

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's Benwick Briefing.

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been a very busy first week back and the children have really been enjoying being outside at break and lunchtimes in their free time. We have been really pleased with the development of behaviour over the last year or so and are proud of how well our children play together outside and the inventive and collaborative games they are now enjoying. This is a super illustration of how our school values are constantly developing, in this case the value of community. We aim to give the children lots of things to occupy them at break times and offer: free play with a variety of equipment including basketballs, hoops etc., tough spot construction and drawing & colouring, library, craft club, KS2 choir, sports coach activity.

Assemblies this week

On Monday we focused on the importance of fixing friendships when things go wrong and on Tuesday school council led an assembly about the traditions of pancake day, including all children participating in pancake races! We all sing on Thursdays - this is one of my favourite times of the week (look out for a concert towards the end of term) and Friday is our assembly where we celebrate achievements and birthdays!

School shoes & uniform:

The vast majority of children look smart in their uniform and are dressed appropriately for school, this really does help them approach school with the right attitudes for learning and have a sense of belonging. There are a minority of children however who are not wearing correct uniform/PE Kits or shoes. Please find our expectations on our website: https://www.benwick.cambs.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/162998 Separate PE/Games trainers are an absolute necessity. If you need support in obtaining these, or any other uniform item, for your child, please contact us and we will help.

Trainee Teacher

We welcome Miss Fuller to our school this week, who is currently teaching at a school in March, she will be completing her 'alternative placement' with us on Fridays in Doves class alongside Miss Wakefield and Mrs Hay.

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot

World Book Day

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, the school is celebrating World Book Day, as usual, on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book, or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. Also during the day, the children will be participating in lots of exciting activities, including sharing their own favourite book from home and sharing teacher's favourite books. We will also be having a special lunch themed around book characters, the menu is attached.

Please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas> for some fantastic ideas for DIY costumes.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached information about a 'Connecting Mum's' course starting 7th March 2023. The Education Inclusion Family Advisor's have also provided details of parenting classes available (Fenland is the last poster) and a 'What's on' guide for March and Wisbech family centres.

Reminder - The Green School Shop

Our uniform provider, The Green School Shop, has decided to close its St Ives shop and will cease trading effective from the 28th February 2023. The Green School Shop sold their business to Chroma Sport in 2022 and due to staffing issues at St Ives it has been decided that the best option is to close the shop. The Green School Shop are running a sale on all Benwick items they currently have in stock, a poster is attached for your reference. From the 1st March 2023 all uniform orders will be with Chroma Sport, you will be able to purchase online at: <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/primary> or visit their shop at:
Unit 10 Wulfric Square Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8RF.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day - dress up as a character/wear pyjamas
Thursday 9th March	FOBS AGM 2.30pm
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief - wear red and donate £1

Monday 20th March	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents Meetings
Monday 3rd- Friday 14th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 5th May	King Charles Coronation Themed Day
Monday 8th May	Coronation Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Friday 26th May	Sports Day TBC
Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
Thursday 29th June	YR6 Abbey, Cromwell & Neale Wade Transition Day TBC
Friday 30th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day TBC
Tuesday 4th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day TBC
Friday 7th July	YR6 Cromwell & Neale Wade Transition Day TBC
Tuesday 11th July	YR6 Neale Wade Transition Day TBC
Wednesday 19th July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20th July- Wednesday 31st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS