

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Message from Mrs Talbot:**

The children have really loved playing out on the field this week, the better weather we saw Monday-Thursday meant this was finally possible. We don't underestimate the importance of children playing and learning outside, particularly how beneficial this is for their physical and mental health! Let's hope we will enjoy better weather now (ignoring the sadly terrible forecast for the bank holiday weekend).

Have a great weekend, see you back on Tuesday!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### **Message from Ms Millican School Council**

After the school council wrote to local garden centres last term, Delfland Nurseries in Doddington have very kindly donated a large number of summer bedding plants and vegetable plugs. The children will really enjoy planting them and looking after them over the next few months. I would also like to thank those of you who have sent in packets of seeds. If you would like to donate any bedding plants for our containers, we would still welcome anything to help to make our school environment as pleasant as we can for the children and to prepare for Benwick in Bloom

*Ms Millican- Deputy Head*

### **Sports Day**

Due to the building works shortly starting we are going early with our Sports Day. We have also learnt over the years that having it early means we usually get the right weather! Sports Day will be held Friday 24th May at 1.15pm. More details will follow shortly but it will be the usual format. Save the date in your diaries.

### **Mental Health Week**

As a school we will be supporting Mental Health Week which runs from 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May. We will be doing activities in school to support this and would like to ask children to wear GREEN on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Our school uniform is green, but if your child has a different shade of green they would like to wear on that day with their uniform they can. This could be a jumper, trousers, or t-shirt in a different shade of green.

Please note we will NOT be asking for donations.

Thank you for your support. As a school we believe that mental health is important to our children, staff, parents and the wider community.

For more support please visit <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

### **Junior Travel Ambassadors**

Our school JTA's (Junior Travel Ambassadors) are leading a competition during 'Walk to School' week 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May. They are hoping to encourage more environmentally ways of commuting (walk, bike, scooter) to and from school to stay healthy. It not only helps improve wellness but can help reduce congestion outside school and make their journey safer.

Walking to school is free and fun. If you do have to drive to school please try and park further away and enjoy a 5 min walk into school.

Attached are a few resources for you and your child to engage with along with a Colouring Competition for them to design a 'Shoe' colour, paint, stick, or digitally design! Entries close 3<sup>rd</sup> June and prizes announced the 7th June. there will be 1<sup>st</sup> place winners goodie bags for Key stage 1 & 2 and runner up prizes.

Pre-printed copies will be available in each classroom.

Top tips

Stop at the kerb or edge of the street.

Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.

Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.

Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.

Walk, don't run across the street

### **School Lunches**

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches for next week.

### **Save the date**

Please make sure you keep checking the dates section below. We are always updating it with important dates.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### Important Dates:

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Monday 20th May	YR6 Cromwell Parents Meeting
Thursday 23rd May	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Friday 24th May	Sports Day 1.15pm
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Tuesday 18th June	New Reception 2024 Parents Meeting
Monday 24th June	EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards
Thursday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 28th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 3rd July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Thursday 18th July	YR6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
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
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays

Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
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