

Benfieldside Primary Newsletter October 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last time I wrote to you we were settling the children into the new academic year and autumn term. How time flies! It will be Parents' Evening next Wednesday 23rd October and the children finish for their half term break on Thursday the 24th October. (Polite reminder- School is closed for staff training on Friday 25th October 2019)

Best wishes, Mrs Addison Headteacher.

Please view our website www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk and/or follow us on [Twitter@BenfieldsidePr1](https://twitter.com/BenfieldsidePr1)



The new Aldi is open in Consett, however we are currently very short of our target of 300 sports stickers. If we could please collect any final stickers on the day the children return from half term (Monday 4th November), we will let you know how close to the target we get. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising at Benfieldside Primary School:

Each year our fantastic children and their families enjoy supporting good causes and helping those less fortunate than themselves. We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November, by coming to school in our pyjamas. Children and staff are welcome to make a donation - whatever they can afford. All donations are very much appreciated.



Children and staff will also be invited to take part in The Save The Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13th December. For this we would appreciate a 50p donation to help transform the lives of children around the world and in the UK. All money raised will be given to Save The Children who work to ensure that all children, where ever they are born, have the essentials of food, water and a safe place to sleep.



Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 December



Please support us with our reading initiative, by enjoying books and other reading materials with your child/children as often as possible.

We will continue to present our weekly Reading Trophy in Friday assembly.

Thank you for your support.



Each **class page** on our website has the current topic areas for every subject area. This is great if you want to see what your child is learning about and what is coming up. The **curriculum page** of the website has the plans for each year group for all three terms of the year. Please have a look and see what exciting learning opportunities we have planned.



My Maths: Did you know that our pupils can access My Maths at home? With your permission they can login as benfieldside with the password square10



Safeguarding:

Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns can be shared with our Senior Designated Person (DSP) and the four Deputy DSPs, who will listen, advise, or report as appropriate.

Mrs Addison- DSP

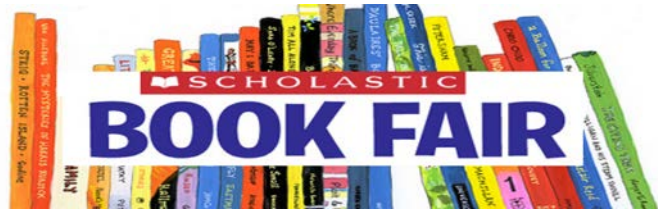
Mrs Rowell -Deputy DSP Miss Clarkson -Deputy DSP

Mrs Coombe- Deputy DSP Mr Wright - Deputy DSP

Please be aware that any parents or carers who are worried about a risk of significant harm to a child can share their concerns by contacting First Contact on 03000267979

All Benfieldside staff are L1 safeguarding trained.

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Knapp.



Thank you for supporting your child's interest in reading by purchasing from the book fair. We raised £300 for new books which Mrs Rowell and the children are delighted with. THANK YOU!!

Upcoming Events:

- 23rd October Parents' Evening
- **25th October School Closed for Staff Training**
- 28th October - 1st November HALF TERM
- 4th November children return after the holidays

Christmas dates to follow in next Newsletter.

Please note:

Due to GDPR regulations relating to Data Protection, the school's staff will no longer be able to support passport applications.

For Health and Safety reasons, we can only administer prescribed medicines and only when the associated form has been completed at the office. Thank you.

Have a restful and enjoyable Half Term holiday, from all pupils, staff and governors at Benfieldside Primary school.