Benwick Primary School

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Benwick Briefing 09/10/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:
We are now 6 weeks in to term and the children are starting to become tired, however they are still working hard and showing our core value of resilience - well done children!

PE & Sport Premium: Did you know we receive targeted PE and sports funding which has just been renewed for another year? This crucial funding allows us to create active, healthy lunchtimes through structured sports coaching, ensuring our pupils stay active throughout the school day as well as providing other sporting opportunities and maintain resourcing levels. Because this premium must be used in very specific ways, we are investing it to meet key government expectations for equal sporting access by ensuring we offer a girls' football provision as well as some tailored SEND provision, in addition to the KS1 focused parachute and circle games, key stage basketball, cricket, rounders, dodgeball, football and netball so that every single child can fully participate, feel included, and enjoy staying active at their own pace. We regularly ask children what activities they would like and this pupil voice is used to design the programme of activities.

Climate Action Team: We have evolved our Eco team into a Climate Action Team this year, which is currently open to KS2 children and will be expanded to KS1. So far members of the team have begun preparing the planters for spring bulb planting and have been out and about picking up litter in the village.

Halloween Film Night: Following the success of the summer disco, some parents are organising a Halloween Film Night for Wednesday 21st October 5-7pm in the Village Hall. Whilst proceeds are kindly donated to school for enrichment such as Panto visits, this is not an official school event and no staff are present or involved in the organisation or safeguarding of this event; however, we are sure everyone will have a lovely time - flyers will be coming home tonight. Please be aware that drop-off times for this event are during our parent's meeting times, please do not book an appointment that may clash - thank you.

Class of the week: Swans completed their swimming sessions this week and we are so proud of their engagement and effort - well done!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Share & Shine
Share & Shine sessions are next week. Dates below, please join us if you can.

Parents Meetings:
Our booking system for parent's meetings opens at 10am tomorrow, Saturday 10th October. Parents meetings are booked via our e-schools system and you should receive an email tomorrow morning at 10am to remind you to book. Booking will close at 2pm on Friday 16th October. Just a reminder, one appointment per child please. Thank you.

Dr Bike- Free bike servicing
Dr Bike will be in school on Friday 16th October, offering free bike servicing. The mechanic will look at as many bikes as he can in the morning, checking brakes and other small mechanical issues. If you would like your child's bike checked please get them to come to school on their bike on Friday, and don't forget their helmets! More information attached.

The Dr Bike active travel team are also running a bike rescue campaign, looking for bikes that children have outgrown, which they are hoping to service and donate to good causes. This is completely separate to our bike servicing event next week, so please do not bring unwanted bikes here! More details are attached if you think you can help.

Be Bright, Be Seen- Neon Dress Down Day
On Thursday 22nd October we will be having a Neon dress down fundraiser day. As the dark nights approach and the clocks go back during half term, we encourage everyone to 'Be Bright, Be Seen' travelling to and from school, so to kick this off we are having a dress down neon day. Children can wear their bright and neon clothes, all for a £1 donation. Please make sure clothes are suitable for school and the weather conditions, no crop tops or sandals. All donation are going towards our panto fund, when the whole school goes to panto in December.

School Lunches
Don't forget to order your child's meals for next week, here's some of the highlights:
Monday- Curry
Tuesday- Benwick Brunch
Wednesday- Roast Wednesday, this week its chicken
Thursday- Mac n Cheese
Friday- It's Fish Friday

Top tip- When you order a meal, you also need to go through the 'checkout'. This is still catching some people out!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 13th October	Share & Shire- Owls 2.45pm
Wednesday 14th October	Share & Shine- Swans 2.45pm
Thursday 15th October	Share & Shine- Robins & Doves 2.45pm
Friday 16th October	Dr Bike- Free bike servicing
Monday 19th- Thursday 22nd October	Swans Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Meetings
Thursday 22nd October	Be Bright, Be Seen- Neon Dress Down Day
Friday 23rd October	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October	Half Term

Tuesday 3rd November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 9.30am
Friday 13th November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 2pm
Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February	Half Term
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th June	Half Term
Wednesday 21st July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 22nd July- Tuesday 31st August	Summer Holidays