

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 29/11/2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

I've been talking to the children about what they've enjoyed in their learning this week and the response has been incredible, the children talked about so many different elements of their week that have inspired them. I've been really impressed at the language the children have used too, showing they are really embedding their topic vocabulary. Here are just a few snippets of what the children said they've loved this week:

Robins - Visit from Heather's Hedgehog Hostel. The children really extended their learning with a visit from a real life hedgehog, 'Pico' to their classroom.

Doves - 'The Hare & The Tortoise' the children have been re-telling this classic fable. They also told me they've loved their practical place value maths work.

Owls - DT- Making bread Rolls - messy but fun and tasty!

Swans - Art - the children are learning about Cubism and the Art of Picasso. They also love that their science and English work link and their practical maths work on square numbers.

The winner of class of the week is Robins for safe and respectful interaction with animals; Pico the Hedgehog and Bronte our occasional school dog.

Lateness

Prompt arrival at school is very important for children. Please help your child start their school day well by arriving on time, learning takes place from the moment they arrive and if they are late they are missing out. Our school gates open at 8.40am and registration begins. We close the gates close at 8.45am. Please make sure you have left the playground by this time so we can shut the gates promptly. Children arriving from 8.45am- 8.55am are marked as 'Late' in the register and must come in via the school office entrance. Any child arriving after 8.55am is marked as unauthorised. Late marks do affect your child's attendance and we monitor children who are late on a regular basis. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December is our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/ dress all for a £1 donation. To help this FOBS are having a Christmas jumper swop shop. Please bring in any Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of and FOBS will be reselling these for £1 with all funds going FOBS.

School Panto Trip

You may have noticed on the 'Important Dates' section that we have our annual whole school panto trip on Wednesday 18th December. For families that are new to our school we take all the children to the key theatre in Peterborough to see their pantomime, which this year is Snow White. The trip is fully funded thanks to the amazing efforts of FOBS, donations and school fundraising. The coaches will leave the school at 8.45am, so please make sure you are on time, and we will return for a later lunch.

Supporting your anxious child

Cambridgeshire County Council curriculum support team will be running an online course specifically designed for parents of primary school children to help you develop strategies to support your child. All the details are attached.

School Lunches

Have you ordered your child's lunch for next week? Don't forget to order your child's Christmas lunch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Nativity Performance 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.30pm
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
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs
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