile to be replaced with a permanent building and some minor remodelling to the main school. We are at the stage where we will start to see things happening on site. The existing mobile is due to be removed from site over the Easter holidays to then allow significant ground works to take place before the new building can take shape, this always takes much longer than we might think.

Both Key Stage 2 classes will need to be re-located whilst the build, which is anticipated to take 6 months, takes place. Owls class will move in to our spare classroom in the main building and Swans class, who need a bit more space, will utilise the canteen building which will be set up as their classroom with all their furniture, interactive whiteboard, displays etc. The canteen will still be used for hot school dinners as normal. The minor re-modelling of the main building, mainly toilets, will take place during the Summer holidays whilst children are not on site.

This is an exciting time for Benwick Primary School, however all building works come with an element of disruption to normal routine. We think this current plan for the Key Stage 2 classes will keep things as normal as possible for them until the new classrooms are ready in late Autumn. Once groundworks start, access for contractors to the site will be through the field gate and the building site will be fenced off from the playground and main school for children's safety.

We will let you know of any other changes and plans as they evolve.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### Comic Relief

Friday the 15th March is **red nose day** and the children are invited to wear something red that is appropriate for school (no crop tops or sandals) for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. In addition, if children would like too, they can pay 50p to tell a maximum of 3 jokes to their class during our 'Doing something funny for money' competition. The funniest person from each class will win a prize.

### Piano

We are going to be selling our school piano as it is no longer used. If you, or someone you know, would like it then we are going to be running a sealed bids sale. Please put your bid into a sealed envelope and hand it into the school office by Friday 22nd March. The piano will go to the highest bidder. I have attached a photo and if you would like any further information or measurements please contact me.

### Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Lots of really useful information attached from the EIFA's this week. One course to highlight to you is the 'Arguing Better' course. This course is designed to help parents handle conflict better not only between yourselves but also with older children who may be living in the house. It will take a maximum of 2 hours, all online and anonymous.

### Vaping & Smoking

Vaping and smoking is not permitted on the school playground. Please make sure you are adhering to this and you make any family/ friends aware who may be collecting your child. Thank you.

### School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches for next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### Important Dates:

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March	Doves Share & Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th March	Owls Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 21st March	Swans Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 21st March	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Friday 22nd March	Robins Share & Shine 9.00am
Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Monday 22nd April	EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards
Monday 22nd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Tuesday 23rd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Thursday 23rd May	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Tuesday 18th June	New Reception 2024 Parents Meeting
Monday 24th June	EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards
Thursday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 28th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 3rd July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 23rd December- Monday 6th January	Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 17th- Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holidays