

5th May 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Today at school we celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Buckingham Palace have officially announced that the Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Here at school, children all enjoyed a Coronation Lunch with families joining us. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun and games. HUGE thank you to Lilah and John in the kitchen who did a sterling job at making a special picnic bag for lots of our children.

The children created an array of art work this week based on the book 'It's Up to Us'. The final pieces are displayed in each of our classroom windows so please take time to have a look at our wonderful exhibition.

Throughout next week children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests. National SATs testing is compulsory for ALL children in Year 2 and Year 6. More information about SATs can be found at : <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/05/05/everything-you-need-to-know-about-sats/>

As a school we do fully appreciate that SATs can be a worrying time for children, but would once again like to reassure parents/carers that as a school we are, and will continue to do, our very best to reassure and support children, albeit in Year 2 or Year 6, through their SATs. Hopefully, this will alleviate some of our children's concerns and worries. We impress upon children that they can only do their best and do not pressurise them in any way.

As parents/carers, we would ask that you ENSURE children ARE IN SCHOOL during their SATs week and that children AVOID taking any time off. We would encourage parents/carers to also ensure that they help support children by making sure children are well rested, get a good night's sleep, stay hydrated and keep energy levels up by eating a well-balanced and healthy diet.

By way of a reminder, on the mornings of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th May children in Year 6 are invited to arrive at school for 8.30am and join other children from Owl Class for a FREE SATs Breakfast in their

Classroom. If your child usually travels to school using school transport, and you would like them to join in with the early breakfast, it will mean that alternative travel arrangements to school will have to be made.

For children in Key Stage 1 (year 2) SATs will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 22nd May. Again, we would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that children are IN SCHOOL and that taking any time off is AVOIDED. Thank you.

Despite the awful weather later this afternoon, we are heading towards Summer and, hopefully, some sunshiny days! With this in mind, can we please remind parents/carers about how as a school we believe in promoting Sun Safety to ensure all children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. As a school we do encourage children to :

- seek shade, particularly during the middle of the day.
- wear suitable sun-hats
- wear clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips
- use a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+).

We would ask that parents/carers encourage children to bring and wear a hat at school, and also encourage the use of longer sleeved shirts and longer shorts when children are outdoors.

Parents/carers are asked to apply a long-lasting sunscreen BEFORE school. Sun-screen will only be required at school for use during school trips and will have to be applied by children whilst being supervised by staff. Please also remember that school does not permit the use of aerosol sprays.

This year we are once again hoping to take part in Bentham Show. Mrs Chapman will be sharing more information with children shortly.

As many readers may have seen, this year we once again entered the infamous Wray Scarecrow Festival with a rather fabulous 'Room on the Broom' creation. I am absolutely delighted to announce that our Scarecrow was awarded SECOND PLACE! WELL DONE to all our Year 6 children for creating this marvellous straw-person and to Mrs Chapman for all her support.

Following this week's Governors Meeting, I would like to welcome Mr Saville onto our Board of Governors. Mr Saville joins our Governing Body as a Local

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Authority Governor and brings with him a wealth of educational knowledge and experience.

We do still have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. Following a skills audit, it was identified that the Board potentially has a 'knowledge' gap in the field of construction/surveying. Unfortunately, due to the structure of our Board, the vacancy cannot be filled by a parent/carer of a child who is currently registered at the school. However, if you know of any individual who you might think would be interested and suitable for this vacancy, and who has knowledge and skills within the construction/building industry, then please get them to contact the school on 015242 61412. Whilst being a Governor is hard work, it is also a rewarding role. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Finally, we are still hoping that our Year 6 residential visit to Keswick will be going ahead from the 26th June to the 30th June 2023 inclusive. More information about the visit has been sent home with children, together with details about a parents/carer meeting that will be taking place for parents/carers of children in Year 6 on the **16th May 2023 at 3.30pm.**

We are hoping to start work in our new sensory garden now that the weather is improving. FOBs have kindly donated money to create a relaxing space within our school playground. We are looking for any parent helpers who could spare an hour to do some painting/fitting things together or a joiner who could help create some of the structure we need. We will be displaying the ideas that the children came up with in Fox Class window so come and have a look!

