

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been a really lovely week in school, particularly as we have welcomed so many of you in to our classrooms for 'Share & Shine'. This time we squeezed a whopping **113** Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Sisters, Grandparents and friends in with the children who have been so proud to share their learning and show you their books. Thank you so much for your support in this, our 'Share & Shine' events have gone from strength to strength!

We are rapidly approaching the Easter holidays and it has been a super busy term with so much to fit in, children will be working hard on the curriculum right until the very end of term and our last day will be on Thursday. We are not running an Easter bonnet competition this year, but if children have made them at home they are welcome to bring them in on the last day of term to show their teachers and classmates. Huge thanks to FOBS for organising the egg hunt after school yesterday which was well received.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Message from Ms Millican - Benwick School Council

Last week's Red Nose Day was a huge success. We would like to thank you very much for your kind donations towards Comic Relief. We raised £108.13. In addition to wearing something red, the school council organised a joke competition in classes as a way to 'do something funny for money'. The children enjoyed listening or performing jokes in their class. Certificates and a small prize were presented to the funniest joke teller. Well done to all those children who chose to take part.

The school council is looking for donations of summer bedding plants, vegetable plugs and seeds to help brighten up our outside areas and enhance our outdoor learning experiences. We have lots of raised beds and containers which need refilling and the school council have written to local garden centres this week to ask for donations. If you have anything you would like to donate towards this latest project, we would be very grateful.

Ms Millican - Deputy Headteacher

Parents Meetings

Parents meeting are being held on Monday 22nd April and Tuesday 23rd April 3pm-6pm. Bookings will open on Saturday 13th April at 10am and will close at 2pm on Thursday 18th April 2pm.

Library

We are so very lucky to have our wonderful library, it is something we are all very proud of and like to maintain it to a high standard. Each class visits the library weekly plus the library is open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Children are reminded when they need to return books, if they haven't finished reading the book then they can bring the book back in and re-check it out. If however books are lost or damaged we do ask parents to either replace the book on a like for like basis or pay for a replacement. We currently have over £90 worth of books missing and as a small school we cannot afford to just replace them. Please help your children take care of the books, enjoy them and return them to the library in good order. Thank you.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached some really useful workshops including transition workshops the EIFA team are running over the coming months

School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches for next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April

INSET DAY- No children in school

Wednesday 17th April

Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class

Monday 22nd April

EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards

Monday 22nd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Tuesday 23rd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Thursday 23rd May	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Tuesday 18th June	New Reception 2024 Parents Meeting
Monday 24th June	EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards
Thursday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 28th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 3rd July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
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
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
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