



Benwick Primary School Newsletter No 18 – 26th March 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

My goodness what a term! Thank you for your wonderful support in what has been a challenging term, within a very difficult 12 months. I would like to also take the opportunity to thank our wonderful school staff, who have pulled together and shown great resilience and commitment to provide the best possible education for Benwick's children. We have been critically short staffed at times, particularly this week, but staff have been amazing in working tirelessly so we can stay safely open. I wish everyone, families, children and staff a fantastic and well-earned Easter break!

Logo 'tweak':

The children voted for which version of the 'logo tweak' they would like. They had a modern stylised heron and a traditional heron to choose from and overwhelmingly voted for the traditional one, so, very little will change. On white backgrounds the logo will be green and on green backgrounds the logo will be white, as shown at the top of this newsletter and on our newer school signs, we also have a green infilled version too.

School Uniform:

We have changed our supplier of logo branded uniform, due to prices rises with the previous supplier. The new, more local supplier, 'The Green School Shop' based in St Ives, is very competitively priced, will send pre-purchased uniform free of charge to the school address, you can pick up or try on sizes in their shop (once open again) or have it sent to your home for a postage fee. A letter from this supplier is attached to the email sent with this newsletter. Their website is here:

<https://www.thegreenschoolshop.co.uk/>

Summer Activities:

We would all love to return to 'normal' as soon as possible and we are continually looking at what we can safely do to provide enrichment to the curriculum. We are pleased that we have been able to re-book our 'skip to be fit' workshops, as well as a scooter and skateboard day for all children and bikability for Y5&6 next term; we will continue to add activities whenever possible. However, whilst there is still a requirement/need to isolate, having been in contact with a positive case of Coronavirus, we will not be able to welcome wider visitors back in to school and so sadly it is unlikely we will be able to have parents back on site before September at the earliest.

Free School Meals Vouchers:

Vouchers, for those eligible for free school meals, will be issued electronically today. Please do use these, or they will be reclaimed after a period of time by the Local authority, and the funding recycled for other projects.

Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

For families where children have been in school - If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend please let me know straight away. For this reason only, please text: 07570707587 as soon as possible to provide details, thank you. I will keep the school emergency mobile turned on until Tuesday 30th March for contact tracing.

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PE Kits:

Children do need a PE kit in school, which includes a full change of T-shirt, shorts and footwear, see our website for further details. Please ensure PE kits are returned to school on the first day of term – thank you.

Have a fabulous holiday – stay safe! We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 13th April.**

Best wishes,
Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher



Diary Dates

Important dates:

- Monday 29th March-Friday 9th April: Easter Holiday
- Monday 12th April: INSET Day – School Closed to children
- Tuesday 13th-Wednesday 14th April – Y5/6 Bikeability
- Monday 19th April Book Fair this week - tbc
- Wednesday 21st April Parents’ evening – virtual via MS Teams
- Thursday 22nd April Parents’ Evening – virtual via MS Teams
- Friday 23rd April: Skip to be fit day
- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Thursday 13th May – Mindfulness Information session for KS2 Parents – details to follow
- Friday 21st May Skateboard/Scooter Workshop Day – details to follow
- Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June – Half-Term Week
- Monday 7th June INSET day – school closed to children
- Wednesday 9th June – Life Bus
- Thursday 9th June – Life Bus
- Thursday 22nd July – Last Day of the school year



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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.