

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Welcome to this week's Benwick Briefing.

Message from Mrs Talbot

Dear Parents,

You will be aware we've had our Ofsted inspection this week. This has investigated the progress we have made in the last 4 years and assesses the quality of the current provision offered at our school. We are not allowed to share the official outcome until the final report is published, which will be in September. I would however, like to say that I am so incredibly proud of the dedicated and talented staff, who have worked so hard up to and through this inspection. We are a fantastic team, which in conjunction with our wonderful children who have spoken so positively to the inspectors, you our super parents who have sent so many wonderful, supportive comments to the Ofsted team, makes Benwick Primary School a 'Family School' of which I am proud to lead - well done everyone!

Safeguarding Update

As part of our Safeguarding culture in school we have a Domestic Abuse lead who is Mrs Rachael Barton. Rachael is here to support, listen, provide advice and a safe space if it's required. Please feel free to contact her or come into the office to see her.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Talbot

FOBS Active Wear- Dress Down Day- Wednesday 19th July

We are having an active day on our last day of term with lots of sports games being hosted by our Premier Sports coaches. The sports coaches have spoken to each class and the children have chosen their activities.

Children are therefore invited to wear active clothing, with a £1 donation to FOBS. Active clothing can include shorts, leggings, t-shirts, trainers, no crop-tops please!

Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme over the Summer holidays for families in receipt of income related free school meals. CCC will issue each eligible child with two £37.50 vouchers via email and/or text. The first voucher will be sent on Saturday 22nd July and the second on Saturday 12th August. You will be able to choose from ten different supermarkets.

If you require more information or wonder if your family qualifies please do check the letter the FAQ's attached.

MMR Vaccination Clinics

With measles cases on the rise in the UK as seen in 2023 the NHS are urging parents to check that their children have received the full two dose course of MMR along with their other preschool booster.

The immunisation nurses team are running immunisation catch up clinics in Doddington over the summer. The vaccine is very good at providing protection against measles, mumps and rubella. Over 99% of those who have 2 doses of the vaccine will be protected against measles and rubella. Although mumps protection is slightly lower, cases in vaccinated people are much less severe.

For more information including clinic dates please see the attached poster.

Cambridgeshire Police and Fire and Rescue

An investigation into the cause of a fatal flat fire in Kings Hedges, Cambridge, on Friday 30th June has now concluded. It is believed that the fire started accidentally and the most probable cause was an e-bike.

E-bike and e-scooter safety advice:

- Avoid charging the battery overnight
- Do not leave charging for any longer than it needs to fully charge
- Plug the cable into a main socket rather than an extension lead
- Do not cover the battery with anything while charging
- Make sure you use the battery recommended by the manufacturer
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger for the product, and if you spot any signs of wear and tear or damage buy an official replacement charger for your product from a reputable seller
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms on every floor of your home and in the room where you charge the bike/scooters

General Fire safety advice:

- Close internal doors at night - have this as part of your bedtime routine
- Keep stairs clear and keys to external door and windows in places that are easy to access if you need to escape in an emergency
- Ensure everyone in your house knows what to do if a fire breaks out and practice this

- Ensure smoking materials are fully out and don't smoke when tired
- Ensure open fires are properly out before you go to bed.

Cambridgeshire Road Safety

Please find attached the Way 2 Go Road Safety summer newsletter

'Learn to Ride' a bike this summer

Cromwell School will be offering free 'Learn to ride' sessions with the Sustrans Bike It project. The session is designed to guide a child who is 'completely unable to cycle'. They will be offering morning or afternoon sessions for children, who should be accompanied by a parent. All the details are attached.

Pay360 - Reminder:

We stop using Pay360 on Wednesday next week, please settle any outstanding dinner money bills. We will be reviewing the accounts next week prior to the system closing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 17th July	Move-up morning
Tuesday 18th July	Pre-Loved uniform Sale
Tuesday 18th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 19th July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20th July- Wednesday 31st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Friday 1st September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 4th September	School Starts
Wednesday 20th September	Reception 2024 Parents Open morning 10am
Monday 25th September	School Photos
Wednesday 11th October	Bikeability Level 2 Starts
Monday 23rd- 27th October	Half Term
Friday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations
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