



Benwick Primary School Newsletter No 19 – 23rd April 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Two weeks have flown by since Easter and there has been a wonderful buzz in school as children immerse themselves in new learning.

Library:

We are very excited to have been chosen as one of only 6 Primary schools nationally to benefit from the **Life changing libraries** project. This project will give us a whole new library, with new furniture, 1000 new books, a cataloguing and recording system and other resources to inspire children to develop a lifelong love of reading. We hope this project will have a transformative impact on children's reading habits and literacy abilities with positive effects in cross-curricular learning and academic outcomes too. We have been mentioned on regional and national news as well as in several newspapers and look forward to when local TV news crews will be visiting to film here. I will keep you informed of the progress as times goes on. The old library has been cleared, cleaned and painted and we await the new furniture in a few weeks' time, I will be asking for volunteer adult librarians to help us catalogue all the new books and perhaps work once a week in the library to help children access the library.

Leave of absence requests:

Please ensure all requests for leave of absence are made ahead of time using one of our leave of absence forms, these are available from our website or you can request one from the school office. Where possible to authorise absences we need to see medical appointment cards or letters. Routine dental and medical appointments should be made outside school times, where this is not possible children should be in school before and after their appointments and miss only the minimum amount of school time possible. Generally we are unable to authorise holidays in school time, please do call to talk to us about this if you think you may have exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

School Meals:

The children and staff are really enjoying the new school lunch menu and we have seen the highest number of meals taken in quite a considerable time, this week. The healthy balance of foods in a school meal help children to maintain energy levels and concentration in to the afternoons for the best possible learning to take place. It has been lovely to see the children trying new foods and enjoying that they previously thought they might not like –it turns out they do! If your child hasn't had school meals in a while, why not try out the new menu – check out the menu on the website. Children can choose what they want from the menu each morning to ensure they get their preferred option.

Parents' Evening:

Thank you to everyone who made appointments, we hope you found your discussions with teachers valuable. Feedback from using the MS Teams platform has been incredibly positive; we hope our next Parents' Evening, in the Autumn, will be able to be in person on the school site, but combining this with TEAMS for parents who can't make it in to school, may also be an option!

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family

Skip to be fit:

Today we enjoyed a whole school skip to be fit workshop day. This was to promote skipping for enjoyment and fitness, to keep this going we have purchased each child their own skipping rope which will stay in school for them to use daily.

Facebook:

If you are not already following us on Facebook, please do – we share lots of news and photos via this platform.

Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

For families where children have been in school - If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend please let me know straight away. For this reason only, please text: 07570707587 as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher

**Important dates:**

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 13th May – Mindfulness Information session for KS2 Parents – details to follow

Friday 21st May Skateboard/Scooter Workshop Day – details to follow

Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June – Half-Term Week

Monday 7th June INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 9th June – Life Bus

Thursday 9th June – Life Bus

Thursday 22nd July – Last Day of the school year

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