

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's Benwick Briefing.

#### Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been a busy start to the term with interviews for our new Deputy Headteacher, which our older children were involved in (more information on this from governor Rob Glozier below), Bikeability for Year 3&4 and daily sports sessions are now on offer for all children every lunchtime, utilising our Sports premium funding, as well as starting new learning topics in class learning.

It will be a busy half term of learning for everyone and Year 6 and Year 2 will undertake formal SATs assessments.

**Safeguarding** - Safeguarding is our number one priority in school and we ensure that all adults who come in to contact with children are appropriately checked and suitably trained. Every school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, which is me, and a Safeguarding Governor, which is Darren Gore our Chair of Governors. In addition to this, every school has at least one Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, currently this is Mrs Fiore and from Friday 28th April will also be Mrs Barton as she is undertaking the training. If you do have any safeguarding concerns, please do contact one of us.

**Coronation** - We are planning a fun Coronation theme day on Friday 5th May and children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue. Children will learn about the Coronation in their own year groups in the morning and staff are planning a carousel of arts based activities which will be undertaken in mixed year groupings for the afternoon. Look out for information from FOBS for their plans after school.

Our **Share & Shine** sessions are always really popular with families and the children love sharing their work with you. In the dates section below I have listed the dates for this term's share & shine opportunities, be sure to pop them on your calendar!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot

#### Message from the Governors:

Over the last few weeks Governors have been busy, working with Mrs Talbot, in the recruitment of a new Deputy Headteacher. We received a high number of very strong applications and shortlisted these to 4 candidates who spent the day in school on Tuesday, meeting staff and children and undergoing a rigorous selection process. Choosing the successful person was a difficult decision, but it's a good problem to have when all candidates are of such high calibre. However, we offered the post to Mrs Millican and we are delighted she has accepted; she will be undertaking some transition activities over the course of the summer term and will start full time with us in September.

It has been good to visit school in my other capacity as a cycling instructor, to deliver Bikeability training to Years 3&4 this week. Safe cycling is such an important skill and I was impressed with the effort, resilience and respect the children shown during their training - just some of our school's core values. Well done children, I felt really proud of you as Governor and instructor!

Best wishes,

Rob Glozier - Vice Chair of Governors

#### Premier Sport Afterschool Club

Premier Sports are running a Sport Active after school club on a Thursday evening. This will include tennis, cricket, athletics and rounders. Full information including booking details are attached.

#### SENDCo

Our SENDCo at Benwick Primary is Mr Darren Farrer, from the Local Authority SEN Team who knows our school well and has received a detailed handover from Mrs Piper. He is in school one day a week. If you need to contact him, please contact the office to make an appointment on 01354 677266 or email: SEND@benwick.cambs.sch.uk

#### Education Inclusion Family Worker

Our Education Inclusion Family Advisor Christylee has shared with us lots of information about courses they have running over the coming weeks. These included the Incredible Years Parenting Programme, Digital safety/internet safety, Parental wellbeing, Supporting with feelings of worry and a separate course for feelings of anger and sleep. Christylee has also shared courses for younger siblings. All the information is attached.

Christylee will be with us on Friday 28th April 2pm-3pm for brief drop-in sessions, to give you an opportunity to have an informal chat with her and see what help and support is out there. If you would like to see Christylee I do still have a few sessions left so please contact me in the office and we will book a time-slot.

#### Road Safety

We are real advocates for road safety at school, holding regular Bikeability courses to train our children about cycling safety and our Junior Travel Ambassadors regularly run competitions around walking, cycling and scooting safety. I have also attached the Way2Go Newsletter from Cambridgeshire's road safety team that provides even more information. Please do keep reminding children about road safety, especially as the nicer weather is approaching and children are making the most of their evenings outside.

#### Class Summer Term Newsletters and Topic Grids

Earlier today the summer term newsletters and topic grids were sent out. Please do have a look at these, it will provide you with invaluable information regarding what the children will be learning in class.

#### Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We have a Pre-loved uniform sale being held at school on Tuesday at 3.15pm in the playground.

### Thank you

We have seen a real reduction in the number of routine medical appointments being taken during school hours. Thank you for supporting us with this and arranging these outside of school hours. When urgent appointments and hospital appointments are required, where possible, we are seeing parent's arranging these at the beginning or the end of the day and the leave of absence forms and appointment proof letters/texts/emails are all coming in in advance. Thank you for all your help with this.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### Important Dates:

Tuesday 25th April	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Wednesday 26th April	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 1st May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Friday 5th May	King Charles Coronation Themed Day - children wear red, white & blue
Monday 8th May	Coronation Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Wednesday 17th May	Doves Share & Shine 2.30pm
Thursday 18th May	Swans Share & Shine 9am
Thursday 18th May	Owls Share & Shine 2.30pm
Friday 19th May	Robins Share & Shine 9am
Tuesday 23rd May	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Friday 26th May	Sports Day TBC
Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 5th June	<b>INSET Day - school closed to children</b>
Tuesday 27th June	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
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
Friday July 14th	FOBS Leavers Disco - Village Hall
Tuesday 18th July	Pre-Loved uniform Sale
Wednesday 19th July	Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th July- Wednesday 31st August SUMMER HOLIDAYS