

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot

It has been National Anti-bullying week this week. In every class across the school this week children have been learning about bullying and how they can help others and themselves if they experience it. Bullying is defined by the Anti-bullying Alliance as; *'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological, it can happen face to face or online.'* Children have also learned about what isn't bullying, such as falling out, and assemblies and early morning work has focused on this theme. Learning about behaviour is a key area for development throughout children's school life, from Nursery and into Secondary school and we appreciate our families support with this and our wider school values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience and Community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Wellbeing

A new local mental health free text messaging support service is launching across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on Monday 13 November. HEAR 85258 is being funded by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in partnership with the national service SHOUT. The free to use text service provides real-time support to people who are struggling with their mental health across the county. When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will offer them calm in a time or place of crisis. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported while working on a plan of action and signposted to local and national mental health services. Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password, or registration.

Maths Week

As well as it being Anti-Bullying week this week it has also been Maths week England. During the week the children have been trying to solve 5 different problems. They have been quite a challenge!! Some children have succeeded and received a certificate for their efforts.

I thought it would be a bit of fun to include these problems for you to try as a family. Don't worry I have included QR codes that provide the answers to solve any family disagreements!!

Have fun!!
Mrs Edmond- Maths Lead

Attendance

There are incredibly strong links between the attendance figures of children and their attainment. Research shows that higher than average rates of attendance lead to more secure outcomes for pupils. We monitor every child's attendance at least weekly and will discuss this with parents where we have concerns and involve our Local Authority Attendance officer where necessary.

We had a really good start to the new school year, however we are now starting to see children's attendance dropping. If your child is poorly please call the school office before 9am and leave a message on the absence line or alternatively email office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk. Please let us know the exact nature of the illness, we cannot accept 'feeling poorly'.

Routine medical appointments must be outside of school hours, including travelling time. If your child has to attend a hospital appointment we do expect them to attend school before/after the appointment. You will need to complete a Leave of absence form which are available from the school office and we will need to see a copy of the hospital letter/text/email.

Term time holidays cannot be authorised, however if you are taking your child on a term time holiday please complete a leave of absence form and be honest with us. Any parent who takes a child out of school for term time leave for 3 days or more, may receive a Penalty Notice. If 3 or more term time leave Penalty Notices have been issued over a 3 year period then prosecution may be considered by the local authority.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding means protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

Our Safeguarding team in school are:

Mrs Talbot
Mrs Fiore
Mrs Barton
Mr Gore- Safeguarding Governor

All our staff receive safeguarding training.

As part of our Safeguarding culture in school we have a Domestic Abuse lead who is Mrs Rachael Barton. Rachael is here to support, listen, provide advice and a safe space if it's required for any parents/ carers who may be affected. Please feel free to contact her or come into the office to see her.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

I am pleased to advise we have a new EIFA starting with us very shortly. Martin Monger takes over from Christylee. Martin is extremely passionate around supporting families to make a positive difference. We look forward to introducing you to Martin in the coming weeks.

Details for the courses being run by the EIFA team for November and December are attached.

Sporting achievements outside school

We like to celebrate the children's sporting achievements outside school and have a sports board dedicated to this. If you have a picture of your child taking part in an out of school sporting activity please email it to office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk so we can celebrate their achievement.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order school lunches for next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Wednesday 6th December	KS2 Big Sing @ Cromwell School
Tuesday 12th December	Whole school Panto trip
Wednesday 13th December	Robins & Doves Nativity Performances 9am & 2.15pm
Thursday 14th December	EIFA Drop in 2pm onwards
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Owls and Swans Carols 2.45pm
Thursday 21st December- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Christmas Holidays	
Thursday 4th January	INSET DAY- No children in School
Friday 5th January	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 12th- 14th February	Swans Burwell Residential Visit
Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February	Half Term
Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR

Monday 22nd July

INSET DAY- No children in school

Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th September

Summer Holidays