



# Benwick Primary School

## Newsletter No 5 – 23rd October 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to half term, after a long 7 weeks, the children have worked hard and are certainly ready for a rest. We have been impressed with how the children have adapted so quickly to all the new measures that we have in place. We have prioritised the safety of all in school, and have done well, however it is important that we do not become complacent and we continue to be stringent in maintaining high safety standards to keep Covid-19 out for our school and community. It is important the children understand this and we thank you for supporting us in reinforcing at home, the safe and respectful behaviour we must have in school.

### Parents evenings:

The phone call system worked really well, thank you for all those who made appointments, I know the teachers enjoyed discussing your children, the progress they have made and their next steps, with you.

### Hot School Meals:

We are really proud to have been able to offer hot school meals from day 1 of the Autumn term, unlike many schools who have only been able to offer cold/packed options. From the second week of next half term, we will be expanding our menu range once again and will be reinstating some of the favourites such as roast dinner on a Thursday as well as a wider variety of puddings. The final menus are being tweaked and will be sent out to you when they are ready.

### Positive Cases of Covid-19 Notifications:

If your child should test positive for Covid-19 over the half-term holiday, you should let us know straight away. For this reason only, please text: **07570707587** straight away to provide details, thank you.

### Harvest Donations:

Thank you for your generous donations of food for March Food Bank. We have a lovely big box full of provisions that will be delivered to the Trussel Trust to support our local community!



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**Lollies:**

Local Councillor, Bob Wicks, has delivered wrapped lollies as a little gift for all the children to take home today.

**Autumn poems:**

Today all the classes performed choral Autumn Poems to the whole school via zoom, it was wonderful to see the children reciting what they had learned and I know they enjoyed watching each other.

**Behaviour Cup:**

To promote ongoing positive behaviour, I have introduced the 'Behaviour Cup' awarded on Fridays to the class who has demonstrated overall, consistent positive behaviour that week, they also receive an additional playtime. This week it was awarded to ROBINS and I enjoyed taking them out on the field to play Duck Duck Goose and the 'Bean Game'. Well done Robins, what an excellent example you are, especially as most of you have only been with us 7 weeks!

**LAST CALL for Y6 Secondary School applications:**

The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October – apply here if you haven't done so already:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

Wishing you all a restful, safe half-term.

**Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**

**Important dates:**

**These will be updated on every newsletter (as the guidance changes regularly) – we are hoping to add more dates when we know what we can and can't do!**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Half-Term Holiday  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Children In Need Day  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Vaccinations all years  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Y3&4 Bike-ability Level 1  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January: Christmas Holidays  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January: INSET Day – School Closed  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Spring Term begins

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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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