



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No.1 - 11th September 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't tell you wonderful it has been to have a full school once again and hear children's laughter and learning in classrooms and the playground! We have had a wonderful first week back; staff and children alike are exhausted as they've all put so much energy and enthusiasm in to each day, but its worth it! Thank you for your support, we have received many lovely messages regarding what we have put in place and are doing every day to make your children feel safe and enjoy being back at school, we really do appreciate it!

Contacting Teachers:

We know it's tricky to have a 'quick word' with a teacher at the moment, with the organisation we must have in place to keep everyone safe. However we do not want you to feel disconnected with us and if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office and we can arrange a telephone call or zoom meeting. We are looking at how we will be allowed to conduct parents evening meetings this term and I will let you know when we have the answer!

Leave of Absence Forms:

Any leave of absence needs to requested in the usual way. Forms can be downloaded from our website or you can request a paper form from the office. This includes and medical or dental appointments. We would urge you to make non-urgent appointments outside of school time please.

My child has a cold – can they come to school?

If they feel poorly – **no**

If they also have symptoms of Coronavirus (temperature/cough/ lack of taste/smell) **no – test & isolate**

If they feel well and have no coronavirus symptoms - **yes**

School Meals:

We are still offering lovely hot school dinners. There are two hot choices on offer each day, one meat free, and the children are putting in their order each morning to ensure they receive the meal of their choosing. Its working really well and children are enjoying the food, why not try it! You can pay through simspay, contact the office if you need new logon details.

Pick up & drop off:

Thank you for being so accommodating with our timings, its working really well here at Benwick. If you have the first drop off and pick up time (Surnames A-H), please do not arrive before 8:45 or 3pm though as these are the times when we have a few too many people gathering.

Start times:	End of Day times:
8.45 A-H Surnames	3.00 A-H Surnames
8.50 I-P Surnames	3.05 I-P Surnames
8.55 Q-Z Surnames	3.10 Q-Z Surnames

KS2 Arts Heritage Project:

Before the summer we offered Arts Heritage packs for KS2 children, to work on at home, we would love for any completed projects to be shared with us and the Arts Heritage organisers. Children can bring their projects in to show me and we can celebrate these in assembly!

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family



Class Letters and Topic Grids:

You should receive today a class letter and topic web for this term. We have a whole school topic of 'What a Wonderful World', this is a new topic initially based around the book 'Here we are – Notes for living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers. With promoting positivity about our world and good mental health in mind, we have planned individually for each class from this book, linking to the National Curriculum and age related expectations. Teachers are really excited by this topic and look forward to some wonderful learning opportunities whilst ensuring children catch up time missed in school as soon as possible.

Flu Vaccinations:

You will be receiving flu vaccination letters today, via email. Please let us know if you do NOT receive this information by email.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher



Important dates:

These will be updated on every newsletter (as the guidance changes regularly) – we are hoping to add more dates when we know what we can and can't do!

Friday 23rd October: Harvest Assembly – shared via Zoom/Teams (Hopefully!)

Monday 25th- Friday 29th October: Half-Term Holiday

Friday 13th November: Children In Need Day

Monday 30th November: Flu Vaccinations all years

Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5th January: Spring Term begins

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At Benwick Primary School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take e-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.

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