

Benfieldside Primary Newsletter February 2018



Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,

I'm Mrs Addison and it gives me great pleasure to write to you all to introduce myself as Benfieldside Primary School's new Headteacher. I am really looking forward to joining everyone at school in April and hope to spend time with pupils, staff and governors before then, closely linking with Mrs Rowell and Mr Whelerton. Please do say hello if you spot me around school in the coming weeks.

I already have a fantastic impression of the pupils as they looked after me so well on my visits to school and were keen and eager to help out in assembly. Such welcoming, hardworking, good natured and caring children are an absolute credit to their families and the staff. The dedicated, talented and good humoured staff team will be a delight to work with, I am sure.

I currently advise on school improvement work as an Education Development Partner for Education Durham and prior to moving to the North East in 2014, I served as a headteacher in a large inner city primary school in West Yorkshire. During my career, I have worked in eight schools and two local authority school improvement services. As such, I will bring a variety of experience and expertise to Benfieldside as its new leader.

Getting to know you all is something that I am looking forward to immensely as we embark on the future work of the school together, making our successful school even stronger for our children.

Phonics

Children in Year 1 will be sitting the phonics screening check in June. To help them prepare for this we have recently introduced Read, Write Inc. phonics. We will be inviting you into school next half term to work with your children and ask any questions that you may have.

Footwear

If the weather is unkind and children come to school in wellingtons, please send in a change of footwear with them.



Accelerated Reader

Recently we have had a few of the Y3/4 children starting to forget their reading books. It is extremely important that they bring these into school every day and we would appreciate your support with reminding them to do so.



Gym Equipment

Children should not be using the gym equipment, on the Key Stage 2 yard, at the beginning or end of the school day.

Important Dates

School closes on Friday the 9th of February and reopens on Monday the 19th.