

Benfieldside Primary Newsletter September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the September newsletter- the first one of the academic year. It has been a fantastic start to the school term. The children look smart in their new uniforms and are really engaging with their learning and their exciting new topics. We are all getting to grips with our new class names and the children have been finding out all about their class Author.

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)



Earlier this term we wrote to you all to seek your support in collecting the sport stickers from Aldi, if you usually shop there. We have a target of 300 to qualify for a free sports kit and entrance to their £20,000 prize draw. It appears though, that Aldi in Consett has been closed for a few days. Hopefully it will re-open soon and our school will get it's chance!



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

Please ensure that your child's clothing, PE kit and coat are all clearly labelled- this helps us to reunite them with their owners if they go astray!

Inhalers: please ensure that if your child has an inhaler in school that it is in date. If your child has a new inhaler please let Mrs Coombe know.

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

Harvest: The **School Council** are collecting dry goods, tins and packets this year for **Consett Foodbank**. Please send any items you are willing to donate to school with your child. We know how much the Foodbank staff appreciate our support, as do the families who are helped.

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.



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.



Social Media: At Benfieldside School we aim for the best for all of our children, but we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better. We would like to encourage you to come in and discuss any concerns with the school by calling or making an appointment to see us. We would be grateful if you did not raise complaints about the school on social media but come into school so we can understand your concerns and help solve the problem. Complaints on social media can be damaging for the school, its staff and most importantly the pupils. If you still feel that the issue has not been dealt with appropriately then we will provide you with a copy of the formal complaints procedure.

Nursery Forest School begins on 26th September and takes place every week.

Forest School in Reception will start on Wednesday 25th September for a group of pupils each week.

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

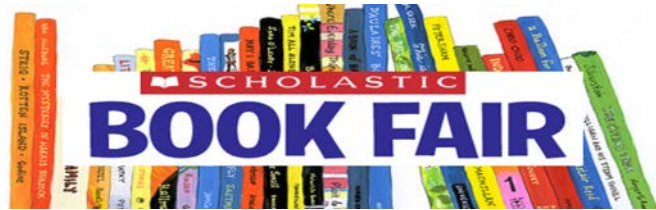
Mrs Rowell -Deputy DSP Miss Clarkson -Deputy DSP

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.



The Book Fair is arriving on 23rd September. Parents and Carers are invited to view and purchase books on 25th, 26th and 27th September.

Upcoming Events:

- **Y6 Taster day Consett Academy: children will be transported by coach to and from the Academy on 24th September. They will need packed lunch and a PE kit. Pupils entitled to a Free School lunch will be provided with a packed lunch to take with them.**
- **26th September and 2nd October : Y1 and Y2 visiting St Cuthbert's Church**
- **10th October Y5/6 Visit to Hancock Museum**
- **23rd October Parents' Evening (letters to follow)**
- **25th October School Closed for Staff Training**
- **28th October - 1st November HALF TERM**
- **4th November children return after the holidays**