

Benfieldside Primary School end of Academic Year July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you happy, safe and well. It has been yet another disrupted and 'bitty' year, but the pupils and staff have shown great resilience and determination, despite the many (covid19 related) challenges we have had to face. Thank you all so, so much for your support, encouragement and patience. I sincerely hope that next academic year is more settled and that parents/carers can once again be more involved with school life.

Any parents or carers with urgent messages can of course reach me (Mrs Addison) through Dojo over the summer break, but I would please ask that you do not contact other staff members during their holiday and family time.

I wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Best wishes and kindest regards, Mrs Addison Headteacher.

For latest news and updates, please check [Dojo](#), view our website www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk and/or follow us on [Twitter@BenfieldsidePr1](#)

Activity/ Breakfast club:

We are hoping to be able to re-open Activity/Breakfast club in September. Please message Mrs Addison on Dojo by 16th July, if you want to express an interest in your child /children attending. If open, it will be for Reception age to Y6 age pupils, starting from 8:00am (last food order 8:30am), costing £1.50 per day and attendance will be dependent on pupils' good behaviour. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult to the Discovery Den, as it not safe for them to walk unaccompanied down through the carpark. Thank you.



CONSETT ROTARY CLUB AWARD

I am delighted to inform you that our Eco Committee were awarded the Consett Rotary Club Award this year, for their excellent contribution to making our school more environmentally friendly. This was in addition to them gaining Bronze, Silver and Green Flag recognition from Eco Schools.



STAFF LEAVERS

This month we say goodbye, thank you and good luck to three members of the Benfieldside team. Mrs Harbinson is leaving for a change in career, Mrs Lisle is leaving for her well deserved retirement and Mrs Gilmour will start her new post shortly. We wish them all the luck in the world, our sincerest thanks and our very best wishes. We will miss them so much!!



Polite reminder:

DCC have notified us that Dinner Money prices will rise to £2.15 per day. This is **£10.75** per 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.



Sadly we say goodbye to our fantastic Y6 pupils on 16th July 2021. We hope that they treasure their Hoodies, Photographs and Autograph books alongside their memories of their time at our school. Our values of resilience, happiness and respect go with them and we hope that they serve them well in the future.

Good luck, Goodbye, Take care and Be Safe Y6! xxxxxx