



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 8 – 4th December 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas (especially with the snow today)! The children are getting very excited and many have told us about their Christmas trees and decorations going up at home!

Christmas Activities:

Despite restrictions, we will still very much be celebrating Christmas in school. We will focus on what we can do rather than what we can't. Our last 2 weeks of term will involve Christmas enrichment activities, but all will be linked to knowledge or skills development with clear purpose and an emphasis on children making progress.

Cards and calendars:

All children will be making cards and calendars to come home at the end of term. This year they will be linked to key art or DT skills.

Decoration Day:

We will start next week with decoration day. The children in each class will be making decorations for their classroom based on the work of an artist and will be learning about the artist and their style as well as art techniques whilst getting in the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day:

This will be next **Friday 11th December**, donations can be made to the Save the Children charity, if you wish, we will have a bucket on the gate. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or any Christmassy clothing of their choice (suitable for school). If they are participating in Y3/4 bikeability this should also be warm and suitable for riding their bike. On this day we will be linking the theme with maths and all children will be undertaking Christmas jumper related maths work, including pattern and co-ordinates.

Doody Circus Workshop:

We will again be welcoming Doody to school for a circus workshop on Thursday 10th December with each of the class bubbles. This will engage the children in activities that involves balance, co-ordination and concentration and all will be Covid safe.

Christmas Dinner:

Thank you for signing up for Christmas dinner. We can't have all the children together as we normally would, however there will be Christmas crackers, Christmas music will be played, there will be a few games and the children will have a Christmas film as a treat in the afternoon.

KS1 Christmas performances:

Sadly we can't invite families in to watch live Christmas performances. However, children in EYFS/KS1 will be practising their Christmas performances which we hope to film and send to the parents of children in those classes.

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Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, please let us know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

Behaviour Cup:

In the past fortnight this was awarded to Doves, again, for sustained improved behaviours for learning and today to Swans, as the majority of children have been really trying to be more co-operative and thoughtful of others at lunchtimes. The children receive an extra playtime with treats such as the scooters and pogo sticks allowed out. The children enjoy this extra reward and I really enjoy spending time outside with them.

Behaviour Focus:

We have been focusing on kindness and making extra efforts to be kind to others. Honesty has also been a focus of assemblies, in particular children taking responsibility for their own behaviour and being honest about what they have done.

Christmas Cards:

As we are unable to send one another Christmas cards this year, staff are making donations to Cancer Research, in memory of our late school Secretary Mrs Susan Keightley. If any families would also like to make a donation, please send them to the school office in an envelope.

Anti-Bullying Week:

Our Antibullying week involved children across the school creating this lovely display!



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Advent Wreath:



The children across the school have collaboratively made this beautiful advent wreath. On the holly leaves are advent promises linked to our values work. Every child in the school has made a promise in this way. Examples of the promises made are:

*I will be kind to my friends
I will play with people who are lonely
I will be more helpful
I will be nice to my family
I will try to be more patient with others*

Have a lovely weekend!

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!

Friday 11th December Y3&4 Bike-ability Level 1

Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day (children can wear something Christmassy – its doesn't have to be a jumper)

Thursday 17th December Christmas Dinner & Film afternoon

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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