

3rd February 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Bentham Community Primary School

Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Earlier this week information was sent home to parents/carers about Parent Interviews that will be taking place on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February 2023. Please look out in children's book bags for confirmation of appointment times. If you did not manage to return the reply slip, then please do not worry as an appointment has been automatically made for you to meet with your child's class teacher. If you do not want the appointment, or would like to alter the date/time, then please contact Sally in the school office.

As I am sure readers will agree, mental health and well-being are as important as ever. Here at the school, we like to think we are ambassadors in the promotion of supporting both the well-being and mental health of ALL our school community. We actively encourage children to share their feelings and talk so that school can put in place necessary support and coping strategies for children who are in need of a little help. We have a wonderful team of approachable staff who are always available to have a chat should you have any concerns or worries about your child(ren).

Children's Mental Health Week will take place nationally from the 6th to the 12th February and this year is themed 'Lets Connect'. More information can be found by visiting <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

In support of our well-being, this week, during one of our whole school assemblies, I showed children a range of shoes and talked about the phrase 'put yourself in my shoes'. I encouraged children to keep an eye out for anyone showing an act of kindness over the week and to share their observations with class teachers.

Next week, I will be inviting children to draw or write about a time when they felt anxious, worried or sad on one foot and to draw or write on their other foot what helped them feel better. We will be making a big display with our feet! (No feet will be harmed in the making of this display, and drawings will be made on paper feet provided to children!).

Earlier today, it was lovely to see so many children dressed up wearing Numbers in support of the NSPCC's Number Day. There were lots of entries for the 'Smallest Number Competition'. The winner will be announced in Celebration Assembly next week! Thank you to Mrs

Harrison for organising this fun, mathematical fundraising extravaganza! Please check out our website for some fabulous pictures of children dressed up in numbers.

As is usually the case this time of year, there are quite a few nasty coughs and colds in circulation! Whilst as a school we do encourage good attendance, we also understand there may be times when children are too poorly to come to school. If your child is struggling with a heavy cold and persistent cough then a duvet day may well be required! Likewise, if your child is showing any symptoms of Covid, then we would encourage you to test – this helps prevent the further spread of the virus. By way of a reminder, in cases of sickness and diarrhoea, children should not return to school until 48 hours has passed since the final episode of either vomiting, diarrhoea or both.

Finally, as I am sure none of us will need reminding, next week is our last week at school before the February half-term! I think we are all looking forward to a well-earned rest.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Keeping All Children Safe

At Bentham Primary School we are committed to safeguarding and have a culture of vigilance in all aspects of safeguarding and child protection.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should call 999 and report your concern immediately to the police.

All adults in school have a responsibility for keeping all of our children, and their families, safe. If you see or hear anything that concerns you, please speak to any member of staff in school. However, there are three adults in school who have the special job of keeping our children safe.

All disclosures from children or concerns from adults are taken seriously, recorded and investigated thoroughly in line with our Child Protection Policy and North Yorkshire County Council's Safeguarding Children Board guidelines.

ChildLine 0800 1111

Bentham CP School's Safeguarding Team

 Mrs Emma Chapman Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	 Mrs Ella Besharati Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Interim Co-Headteacher	 Mrs Alison McGregor Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Co-Headteacher	 Mrs Leanne Buckley Safeguarding Governor	 Mrs Amy Duffell Family Support Assistant Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Nicola Rowlett Family Support Assistant
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PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	Forest School
	Thursday	PE
Rabbits :	Wednesday/Thursday	PE
Badgers :	Monday/Thursday	PE
Foxes :	Thursday	PE
	Friday	Swimming
Owls :	Tuesday/Thursday	PE

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th February 2023

Macaroni Cheese
Melting Veggie Slice
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Battered Fish
Cheese and Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato

1.00pm – 4.00pm Parent Interviews

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Minced Beef and Dumplings
Veggie Cottage Pie
Jacket Potato

Safer Internet Day

3.40pm – 6.00pm Parent Interviews

Thursday 9th February 2023

Chicken Korma
Vegetable Lasagne
Jacket Potato

FOBS Disco

4.30pm to 5.30pm (R,1,2,3)

