

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 18/10/2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been another super week in school; the staff have been looking back through books and it's really clear to see the huge progress children have made already this year!

There have been several highlights of the week: Swans have had great fun and learned important self-rescue and lifesaving skills in their penultimate swimming lesson as well as many undertaking their Bikeability training this week and some of our Swans girls have taken part in a girls' football festival at Witchford College. Owls have finished off their Rocks topic in science by looking at fossils and Doves have been impressing everyone with their amazing handwriting. Robins made the most of a beautiful Autumnal morning to walk around the village spotting the signs of Autumn. Our KS2 singers have undertaken the first of two workshops run by professional musicians ahead of our 'Big Sing' with other schools in December, which was great fun. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at Doves' & Robins' Harvest Share & Shine this afternoon.

I have met with contractors and the Local Authority this week for our building progress meeting, its progressing nicely! You will have seen the external insulation going up ahead of the final cosmetic cladding and lots that we can't see has been going on inside too, such as plaster-boarding. Next will be doors and windows and then progress on the inside will really start to be visible!

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Petriello, who has been working in Robins, she is off to work in a children centre and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith to the staff team after the half-term break who will work in Doves, with Mrs Hay moving across to Robins in the mornings.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at next week's parents' meetings, short reports will have come home in bags this afternoon, so please do look for them.

Next Friday we are having an African Drumming workshop to end Black History month, all classes will have an opportunity to take part over the course of the day. At the end of the day we will be having a sharing of what the children have learned and you are welcome to come and watch, this will be at 2.45pm in the village hall and will be standing only due to time constraints.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Parents Meetings

Parents meetings are Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you cannot remember your time please call the office to check. Booking is now closed, however if you would like an appointment please call, we may have some slots available.

FOBS

Halloween

Please return your Halloween plates to the office by Wednesday 23rd October.

Christmas

We have had an amazing response to our Christmas designs, thank you for supporting. I can't wait to see them all come in. The deadline was today but if have forgotten to hand it in please hand it into the office Monday morning.

Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme

The Cambridgeshire holiday voucher scheme will be running again this October half term for pupils in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Eligible pupils will receive a £15 supermarket voucher on Saturday 26th October.

Full details can be found on the attached letter and FAQ's

If your child does not receive benefit related free school meals but you think you may be eligible you can apply here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

School Lunches

We will be having a Sparkle Spectacular lunch on the 5th November to celebrate Bonfire night. The menu is attached and can be ordered on the Select system.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 22nd October 3.30pm-6pm	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 23rd October 3.30pm-6pm	Parents Meetings
Thursday 24th October	KS2 Botanic Gardens Visit
Friday 25th October 2.45pm	African Drumming Workshop Presentation
Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am- All Welcome
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th December 9.15am & 2.15pm	KS1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.30pm
Monday 23rd December- Monday 6th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 17th- Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme

Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs
Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holidays