

Benfieldside Primary Newsletter May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that our May newsletter finds you fit and well. Hopefully, as restrictions begin to ease, we can begin to look forward to more 'normal' times ahead. Thank you for the support you have given us during the pandemic and associated lockdowns.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR NEWS AND IMPORTANT UPDATES WILL USUALLY BE SENT ON DOJO- PLEASE CHECK REGULARLY FOR MESSAGES AND ITEMS ON SCHOOL AND CLASS STORY. Please phone us or speak to a member of staff if you have mislaid your login details - we will be happy to help.



It gives me great pleasure to announce that our Eco Committee have been successful in their application for the Eco Schools Green Flag award, in recognition of their work. Despite disruptions caused by lockdowns, they have shown immense resilience and perseverance and have continued their excellent work. Please see photographs below for an example of their activities:





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

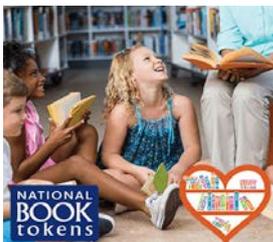
We will continue to present our weekly Reading Trophy in Friday assembly.

Thank you for your support.



Please follow this link for a chance to win £5000 Book Vouchers for the school library!

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)



We will be reviewing & updating our Covid19 risk assessment and procedures inline with DfE guidance and the National easing of restrictions. For the time being, we will be requesting that parents/carers adhere to social distancing requirements when visiting the school site. Staff will still be wearing face masks or visors, but this is no longer requested of parents, on our grounds - of course if you wish to continue wearing a mask, we are fine with that. We will maintain the regular handwashing and sanitising procedures with children and they will stay in their bubbles for now.

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.

Key Dates:

Friday 28th May - school closes for half term holiday

Monday 7th June - school re-opens to staff and pupils

Wednesday 7th July -Annual Reports go out to parents

Monday 12th July - "move up morning" - pupils meet new teacher

Wednesday 14th July (TBC) online parents' evening

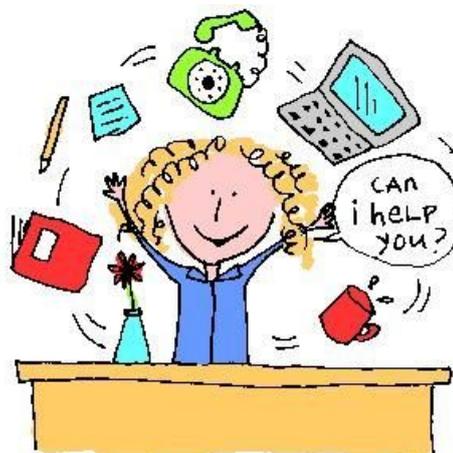
Friday 16th July - school closes to pupils for the summer

Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July are training days

Wednesday 1st September - teacher training day

Thursday 2nd September - pupils begin autumn term

School Office updates:



Can parents and carers please ensure that children arrive punctually at school so that they do not miss the start of the day with their class- thank you.

If your child is going to be absent can you phone or send a message as soon as possible, or reply to our text straight away please.