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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Firstly, some exciting news! Following much deliberation, and taking into account numerous risk assessments, I am pleased to confirm that next week, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, children in all classes will be taking part in Sports Day (subject to the weather on the day)! Can parents please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits wearing a T Shirt in the same colour as their House Group. Even if it is raining first thing, can children still come to school in their PE Kit, just in case it brightens up later in the day. Can children also bring to school sunhats, sun-cream, water bottles and a healthy snack. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to invite parents to join us for Sports Day and can only apologise for any disappointment this may cause, but know that everyone will understand. We would like to reassure parents that children will not be 'mixing' on the day, and will be remaining and taking part in activities whilst in their own well-established bubbles. If you are unsure what House Group your child is in, then either please speak to Class Teachers or contact Sally in the office.

Some more good news, earlier this week Miss Hayward and her partner, Tom, got engaged. I am sure readers would like to join me in congratulating Miss Hayward and wish her every happiness for her future.

Earlier this week, Mrs McGregor the School's SENCO sent home information to parents about NYCC's SEND provision, including an invitation to parents to join an online focus group. More information about how you can share your views, and provide feedback about NYCC's SEND strategy can be obtained at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview)

Information has also been sent out about some FREE webinars for parents/carers who have children with sleep difficulties. Places on webinars such as 'Evidence based sleep intervention for children with SEND', 'Supporting Children in Early Years' and 'Supporting Children in the Primary School Years' need to be pre-booked. For more information, either please contact the School Office or visit [info@thesleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@thesleepcharity.org.uk).

As I am sure everyone will agree, it has been an anxious year for many adults, children and young people alike for numerous reasons. With many parents worried and concerned about the impact of the pandemic on children,

we have now received information from the NHS (Solihull Approach) about an online course 'Understanding your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing'. Access to learning is free as NYCC have pre-paid for EVERY parent and carer in North Yorkshire to access the course using the code **NYFAMILIES** at [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk).

On the 15<sup>th</sup> July, all children who stay at school all day are invited to join in with a 'Seaside Special Lunch'. On the menu will be Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas. There will also be jacket potatoes or a Cheese and Onion Pasty available. Children will then be treated to a Doughnut Muffin or Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered on the day by children during registration. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.10 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, years 1, 2 and/or in receipt of Free School Meals across all year groups and £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Payment should be made via Parentpay.

Finally, can I once again remind parents that school closes for children at 1.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe.

Mr Hiley

Interim Headteacher

**Head Lice** Can we please remind parents to regularly check their child's hair for any signs of head lice. If you have any concerns, or would like to discuss treatment options, please speak to a Pharmacist.

## Stepping Stones Playgroup

We have been contacted by Ruth Green, who has confirmed that the 'Stepping Stones' playgroup has now re-opened. This lovely group meets every Wednesday, term-time only at Bentham Town Hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. Entry is just £2.00 per family, and includes a snack and drinks for both children and adults.

## Menu Choices : Autumn Term 2021

Last week our new lunch Menu for the Autumn 2021 term was sent home with children. If your child will be taking a school meal as from September 2021, can parents please ensure that they complete and return their children's meal choices to the School Office by no later

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than Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. **In line with school Policy**, and as recently re-affirmed at a Governors' Meeting, can we once again, remind parents/carers that, unfortunately, children **cannot change between taking a school meal and bringing a packed lunch to school on a daily basis**. As a school, we do ask that parents/carers commit to ordering school meals on a half-termly basis. Naturally, there are exceptions when a child who usually brings a packed lunch will need to order a meal in an emergency situation, and this can be accommodated. Likewise, if your child would like to try a school meal, or take a meal once per week, then they are welcome to join in with Fun Day Friday which is available EVERY Friday at school. Meals can be ordered during registration

## Parentpay

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, can we just ask that parents ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up to date. This is especially important for those children in year 6 who will be leaving us in July. Any balances that are in 'CREDIT' at the end of the school year can either be refunded, rolled over, or transferred to another service.

