



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No.3 – 9th October 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well! We do find it sad that we are not able to chat with parents/carers on the playground anymore, to check in with you all. With the Coronavirus situation deteriorating once again, it doesn't look like we will be able to relax any of our safety measures any time soon and we will continue to do all we can to keep our whole community safe. Please help with this by NOT coming too early in the morning, this is currently our biggest worry with our risk assessment. Thank you.

Learning at home for children isolating - reminder:

If your child needs to isolate, but feels well, engaging in home learning is mandatory. Learning will be uploaded on our website when required.

http://www.benwick.cambs.sch.uk/web/home_learning_for_self_isolating_children/504625

Access to technology and the internet:

We have a remote learning plan in place for if a class bubble, or the whole school, needs to close for a period of time. Like other schools, our plan is built around the use of the internet to enable access to learning. If you do not have access to the internet or a device to access the internet (tablet/computer) at home, please could you let us know by emailing the school office.

Parents evenings:

You will have received an email from eschools about booking a Parents' Evening **phone call**. You will be able to book these via the eschools platform with your logon details. Please note the phone calls may be on different days, as we are making them over 4 days, due to us only having two phone lines. Teachers will call YOU using the Priority 1 number we have on file.

Coats and Jumpers:

Please ensure your child has a named school uniform jumper/cardigan every day, as well as a coat, this is essential even if the sun is shining, the weather is so changeable.

PE Kits:

We aim to provide PE whatever the weather, so it essential all children have named school PE kit in school, including a separate pair of trainers as they may get muddy on the field. Reminder letters will be sent, and recorded in school, so that you are aware if your child has not had their kit in school.

Y6 Secondary School applications:

The closing date for applications is 31st 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>

Governors' Message:

The Governing Board are continuing to work hard, in a strategic capacity behind the scenes, to monitor the work of the school and ensure its continued rapid progress. We would like to thank Parents and Carers for supporting the staff in keeping everyone safe. We all know social distancing is key whilst waiting outside together and if we can ask for your support in adhering to the start/collection times, this would improve safety further. Many thanks.

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School Photos:

We have arranged for the photographer to visit on Monday 19th October. We had hoped that the photographer would be able to take individual and siblings photos, however Tempest photography have just confirmed they are only able to take individual photos this year.

Year 3&4 Bikeability:

Children in Year 3&4 have the opportunity to undertake the first stage of bike-ability training on 11th December and consent forms have already been sent home. It is essential that these forms are returned to the school office by Tuesday 13th October. There is no cost to parents for this training and we hope that all children in Year 3 &4 will take part in this.

Harvest Collection:

We will be collecting food for March Food Bank, in the last week of half term, as we think about harvest and those who do not have enough to eat in our local community. Community is one of our core school values and so donations of tinned and packet food and toiletries are most welcome and can be sent in to school with your child during the week beginning Monday 19th October. We thank you for your support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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 19th October: Individual School Photos

Friday 23rd October: Harvest Assembly – we are not able to share this with the wider community, via zoom, as we had hoped, due to GDPR and safeguarding. However, we will keep looking for ways to share your children's learning with you.

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

Friday 13th November: Children In Need Day

Monday 30th November: Flu Vaccinations all years

Friday 11th December Y3&4 Bike-ability Level 1

Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5th 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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