



Benwick Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are hurtling towards the end of the school year now, with only 2 and a half weeks to go. We still have much to look forward to though, including the KS2 performance, trips and transitions days. It is really important that children attend school right up to the end of term.

Classes for next Year:

We are now in a position to let you know about staff and classes for next year. Miss Angell, who is very much enjoying being a mummy to two small boys, has decided not to return after her maternity leave and Mrs Mills' contract will come to an end; we wish both of these members of staff every happiness and success for the future.

We are fortunate this year, because of how the numbers in cohorts fall, not to have to split a year group across classes. The children will spend an afternoon with their new Class Teacher in their Class grouping for next year on Monday 18th July.

September 2022 Class Staffing Structure

Class name	Year Group	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Robins	Reception	Mrs Edmond	Mrs Fiore Mrs Hinson Mrs Barnes
Doves	Year 1&2	Miss Wakefield	Mrs Hay
Owls	3&4	Mrs Piper/Mrs Clutton	Mrs Few Mr Pedder
Swans	5&6	Miss Norris	Mrs Strong Mrs Kelso Mr Pedder

Scooters and bikes:

We do not allow children to ride their bikes/scooters along the path to the playground (next to the village hall) or on the playground for safety reasons, this includes pre-school children. Please support us in reminding your children of this on arrival/departure from school – thank you.

Attendance:

We have some children in school who have fabulous attendance, some even 100%, and are making fabulous progress as a result. Unfortunately, we are increasingly worried about the low attendance of many of our children and the detrimental impact this has on their learning and social skills. We are well aware of outbreaks of covid and chickenpox etc, and absence for these illnesses is unavoidable, however there are many occasions when reasons supplied for absence are not acceptable.

We cannot support families where we have concerns over the legitimacy of the reason being provided or if evidence suggests that we are not being told the truth. Where I have concerns over the legitimacy of a reason being provided, then I may take the decision to automatically 'unauthorise' absences and parents will be made aware of this with the consequence of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) possibly being issued by the Local Authority.

There is currently a formal consultation in place nationally to review attendance regulations as set by the DfE and this will include, from September, a more consistent national approach to the issuing of fixed penalty notices to parents. As a school we are doing our very best to offer a high quality curriculum and support every child to achieve their potential and we cannot do this if they are not in school; every day counts right up to the end of term. Please support us in supporting your child by making sure they are in school, on time, every day possible. **Thank you**

Sports Day/School PE Kits:

The children mostly looked fabulous and ready for races on Sports Day, it was a super event, we were so proud of all our children; the positivity, resilience and support showed for one another was wonderful!

Thank you for supporting us by attending!

We have noticed a minority of children are not wearing school sports kits. We know that over the year children grow and towards the end of the year no longer fit in their school PE Kit. Football strips etc should NOT be worn for PE/games and if children have grown out of kit should wear a plain (preferably white) t-shirt and dark unbranded shorts/tracksuit bottoms until new kit is purchased for the new school year. PE Kits are part of our uniform expectation and help to create the correct attitudes for learning and participation, they are not expensive if bought from supermarkets and do not have to be branded with our logo. We do ask that all children have an appropriate school sports kits for September please, details can be found on our website. https://benwick.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/162998 Thank you.

Swans swimming:

We have arranged swimming for next year's Swans class, this will be for the first half of the Autumn Term on Thursday afternoons. A letter will follow shortly.

Online Safety:

Does your child game online? Did you know the average age of a 'gamer' is 35! That means if your child is playing games online they are most likely to come across adults not children in open forums. Please monitor who your child is playing with online and ensure they know these people in real life!

End of Year Reports:

End of year reports are currently being finalised and these will be sent home on Friday 8th July.

Jubilee Books: Nationally all children are being gifted a Platinum Jubilee book, we have now received these and they will be coming home today.

Please do check the upcoming dates section below!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes ***Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher***



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5 th July	Swans Trip to St.Ives
Friday 8 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents in bags
Tuesday 12 th July	Robins/Doves Hinchingbrooke Trip
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Production – Mystery at Magpie Manor 1.45pm & 6pm
Friday 15 th July	FOBS School & Leavers disco 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term – school closes at 3.10pm for SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Next Year:	
Monday 5 th September 2022	Start of Term
Monday 26 th September	Individual School Photos
w/b 10 th October 2022	Y5/6 Bikability this week
Monday 24 th October	Half-term Holiday
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens for 2 nd half-term
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need Day
Tuesday 21 st December	End of Term – Christmas Holidays

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