6.00pm to 7.00pm (4,5,6)

Please make Payment via PARENTPAY

Friday 10th February 2023

Cheese Burger
Veggie Dog
Jacket Potato

3.00pm Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **AMBER** and **EMERALD** invited

1.00pm Year 5 Swimming

Date of Assembly	Families of Children in...
03/03/23 17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
24/02/23 10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE

Future Dates for your Diary

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17th March 2023

FOBS Easter Bingo and Raffle raising money for World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21st March 2023 : 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Coffee and Cake : with Mrs McGregor

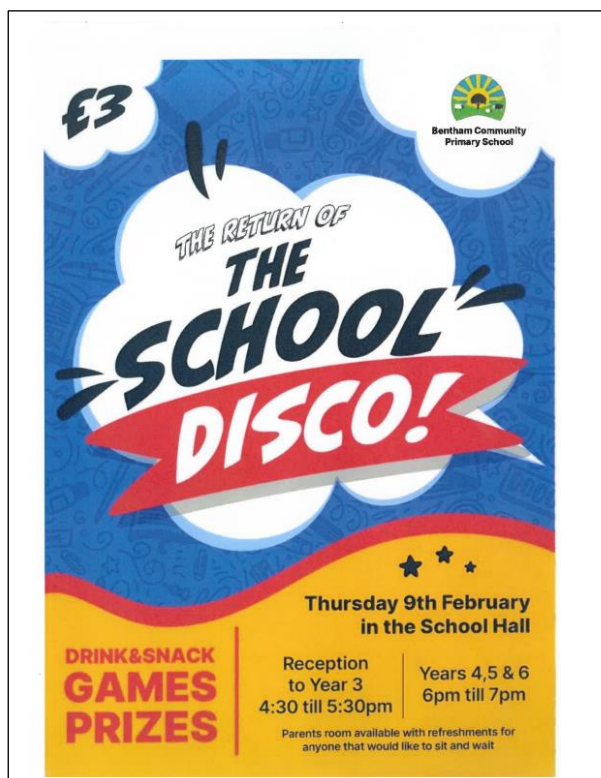
22nd March 2023 at 3.00pm.

'Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs'

Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29th March 2023 at 9.00am

'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading.'



Please make payment via Parentpay. If you have difficulty accessing Parentpay, please contact Sally in the School Office.

Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Oscar (year 6) and his mum, Molly are taking part in the 1400 squat challenge throughout February, completing 50 squats per day to help raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. If you would like to sponsor and support Oscar and his mum, please go to:

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https://www.facebook.com/donate/1210097606591832/?fundraiser_source=external_url

feast
Free activities for children and young people over the holidays.

Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 can join in, with FREE places available for children and young people eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

Discover what's on offer at feastNY.org

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I'M A PARENT

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and lunch for children receiving benefits-related Free School Meals.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, they will receive a letter from their school with a unique code. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free. You can browse through the list of activities on our website.

If you think your child is eligible but they haven't received a code, please request a code using the form on our website.

I'M A SCHOOL

Named letters of eligibility for the FEAST programme are sent directly to schools to give to pupils. If there is a child missing that should be eligible, email hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

Schools can also get involved in the FEAST programme in a number of ways - as an activity provider, a host venue or their kitchen facilities can be used to supply food to other providers.

Please visit <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/information-for-providers> for more information.

I'M A PROVIDER

Every year we run a grants programme where providers of all types can apply to receive funding to deliver activities to children receiving benefits-related Free School Meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. We currently fund holiday activity providers, schools, sports coaches, creative and performing arts providers, and many other organisations.

For information about becoming a provider please go to: <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/information-for-providers>

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BRADFORD AND CRAVEN trailblazer NHS

Raising Yorkshire Puddings

Parent Support Group

Tuesday
21st Feb

10:30am
or 7:30pm

Zoom
Email the address
below for the link

**THIS MONTHS TOPIC:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: BEREAVEMENT**

In this month's Parent Support Group we will be looking at bereavement. We will be joined by a specialist in bereavement to discuss how to support children and young people in this area

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