

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Swimming: Swans have been swimming this half-term. We go to the Empress pool in Chatteris and have the pool to ourselves - children have about 40 minutes of intense swimming instruction during each session. It always amazes me how quickly the children make amazing progress and I'm always so proud of their positive attitude and effort which helps make it one of my favourite things I do each year as Headteacher. Next week is personal survival week and children will bring their shorts and t-shirts to swim in over their swimming kit - always great fun but an important skill particularly given Benwick's close proximity to open water.

School council: Ms Millican has been supporting our newly elected school council to represent pupil voice across the school in making decisions. They have already chosen our new Friday Celebration theme tune, which was voted for by all children in classes. 'I've got a feeling - by Black Eyed Peas', this was undoubtedly the favourite and children enthusiastically sing along to this coming in and out of our Celebration assemblies. They have also been coming up with ideas for Children In Need Day next half term and this week have chosen a shortlist of new achievement certificates for classes to vote on next week. Look out for updates from Ms Millican and school council in forthcoming briefings.

We are looking forward to parents meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, please do attend on time and if you can't make it for any reason, please contact the school office in plenty of time. Appointments will be held in the main school building, I will direct you to the right room when it's your appointment time.

Enjoy the warm weekend that is forecast!

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Wellbeing:

Wellbeing means being comfortable, healthy and happy through maintaining mental and physical health.

At Benwick, wellbeing means pupils and staff feel safe, valued and respected as well as pupils being meaningfully engaged in academic and social activities, having positive self-esteem, self-efficacy and a sense of belonging.

With this in mind, each week we will send home simple ideas to help maintain and improve yours and your children's wellbeing. To start us off play a wellbeing bingo with people at home. (Attached) Why not try some of the activities on the bingo sheet. How did they make you feel? Let us know what you have tried!

Mrs Nicholson-Smith - SENDCo

Help!

From time to time we need a little help to make, build and move some items around the school. For example at the moment we have a desk that needs building, a storage bunker to put together a fridge and some gravel to move. Are there any parents/ grandparents who may be able to spare us a little time every now and then after 3.15pm to assist with some of these projects? If so we'd love to hear from you.

Flu Immunisations

Have you completed the online form for your child's flu immunisation? Please complete the form even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine so your wishes can be recorded.

Early Intervention Family Adviser

Please find attached the October newsletter from the Early Intervention Family Adviser team.

Library

Our school library is a wonderful resource which we have open for children visit and borrow books on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. Each class also has a weekly slot to visit. Books can be borrowed from the library for up to 2 weeks and then must be returned. Any books that are lost or damaged must either be replaced on a like for like basis or paid for.

School Photos

If you would like to order school photos please return the order form by Wednesday 11th October.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order next week's school lunches!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, it's supposed to be another warm one. One last BBQ perhaps!

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton

School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 10th October	Parents Meetings 3.20pm- 6pm
Wednesday 11th October	Parents Meetings 3.20pm-6pm
Wednesday 11th October	Bikeability Level 2 Starts
Tuesday 17th October	Owls Share and Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 18th October	Swans Share and Shine 2.45pm
Friday 20th October	Robins and Doves Share and Shine 9am
Friday 20th October	Dress Down Day & Cake sale- Panto Fundraising
Monday 23rd- 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Halloween Film Night 3.15pm
Friday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Friday 24th November	EIFA Drop in 2pm onwards
Tuesday 12th December	Whole school Panto trip
Wednesday 13th December	Robins & Doves Nativity Performances
Thursday 14th December	EIFA Drop in 2pm onwards
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Owls and Swans Carols & Readings
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