



Benwick Primary School

Newsletter No.2 - 25th September 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

Its been a busy three weeks in school and we are settling in to a new rhythm and everyone is getting used to new ways of working. We are really grateful for the lovely support we have been receiving and feel blessed to have such a supportive community – thank you.

Learning at home for children isolating:

If your child needs to isolate, as they or someone in the family is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, we will provide learning for them to do at home. This will be placed on our website in a similar format to the summer term. To make it more simple, however there is just one page named ‘Home Learning for Self Isolating Children’ which is split in to classes. Learning will be uploaded here as required.

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

If children are well, they must access the work to ensure continuity of education.

Free School Meals:

We know that during the pandemic many families’ circumstances have changed and so if you feel your child may be entitled to free school meals please apply online, its easy.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

Covid-19 Safety – coming to and leaving school:

We are working extremely hard to keep our school community safe, however cases of Coronavirus are on the rise and we are in an amber risk area. Please support us by NOT coming to school before your allocated surname time to avoid large groups gathering, and leave as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child/children. We have been advised not to admit children early and may have to insist on this if children continue to arrive early. We have also received some concerns that some families are needing to walk in the road as the pavements are sometimes are being blocked by people standing to chat with friends. We are not trying to be difficult, we know that no one would intentionally put anyone at risk and ask that everyone supports one another to stay safe. Many thanks!

Start times:	End of Day times:
8.45 A-H Surnames	3.00 A-H Surnames
8.50 I-P Surnames	3.05 I-P Surnames
8.55 Q-Z Surnames	3.10 Q-Z Surnames

Parents evenings:

We will be offering parents evening appointments through phone calls, more information to follow.

Flu Vaccinations:

Please ensure you have completed the online form to accept or decline the flu vaccination for your child. It is more important than ever that we protect children against flu as illness prevents attendance and therefore learning at school. If you need further advice, the School Immunisation Team can be contacted:
Tel: 0300 555 5055 Option 1 email: ccs-tr.cambsimmsteam@nhs.net

Contacting Teachers:

If you need to contact teachers by email, please use office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk, rather than individual teacher’s email address and the office will forward messages on. Many thanks.

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Year 6 Secondary School Applications:

The applications portal for Secondary applications is now open for year 6 parents and carers to apply for Secondary school for September 2021. Parents will receive their offer on the 2nd March 2021. Any late applications received after the 31st October will be allocated on the 27th April. Please make on time applications to ensure you have the best opportunity of obtaining one of your 3 school preferences.

This is the link to the Cambridgeshire online application process:-

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

Jumpers:

The weather is certainly feeling more autumnal now and the breeze has been really chilly this week. We must keep our classrooms well ventilated, in line with our risk assessment, and so we have doors and windows open. This means the temperature in classrooms is cooler than you might expect and so jumpers really are essential, even when the sun is shining.

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!

Friday 23rd October: Harvest Assembly – shared via Zoom/Teams (Hopefully!)

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

Friday 13th November: Children In Need Day

Monday 30th November: Flu Vaccinations all years

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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