

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 24/01/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot

We are half way through the half-term already, 3 weeks have flown by! The builders have now officially left and we have been sorry to see them go as they have been such a pleasure to work with and have done so much extra for us as good will gestures. It is however lovely to see an expanse of green grass on our field and we look forward to the children being able to enjoy this space again in the summer, we just need to give the turf a chance to take root over the next couple of months.

Highlights from the children this week are:

Robins - The gingerbread man has continued to be a hit this week, the children were a little concerned that their own gingerbread people, that they have made today, might escape from the oven!

Doves - So many children said 'everything!' when asked for their highlights of the week, but those who were specific mentioned: learning about rainforest animals and writing formal invitations to the circus.

Owls - Division in maths, along with Gymnastics, French and making simple electrical circuits in Science were this week's favourites in Owls class.

Swans - I was given a very long list by the children, which is wonderful! Guided reading remains a favourite, along with long and short division in maths, birdwatching (Robins and Great Tits spotted this week from their classroom windows) as well as Tectonic plates in Geography and writing reports about the LA fires in English!

We have arranged some additional dates for your diaries this week, **Share & Shine** parent visit opportunities, FOBS Neon **Disco** as well as **Parents Meetings** - please check the list at the bottom of this email. New dates will be highlighted each week.

Class of the week: Swans for positive attitudes towards reading!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe in education is a priority for us in school and that includes knowing key information about visitors to our school. When we have visitors they are given lanyards so staff and children know who they are. We have recently changed our lanyards in school to make them even easier to identify visitors. If a visitor has a blue lanyard with green card it means they have a DBS check and can be unaccompanied, if the visitor has a red lanyard and red card it means they do not and will be accompanied by a member of staff. Look out for them next time your in school.

Squid Game- We are getting a number of children telling us about the tv show Squid Game and playing the game on the playground. This show is rated a 15 and is not suitable for any child at our school to be watching. Please be mindful what your children are watching at home, make sure your parental locks are on internet and tv subscriptions and older siblings are not allowing younger children to watch the show. Thank you.

Attendance

If your child is not going to be in school please make sure you have called the absence line by 9am or sent an email to office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk. Please don't forget to give specific reasons for absence, we cannot just accept poorly, we have to know if it's sickness or temperature etc. Thank you.

Please arrange for routine doctors, dentist, optician etc appointments to be outside of school hours. If your child does need to attend a hospital appointment or has an emergency medical appointment please complete the attached leave of absence form. This form can also be found on the attendance page of our website and is the form that must be completed for holidays or other leave.

FOBS

Did you know that our school takes part in the school lottery with profits coming back to the school. Tickets cost £1 and there is a guaranteed winner for the school each week and a chance to win up to a £25,000 jackpot. The draws take place every Saturday. If you would like to play please find the link here: https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/benwick-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

And don't forget to share it with your family and friends too!

**** FOBS Breaking New****The Neon disco will be back after half term. More details to follow.

School Lunches

On Wednesday 29th January we will be having a Chinese inspired lunch menu to celebrate Chinese New Year. All the details are attached. Don't forget to book.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 10th February	Owls Share & Shine 2.45pm
Tuesday 11th February	Swans Share & Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 12th February	Robins Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 13th February	Doves Share & Shine 2.45pm.
Friday 14th February	Valentine's Dress Down- Wear red, pink, hearts
Friday 14th February	Valentine's Cake Sale
Monday 17th- Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Monday 24th March	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6pm
Monday 31st March	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6pm
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school

Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	Sports Day TBC
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