



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 4 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow, what a fantastic half-term its been, despite the childhood illnesses that have been plaguing schools, we have done so much and it has been wonderful to be operating much more 'normally' again. We've had swimming, bikeability, virtual author visits, great clubs, a fairy teaparty, a visit from POSH, not to mention an enormous range of learning topics which have inspired some fabulous work. We are so proud of the children and all they have achieved this term!

Clubs:

Clubs have now finished for this half-term, with the exception of Premier Sports Football which will have its last session on the first Thursday back. More clubs will be offered from week 2 of next half term. On Monday 1st November you will be sent a link to an electronic form to fill in to book clubs, this will close at 3pm on Thursday 4th November. If clubs are over-subscribed, names will be chosen at random. Following this you will only be notified if your child has NOT been given a place in a requested club. Clubs on offer will be:

Day	Club	Year Groups	Max No. in group	Staff Member
Monday	Board Games	2-6	12	Mrs Piper
	Netball	3-6	20	Miss Norris
	Library	R-6	10	Miss Wakefield
Wednesday	Christmas Craft Club	3-6	8	Mrs Kelso
	Mindfulness	3-6	10	Mrs Mills
Thursday	ART Club	R-2	10	Mrs Talbot/Miss Macleod
	Dodgeball (Paid via Premier sports)	R-6	20	Mr Nelson - Premier Sports

School Photos:

You should have been sent a link to access the proof for your child's school photo, you order directly with the photographer through this link.

Attendance:

We all know that good attendance is key to children making at least expected educational progress and to them enjoying a fulfilling school experience. Unfortunately rates of attendance have fallen recently due to a range of illnesses children have suffered from. It is a legal requirement for parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and we are required to send formal letters when attendance drops below acceptable levels and to work with families to help improve attendance. We hope that with a good half-term break we will get rid of the illnesses and rates of attendance will start to approve again.

Covid:

We hope all our families remain covid free over the half-term holiday. If you do have any positive cases within children attending our school, please email school using this email address: covid@benwick.cambs.sch.uk

Have a fabulous half-term holiday.

Best wishes, **Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**



Diary Dates

Monday 25th- Friday 29th October:

Monday 15th November:

Wednesday 1st December:

Thursday 16th December:

Friday 17th December:

Monday 20th Dec- Monday 3rd January:

Tuesday 4th January:

Wednesday 5th January:

Half-term holiday

Reception & Y1 vision screening

FOBS Christmas Market 2.30pm

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day – Panto!

End of term 3.10pm

Christmas holidays

INSET Day – school CLOSED to pupils

Start of Spring Term

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family