

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Message from Mrs Talbot:**

It has been a great start to the term and the children have all settled well. We welcome our new Reception children and families as well as new children and families who have joined us in Doves, Owls and Swans too!

A number of people have asked me about our Ofsted report. I am pleased to have received the draft report, which has to remain confidential at this stage, however we should receive the final report in the next couple of weeks and I look forward to sharing this with you then!

We have had lots of building works over the summer. This has been to install new LED lighting throughout the main school, install a new air source heat pump system, pipework and radiators throughout the main school and canteen and solar panels fitted to the canteen roof. This has been very in-depth and final commissioning work has continued this week in the plant rooms and is almost complete, the boxing in of pipes and decoration work will take place during October half-term. The majority of the cost of this has been covered from an energy grant.

Letters from class teams and curriculum maps have already been emailed home to you this week, so that you are aware of what children will be learning this term as well as expectations and routines. If you have any queries please feel free to speak to class staff on the playground morning or afternoon, or contact via dojo.

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### **Message From Ms Millican:**

Hello to all of our families and thank you for making me feel so welcome. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first week as Deputy Headteacher and Swan's class teacher at Benwick.

Even though it's been a very hot week the children have settled into the new year and it has been a pleasure getting to know them and all the school routines.

Please come and say hello on the playground and I look forward to supporting you and your children.

### **Bikes and scooters in the playground**

The children have all been reminded that they are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters in the playground or on the path at the side of the village hall after school for safety reasons, please support us by supervising your child/children when collected. Thank you.

### **Premier Sports**

Premier Sports will be starting their after school club on Thursday 14th September. This term it will be football. For further information including all the booking details please see the attached poster.

### **Education Inclusion Family Advisor**

Please find attached September's newsletter from the Education Family Advisor Team and information about the parents courses they are offering. Our EIFA Christylee will be offering drop in sessions throughout the year, the first being on Friday 22nd September. Christylee can help you with:

- \* Challenging behaviour
- \* Routines
- \* Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- \* School transitions
- \* Parenting strategies
- \* Bullying resilience and confidence
- \* Any other family challenges you might be facing.

### **Parents School Preference Adviser- SEND**

Tiff Christian has been appointed as the Parents School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire, as part of the SENDIASS team. He has recently been appointed after a long period of vacancy.

The Service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for in-year applications. I am able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Also, I can support in the appeals process and issues concerning transport.

### **School Lunches**

A big thank you to all parents/ carers who have embraced the school lunches ordering system, it has worked very well this week. The meals have looked lovely and the children have provided very positive feedback. Please make sure you discuss the menu choices with your children and order what they want. This avoids their disappointment when they get to the serving area. Thank you and well done.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

**Important Dates:**

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