



# Benwick Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

There have been some wonderful activities going on across the school this week; Owls have enjoyed practical science tasks outside (when we've had some sunshine) making human sundials, Swans have had their fantastic Burwell residential trip, Robins have been enjoying science – sorting and investigating materials and Doves have been enthralled with their new class book 'Flotsam'. All this in a week when we have suffered high numbers of covid absences and a critical staff shortage! Our Covid numbers, the highest they have ever been, reflects the local picture, so please do bear with us as we remain cautious in our preventative measures in school, even though National plan B restrictions have been lifted.

### Missing library books:

We have a number of our lovely new library books that haven't been returned and children have told us they've been lost. We understand this happens, however cannot sustain the cost involved from our budget, we therefore ask that books be replaced, like for like, or the cost of the book paid to school. Once reminders have been sent and time allowed for books to be found and returned we will send individual letters asking for replacement or payment – thank you for understanding.

### Collecting Children on time:

The vast majority of our children are collected on time each day at 3.10pm – thank you. Unfortunately we are increasingly seeing some children collected very late, this is worrying for children and also makes meetings and follow-up work late for staff whilst we wait for children to be collected. We know on rare occasions parents may be unavoidably held up, however please do allow extra time to return from journeys and appointments so that you can be on time – thank you!

### Burwell House Residential:

Swans had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Burwell House this week. Feedback from the children has been; 'Best trip ever', 'I wanted to stay forever', 'the food was amazing', 'It was like being at boarding school', it was a joy to be with them, they were a credit to our school and we received some lovely feedback about them. Huge thanks to Miss Norris, Mrs Fiore and Mrs Barton for giving up their own free time in the evenings and overnight to take the children on the residential trip – these are volunteered hours and the trip could not take place without this goodwill! Swans will be leading a virtual assembly for Swans parents next Friday at 11.30am, a zoom link will be sent nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes - **Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**



### Diary Dates

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes at 3.10pm for HALF TERM Break
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF-TERM Holiday
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes at 3.10pm Easter Holidays
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> April-Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for Summer Term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 SATS week begins
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes at 3.10pm for Half-Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Additional day of holiday in lieu of Jubilee
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF-TERM Holiday
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term – school closes at 3.10pm for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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