



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No 7 10th December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Enhanced Response Area - Extension

The local authority have informed us that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will continue to be designated as 'enhanced response areas' for a further two weeks and five days from Monday 6 December 2021 to Friday 24 December 2021. This is in response to the Covid challenges that remain locally, this means we must continue to be vigilant. Please help reduce transmission by checking your child's symptoms carefully and getting them a PCR if they do have a temperature, persistent cough or lose their taste or smell. If your child tests positive over the weekend, please email school using this email address: covid@benwick.cambs.sch.uk

Christmas Carols in the playground :

Children in Owls and Swans have been practising Christmas carols and hope to be able to sing them for you in the playground on Wednesday 15th from 3pm, please do join us and join in (socially distanced of course!) FOBS will be selling hot chocolate and the tuck shop will be available, this is of course weather dependent, so fingers crossed that it will be dry.

Christmas dinners, jumpers and Panto:

On Thursday 16th December, children can wear their Christmas jumpers, tops etc if they wish (just for fun – no cost involved, you don't need to buy one specially, a nice cosy winter jumper is Christmassy enough) as its our Christmas dinner day, we will then have a lovely treat of a visiting Panto in the afternoon, kindly paid for by FOBS!

Clubs:

Clubs have all now finished for this term, there are **NO clubs next week**. The remaining Dodgeball session will be on the first week back after the Christmas break. We will let you know about new clubs on offer in January.

Cold weather:

Just a reminder, we do have windows open for ventilation and it can be quite chilly in the classroom, not to mention the bitter wind blowing on the playground! Please make sure children wear layers under their uniform and bring their school jumpers/fleeces and winter coats!

Christmas Cards:

If children want to send Christmas cards, we encourage children just to send one card per class as we want to encourage children to be ecologically friendly as well as be mindful of costs to families. We will not be having a post box in school and children must hand cards out themselves to keep us as covid safe as possible.

Applications for Reception 2022 Places:

Reception places for September 2022 need to be applied for now, the closing date is 15th January. Please remember to apply, or encourage those who you know who have a child of school age next year to apply now, to avoid missing out on a preferred school place.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes - **Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher**



Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 th Dec:	3pm Christmas Carols in the Playground, FOBS hot choc & Christmas Raffles
Thursday 16 th Dec:	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day – Panto!
Friday 17 th Dec :	End of term 3.10pm
Monday 20 th Dec- Monday 3 rd January:	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th January:	INSET Day – school CLOSED to pupils
Wednesday 5 th January:	Start of Spring Term

Together We Can: Staff-Pupils-Family