



Benwick Primary School
Newsletter No. 1 January 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been a super start to the new term, with a sense of calm around the school and children enthusiastic for their new topics. Thank you for welcoming me to Benwick, the support of the school community is vital in the improvement and ultimate success of our school!

Assemblies:

Monday assemblies this term will be linked to Values Education and we are starting with our school core values: Responsibility, Resilience, Respect, Honesty & Community. We are linking our Friday achievement certificates to these values and classes are preparing corridor displays to illustrate these. Please support us in talking about our core values with your children at home.

Communication:

It is our aim to improve communication with our families, so that you feel fully informed about as many aspects of school life as possible. All teachers have prepared 'link-ups' for families, to share the learning in classes this term; these were sent by school email last Friday and are available on the class pages of our website. Class teachers are now opening the gate in the morning, please take the opportunity to chat to them before the whistle, or make an appointment to see teachers if you have any questions or concerns. The newsletter will be sent approximately every two weeks and will include information on school events that we have enjoyed and that are forthcoming, reminders and an up to date list of dates on the second page. During the 'Cuppa & Chat' opportunity held last week, I asked parents about information sessions they would like and as a result hope to offer phonics and maths sessions before Easter. We also discussed homework and more information about a new whole school approach will be given in the coming weeks.

Robins:

There is an opportunity for Robins' parents to come and 'Meet the Teachers' on Tuesday 28th January at 2.45pm in the Robins classroom. Mrs Palmer and Miss Stone, who are teaching Robins for the Spring term whilst we recruit a fulltime permanent member of staff, will be present to chat about routine, expectation, learning and enjoyment in Robins.

Uniform:

Our Benwick children look smart in their school uniform and it plays an important part in them feeling ready for school and ready to learn as well as feeling part of the school community. Our school uniform requirements are detailed on our website. Please could all children wear uniform in school colours, with sensible black shoes and hair accessories in sensible plain colours. Uniform with our school logo can be ordered from 'Schooltrends' or 'Off the peg' uniform, in our colours, can be purchased from high street stores, however this should be plain and not branded sports wear. It is our school policy to support families in need with items of good quality second hand uniform at no cost, if required, please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher

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Diary Dates



Important dates:

(These will be updated on every newsletter)

Wednesday 22nd January-24th January Y5&6 to Burwell Residential

Tuesday 28th January 2.45pm: Robins parents & Carers 'Meet the Teachers'

Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February: Half-Term Holiday

Monday 9th March-Thursday 12th March – Bikeability (details to follow)

Friday 13th March 2.45pm –Swans 'Share & Shine'

Tuesday 17th March 2.45pm - Herons 'Share & Shine'

Wednesday 18th March: Voice In A Million Concert

Wednesday 18th March 2.45pm: Doves 'Share & Shine'

Thursday 19th March 2.45pm: Robins 'Share & Shine'

Friday 20th March 2.45pm: Owls 'Share & Shine'

Monday 23rd March: Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th March: Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March: Swans trip to Stibbington

Thursday 2nd April: INSET Day – School Closed

Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April: Easter Holidays

Friday 8th May: Bank Holiday: School Closed

11th-15th May: Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 20th May: Tempest photos – Classes & Year 6

Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May: Half-Term Holiday

Monday 8th June-Friday 12th June: Y1 Phonics Check & Y4 X table check

Wednesday 1st July: Year 6 to Cromwell – Transition day

Wednesday 15th July: Year 6 to Cromwell – Transition day

Tuesday 21st July 9.15am: Leavers' service

Tuesday 21st July: End of term

Wednesday 22nd July: INSET Day – School Closed



'Share & Shine'



This is an opportunity for families to come in to the classrooms and share in some of the term's learning and look at books with their children. It is always a lovely experience for families, children and staff!

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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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