



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 9 – 18th December 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to the Christmas holidays! Thank you for all your support, it has been a challenging term as we have all continually needed to adapt to the changing requirements caused by Covid-19, but children, staff and families have done so brilliantly! The children have been working hard to catch up on lost learning during the term and have enjoyed some great activities; they are in need of a well-earned break now. We do encourage them to keep reading, writing (maybe thank you letters?) and learning x tables, whenever possible, over the holidays to keep their brains in learning mode.

Christmas Jumper Day:

It was lovely to see all the Children in their Christmas jumpers and tops, thank you for the effort made. We raised £65.13 for Save The Children, thank you to those who donated.

Doody - Indoor Curling:

We had a fantastic day with Doody, there was a change to Circus skills, to be more Covid-safe, and the children learned Indoor Kurling (similar to Ice Curling). All children from Reception to Year 6 participated and really enjoyed learning a new sport, we spotted a few potential Olympic Curling champions in the making!



Bikeability

The weather was much kinder than we anticipated and all the Year 3&4 children who took part enjoyed great sessions on their bikes and achieved their Level 1 Bikeability certificates – well done. Helmets were compulsory for safety, please reinforce this with your children on their day to day cycling in the village.



Maths Day:

Miss Norris led a super Maths Day last Friday, linked to Christmas jumpers. The children participated in a range of maths activities and challenges throughout the day, some linked to using their maths skills to design jumpers.



STEM visit:

On Monday we welcomed Mr Barnes, a former pupil at Benwick, for a KS2 assembly. He works for Molecular Devices, and visited to show us a robotic arm that he has built which works to help scientists analyse slides under a microscope. The children were absolutely fascinated and asked lots of insightful questions. It was great to see STEM in our school to inspire the children.

Cards & Calendars:

Children have made the most beautiful cards and calendars for you, we hope you enjoy them at home!



Robins & Doves Christmas shows:

Fabulous Christmas shows were performed to single KS2 classes and filmed for parents. Well done to all our EYFS&KS1 children who were brilliant and really brought the spirit of Christmas to Benwick!



Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

If your child should display symptoms or test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, please let me know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** as soon as possible to provide details, thank you. Please also see the separate letter regarding contact tracing over the holidays.

Governors' Message:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, children and families of Benwick Primary, for making this uncertain term a good and a happy one.

We wish everyone in the Benwick school community a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.
The Governors

Good Luck Miss Baker:

We waved off Miss Baker today and wish her every happiness for her future career!

Have a wonderful Christmas and let's hope 2021 is a fabulous year for us all!

Best wishes,

Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher



Important dates:

These will be updated on every newsletter (as the guidance changes regularly) – we are hoping to add more dates as we know what we can and can't do!

Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5th January: Spring Term begins

Friday 8th January: Health & Fitness Day (Including skip to be fit workshop), children to wear PE kit all day

Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February: Half-term Holiday

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day

Monday 29th March-Friday 9th April: Easter Holiday

Monday 12th April: INSET Day – School Closed

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