



**Benwick Primary School**  
Newsletter No 7 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well, the weather has really turned cooler now and we can see winter approaching! It was great to see all the children coming in today with their hats and gloves as well as coats. They do all need their jumpers and coats every day please, even if its sunny in the mornings as the wind can have a real chill and the temperature really does fluctuate throughout the day. Thank you!

**Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:**

If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the weekend, please let us know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** as soon as possible to provide details, thank you.

**Office Hours:**

If you wish to call the school, Office hours are 8:30 -12.25 and 1.15-3pm, outside of these times you may leave a message on our answer phone.

**Behaviour approaches in school:**

We expect and promote good behaviour from all pupils in school and support children with this as this is part of the learning process in school. Some children, due to SEN or additional needs, require extra support. We always deal with incidents of behaviour, but due to confidentiality, other children or parents at home may not know what we have done, but please rest assured we take behaviour incidents very seriously and deal with them proportionately, but mostly privately. We thank you for your understanding and support with this, however if you have concerns do share them with us and speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

**Christmas Related Activities:**

We are still in the process of arranging our Christmas activities. Unfortunately this year, there will not be a nativity in its usual format and we are not able to hold a Christmas Fayre as I had hoped we would. We are working hard to ensure that there will be still be a lot of Christmas cheer in school and will update you on any plans in the next newsletter. **Christmas cards:**

Normally children like to send each other cards during December, however this is not possible this year and so this year we ask that children **do not bring cards into school**. Thank you for your understanding.

**Staffing for Swans from January 2020:**

We are delighted to have appointed a very experienced teacher to take over from Miss Baker in January. Over the coming weeks they will be working together for a thorough handover to ensure a smooth transition.

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### **Behaviour Cup:**

In the past fortnight this was awarded to Doves on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – much improved behaviours for learning as a whole class. This week Robins received the cup for excellent behaviour in all areas of school life – our youngest children are excellent role models to all in school!

### **Children In Need Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:**

Thank you for your generosity – we raised **£183.47**, this is a fantastic amount for such a small school!

### **Child Starting School in September 2021?**

Applications for applying for a place for any child due to start school in September 2021 are now open. If you already have a child in school, you still need to register their sibling, as although you will be allocated a place in line with the admissions criteria, their application must go through the official channels. Unfortunately, lockdown and Covid-19 is making it difficult for us to operate in our usual ways and we have been unable to hold an Open Morning or offer school tours as we had planned. We are happy to offer 1:1 telephone meetings and anyone wishing to take up this offer should make an appointment via the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

**Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**



### **Important dates:**

**These will be updated on every newsletter (as the guidance changes regularly) – we are hoping to add more dates as we know what we can and can't do!**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Vaccinations all years

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Y3&4 Bike-ability Level 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day (children can wear something Christmassy – its doesn't have to be a jumper)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner & Film afternoon

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January: INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Spring Term begins

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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.

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