



Dear Parents & Carers,

It's an extra news letter this week, with some new important information and some reminders.

Staffing:

It is with happiness for Miss Baker, but sadness for us at Benwick, that I can tell you that Miss Baker (Swans Class Teacher) will be moving on from Benwick at the end of Term, in December. Miss Baker has worked tirelessly, with passion and enthusiasm, during her time here, and we are grateful for all she has done. However, she is moving out of the county to a new home with her partner, and therefore a new teaching post, and we wish her every happiness and success. Miss Baker wants everyone to know that she has thoroughly enjoyed working at Benwick, and if the commuting distance from her new home was near enough, she would have loved to stay with us. I know change is worrying for children and parents alike, and I will keep you informed of the progress of the recruitment process as we seek to appoint a strong teacher for the Swans class.

Parents evening short reports:

These will be sent home with children this afternoon, ahead of parents' evening phone calls next week.

School Photos Reminder:

Monday 19th October – individual photos only.

Access to technology and the internet:

So that we can plan ahead with home learning, should it become necessary for whole bubbles or the school to close for a period of time, please do let us know if you **do not** have access to the internet or a device to access the internet (tablet/computer) at home, by emailing the school office.

Parents evenings:

The booking system has now closed, if you would still like to make an appointment, please contact the office by end of the day on Monday.

Water bottles:

Our water fountains are not available for children to use, for safety reasons, water bottles should be brought in to school every day please.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, *Mrs Clare Talbot* – Headteacher

Diary Dates

Important dates:

Monday 19th October: Individual School Photos Monday 25th- Friday 29th October: Half-Term Holiday Friday 13th November: Children In Need Day Monday 30th November: Flu Vaccinations all years Friday 11th December Y3&4 Bike-ability Level 1 Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School Closed Tuesday 5th January: Spring Term begins

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