## Lateral Flow Test

Lateral Flow Tests for regular and routine testing are now available to everyone and have proven to help in the fight against Covid. Tests can be ordered at

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

If you are struggling to secure an LFD kit, then please get in touch with the school as we may be able to help.

**QES Admissions** We have been contacted by Cathy O'Neill, Headteacher at QES confirming that due to outbreaks of Covid hitting different schools all face-to-face transition events have unfortunately had to be cancelled. QES are planning virtual and online versions of events. More information can be found at <https://qes.org.uk/>

We would encourage parents of children who will be taking the next step in their educational journey next academic year and either transitioning to QES or Settle College to contact these schools directly if they have any

questions or require more information about children starting secondary school. Thank you.

**Summer Reading Challenge** This year the Summer Reading Challenge will be back in libraries together with rewards and incentives to encourage children to keep reading over the long summer holidays. This year the theme is 'Wild World Heroes'. With the uncertainty surrounding Covid restrictions, online events linked to the Challenge have been planned over the summer months. For more information, please take a look at the Summer Reading Challenge video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sccw12wY5R0>

## Did you know....

Music lessons are once again available for children at school. For more information, please contact the Music Service.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-music-service>  
01609 534795

## A few important pieces of information for week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 2)

4.30 ZOOM Meeting for Reception Starters

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

1.30pm ZOOM Meeting for new Nursery Starters  
3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Bag2 School Collection – please drop donations at Main Reception  
Sports Day

3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 2 of 3).

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Fun Day Friday :

Sausage and Mash

Vegetarian Sausage

Jacket Potato

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Crunchy Apple Crumble with Custard  
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt



### Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via [eventbrite](#) (see attached flyer)

Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.

### Year 6 Leavers' Party

Henry and Mia's Mum, Lydia has kindly arranged a 'Happy Leavers' Party' for children in years 5 and 6. This will take place on the **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 from 4.00pm** on **Bentham Playing Fields**. Parents of children in these classes are also very welcome to attend with children. There will be milkshakes and cakes available to purchase, together with a BBQ. Lydia has asked if parents could please let her know as quickly as possible if and who will be joining in with this celebration by contacting her on 07463 133617. Also, if you are free and would like to help Lydia out at the party, any help would be appreciated.

**Please note, this is a privately organised event so if you have any questions about it, please direct them to Lydia or contact school where we will be happy to pass your questions on.**



### Summer holiday online events

ALL events must be pre-booked via eventbrite

Event	Date	Time
<b>Cosmic Carol presents Volcanos!</b> Join space expert Cosmic Carol for a fun and interactive online event all about volcanos. For children aged 7+	<b>Monday 19th July</b>	4.30pm
<b>Comic Masterclass with Kev F Sutherland</b> Join Kev for a live, fun filled, interactive session. Children will design their own characters, learn useful yet simple drawing techniques and will create their own comic strip. Session suitable for children age 8+	<b>Thursday 29th July</b>	10.30am
<b>Rubbish isn't Rubbish!</b> Find out about recycling and what happens to your rubbish after you put it in the bin. An interactive session with Emilie Knight from Allerton Waste Recovery Park. For children aged 7+.	<b>Tuesday 3rd August</b>	10.30am
<b>Storytelling with John Kirk</b> Let your imagination run wild as you join a virtual storytelling experience like no other. Jam-packed with interactive scavenger hunting fun these sessions are suitable for families with story hunters aged 4+.	<b>Tuesday 10th August</b>	1pm
<b>Naturetown</b> This adventure investigates plastic pollution, deforestation and litter; teaching us about alternatives such as recycling, composting and habitat creations, to reinforce what we can do to protect and care for our animal neighbours. Suitable for children aged 4+	<b>Tuesday 17th August</b>	2pm
<b>North Yorkshire Rotters</b> Find out about composting, recycling, and wormeries so you can be a Wild World Hero in your own backyard! For ages 7 to 11	<b>Thursday 26th August</b>	2pm



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