Have a lovely weekend, please remember school will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023 for Bank Holiday, re-opening on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Are your child's immunisations up to date?

With one in ten children in England not up to date with their vaccinations and at risk of becoming seriously unwell, this World Immunisation Week (24-30th April) we are encouraging people to make sure they are up to date with their routine vaccinations at all life stages.

In particular, we are asking all parents to check if their children are up to date with their MMR vaccines to protect them against measles, mumps and rubella. To become fully protected children need two doses, the first at age one year and the second at 3 years 4 months.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) have predicted a rise in measles cases across Europe in 2023, making it is more important than ever to make sure that your child is fully protected. Measles can make a child seriously unwell and can lead to pneumonia with rare long-lasting conditions such as blindness and brain damage.

To make sure your children are up to date check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please [visit](#).

To watch a short video about how vaccines work, please visit: <https://youtu.be/hjTQN2b-fuo>



Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th May 2023

BANK HOLIDAY : SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 9th May 2023

Crispy Fish Nuggets (Salmon)
Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese
Jacket Potato

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Cottage Pie
Cheesy Potato Bake
Jacket Potato

Thursday 11th May 2023

Chicken Korma
Veggie Korma

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Jacket Potato

PM : Tennis (Yr 5/6)

Friday 12th May 2023

Hot Dog

Veggie Bite Sub

Jacket Potato

1.00pm Badger Class Swimming Lesson (4 of 10)

Future Dates for your Diary

Bank Holiday : School Closed

Monday 8th May 2023

KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Thursday 11th May 2023 at 9.30am : Butterfly Class

Visit to Bentham Library

Friday 12th May 2023 at 9.30am : Ladybird Class

PLAYGROUP CANCELLED : Friday 12th May 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 15th May 2023 at 11.00am : Rabbit Class

KS1 and KS2 Fire Safety Talks

Tuesday 16th May 2023

KS1 SATS

Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Year 6 : Level 1 Cycling Training

Monday 22nd May 2023 (Part 1)

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 1)

Thursday 25th May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 2)

School CLOSED for Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

(School re-opens Monday 5th June 2023)

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 12th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Owl Class

FOBs Summer Fair

Friday 16th June 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 19th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Fox Class

Class Photos

Tuesday 20th June 2023 (AM)

Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

QES Welcome Evening for Parents and Pupils

Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 6.00pm

Be Brave, Be Bright!

Friday 23rd June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

Year 6 Residential Visit to Keswick

Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2023 Inclusive

Reserve Sports Day

Monday 3rd July 2023

Induction Morning for Year 7 Pupils (QES)

Monday 3rd July 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 1.30pm : Hedgehog Class

Visit to Bentham Library

Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 1.30pm : Rabbit Class

Year 6 Transfer Evening at Settle College

Tuesday 4th July 2023 : TBC

Year 6 Transfer Day at Settle College

Wednesday 5th July 2023 : TBC

End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal

Monday 10th July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

End of Year Production Performances

PM and Evening

Wednesday 12th July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers

Friday 14th July 2023

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Bentham Community
Primary School

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2023

9:15am – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly

Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm)

Date	Parents/families of children in below House Groups invited
05/05/2023 19/05/2023 09/06/2023 23/06/2023	Ruby/Sapphire
12/05/2023 26/05/2023 16/06/2023 (9.00am) 30/06/2023	Amber/Emerald

SOCCER HUB

**SOCCER HUB GIRLS
OPEN TRIALS DAY**

SATURDAY 20TH MAY
SANDYLANDS, SKIPTON
11:00 - 12:00

SOCCER HUB

**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
CAMP**

SANDYLANDS, SKIPTON
TUESDAY 30TH MAY - FRIDAY
2ND JUNE

10AM-3PM

BOOK NOW!

WWW.SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK/CAMPS/

OR FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT
LYNSEY@SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK
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