



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No. 2 31st January 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow! We are at the end of week 4 already, the term is flying by in a flurry of activity and learning.

Assemblies:

We are continuing our Values theme in assemblies and have in the last 2 weeks looked at Respect and Honesty. Each class has chosen a value to focus on and have produced a beautiful display for the main corridor. Next week is children's Mental Health week and we will be looking at the theme 'Find Your Brave' which links to our school value of resilience.



Burwell:

What a fantastic time the children had at Burwell! It was a joy to go and visit them and see the children engaging with new and exciting activities and mixing with the Townley School children so seamlessly. This really was an amazing experience for them and we have booked to return in 2 years time! There is an opportunity for families of the children who went to Burwell to come in to school to see a slide show of photos, hear all about it from the children and watch their amazing news reports produced the specialist Burwell film studio on: **Thursday 6th February at 2.45pm** in Swans classroom.

Robins:

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity held this week. Effective working partnerships between school and home are especially important in the early years of school and we appreciate your support. As promised, we have also scheduled a 'Phonics information and how to help with reading at home' meeting for **Tuesday 11th February at 2.30pm**. This will be led by Mrs Palmer and will be held in the canteen.

Absence:

If your child is absent please do let the school office know as soon as possible on the morning of absence. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we operate a 1st day of absence calling procedure and will call to find out where children are who have not arrived for school in the morning.

Staff News:

I am pleased to tell you that we have appointed a new full-time Deputy Headteacher who will start with us after Easter and who will share responsibility for Herons along with Mrs Wakefield; more information about who this is will follow when her current school have informed parents. Also, we are delighted that Mrs Palmer and Miss Stone will remain with Robins class for the rest of the year. Congratulations to Miss Angell who is expecting her first baby, a boy, we are all so excited for her! She hopes to work all the way up to May Half-Term and we will share information with you, regarding her maternity cover, in due course.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Clare Talbot – Headteacher

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Governors' Update:

We have had our Governance Review this week and we are delighted to tell you the hard work of the Governing Board is being recognised with the reviewers commenting that good progress has been made since the last visit. The governors support the school's improvement journey and have this term already visited regarding Maths, Finance, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Family liaison.

Darren Gore –Chair of Governors



Important dates:

(These will be updated on every newsletter)

Thursday 6th February at 2.45pm – Burwell Families opportunity to see Films & photos - NEW

Tuesday 11th February at 2.30pm – Robins families' Phonics & Reading meeting - NEW

Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February: Half-Term Holiday

Monday 9th March-Thursday 12th March – Bikeability (details to follow)

Thursday 12th March 2.45pm : Doves 'Share & Shine' (Changed from 18th March due to Clash with VIAM)

Friday 13th March 2.45pm –Swans 'Share & Shine'

Tuesday 17th March 2.45pm - Herons 'Share & Shine'

Wednesday 18th March: Voice In A Million Concert

Thursday 19th March 2.45pm: Robins 'Share & Shine'

Friday 20th March 2.45pm: Owls 'Share & Shine'

Monday 23rd March: Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th March: Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March: Swans trip to Stibbington

Thursday 2nd April: INSET Day – School Closed

Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April: Easter Holidays

Friday 8th May: Bank Holiday: School Closed

11th-15th May: Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 20th May: Tempest photos – Classes & Year 6

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

Monday 8th June-Friday 12th June: Y1 Phonics Check & Y4 X table check

Wednesday 1st July: Year 6 to Cromwell – Transition day

Wednesday 15th July: Year 6 to Cromwell – Transition day

Tuesday 21st July 9.15am: Leavers' service

Tuesday 21st July: End of term

Wednesday 22nd July: INSET Day – School Closed



'Share & Shine'



This is an opportunity for families to come in to the classrooms and share in some of the term's learning and look at books with their children. It is always a lovely experience for families, children and staff!

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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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