

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It certainly feels like Autumn has now taken hold of us as we have come back to school this week. We have a busy half-term ahead so please be sure to keep an eye on the date's section of this briefing each week. Next week Swans will be leading a short Remembrance assembly on Friday at 10.45am, everyone is welcome.

Over the last 2 years we have worked hard on a whole school arts project, which incorporates music, art, DT, dance etc interweaving arts in to the whole curriculum and providing extra-curricular activities; a huge amount of hard work has gone in to achieving our silver ARTSMARK award which we received this week. As a small team we are incredibly proud to receive this - well done Team Benwick!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Wellbeing:

This half term we are going to focus on the five main areas of wellbeing:

Connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give.

This week's wellbeing focus is connecting.

Connect with the people are you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours at home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these relationships as the cornerstones of your life and spend time developing them. Build these connections will support and enrich you every day.

Try it at home:

- Ask how someone's day has been.
- Write a letter to a relative
- Say hello to someone while out for a walk.

Mrs Nicholson-Smith - SENDCo

Poppy Appeal

We have poppies in school for sale which will be going to each class daily. We suggest a minimum donation of the following:
Wristband/ Snap band & Poppy keyrings- £1
Traditional poppies & Poppy zip pulls- 50p.

Halloween Film Night & Dress Down Day

Thank you for all of those families who supported us for the Halloween film and fun night and the dress down day at the end of term. We raised a fantastic £235.07. All proceeds are going directly to funding our whole school panto trip in December. Thank you!

Benwick School Council

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day we would like the children to take part and help to raise money for this good cause. We have decided to do a non-uniform day with a theme of 'Wear something which makes you smile'. Donations of £1 would be appreciated. Children can choose to wear anything which makes them happy which is suitable for school and the colder weather. (No crop tops or sandals please) Robins and Doves will take part in a colouring competition and Owls and Swans a competition to draw Pudsey Bear in his PE kit as this year is all about 'Bearpees'. Linked to this, there will be a burpee ('bearpee') challenge at lunchtime with our PE coach, Mr Kirby, which we will oversee.

Ms Millican & School Council

Premier Sport After School Club

Premier Sports will be running their football club starting again on Thursday 9th November- 14th December. More information can be found on the attached leaflet or you can book here: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=Benwick>

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached the November newsletter from the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order school lunches for next week.

Enjoy the fireworks this weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Friday 10th November	Swans Remembrance Assembly 10.45 Village Hall - All welcome
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6th December	KS2 Big Sing @ Cromwell School
Tuesday 12th December	Whole school Panto trip
Wednesday 13th December	Robins & Doves Nativity Performances
Thursday 14th December	EIFA Drop in 2pm onwards
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Owls and Swans Carols & Readings
Thursday 21st December- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Christmas Holidays	
Thursday 4th January	INSET DAY- No children in School
Friday 5th January	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 12th- 14th February	Swans Burwell Residential Visit
Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February	Half Term
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 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th September	Summer Holidays