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Message from Mr Hiley

Welcome back from the half-term holidays! I hope everyone managed to have a lovely break and to enjoy some family time – even though the weather was not the best with high winds and rain battering the whole of the country over the majority of the week!

As parents will be aware, earlier today all children were invited to take part in a celebratory Bonfire Lunch. Thank you to Lila and John, our wonderful school cooks, for organising this special lunch. If you are celebrating Bonfire Night later this evening, please remember firework and bonfire safety. On Tuesday, Mr Craig Lyons a Public Safety Officer with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue visited school and took a whole school assembly talking to children about keeping safe around fireworks and bonfires – why not ask the children what they learnt? More information can be found on the attached leaflet.

On Wednesday, our parent interviews went ahead as scheduled. Hopefully there are some very proud parents. As a school we are extremely proud of what our children have achieved during these unprecedented times. Please remember if you have any concerns about your child's learning then do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Earlier this week, Mrs Cadman sent out some information via e-mail about how school will, once again, be supporting Children in Need. This year on Friday 19th November children will be donning their wellies and walking boots to take part in the Countryfile Ramble. On the day, children should come to school in their own clothes, dressed warmly and sensibly and with suitable footwear. During the morning, children in Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 will take part in a 'Mile with a Smile' around our field track, whilst children in classes 3,4 and 5 will complete a ramble around the river route in Bentham. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with children so that the miles covered can be sponsored, donations can also be given via a Just Giving Page, www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bentham-community-primary-school.

All monies raised will go to Children in Need.

On Thursday 4th November, the first of seven CREST Science Club sessions took place. The CREST Awards scheme is the British Science Association's flagship

programme aimed at young people, providing science enrichment activities to inspire and engage young children. Sessions are aimed at children in years 5 and 6. Thank you to Mrs Cadman for organising and leading this wonderful activity for children.

Also this week, the first of our next block of After School Cookery Club sessions took place. If your child is taking part, then please remember to make payment for these sessions via Parentpay. Thank you to Mrs Reid and Mrs Askew for their continued support with this project.

On Monday 8th November, we will be welcoming Mrs McLeish to the team; Mrs McLeish will be joining the school as a Teaching Assistant and MSA. If you see Mrs McLeish please do take the time to say hello.

This week I have taken the opportunity to join children in the School Hall over the lunchtime period. It is lovely to see children socialising and tucking into their school lunches. Can I please just take this opportunity to remind parents that if they are providing children with a packed lunch, that they consider the contents. A number of children are coming to school with packets of sweets included in lunchboxes. As a school we do try to encourage children to lead a healthy lifestyle, this includes eating healthy and well-balanced meals so we would strongly encourage you to not include packets of sweets in school packed lunches. Thank you.

Inevitably, we are now heading towards Christmas at an alarming rate..... with this in mind staff are busy planning lots of seasonal activities for children to participate in. Mrs Nelson will, once again, be organising a Christmas Jumper Fundraiser – this year monies raised will be donated to a Mental Health Charity. The Christmas Jumper Day will take place on the same day as Christmas Lunch, Friday 10th December 2021. As is always the case, all children in all classes are invited to join in.

Our new Spring Term menus will also be sent home with children shortly. Please look out for these in children's book bags. Completed meal choices should be returned to the school office by Friday 10th December. Can I once again please remind parents in line with School Policy, children cannot swap and change on a daily/weekly basis from school meals to packed lunches. As a school, we do ask that parents/carers commit to ordering school meals on a half-termly basis. Obviously, there are exceptions

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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.

Also, this week, information has been sent home to parents of children in Class 4 about swimming lessons, which will start in the New Year. Can parents please ensure that they return Consent Forms for this activity to the school office by no later than Monday 6th December and make payment for lessons via Parentpay by no later than 31st December 2021. By way of a reminder, if you have not already done so, can parents of children in Class 5 please ensure that payment has been made for their children's swimming lessons via Parentpay. As I am sure can be appreciated the cost of providing swimming lessons to children is very high, and already heavily subsidised by both the school and the Friends of Settle Pool, who we would like to thank for their continued support.

Parents of children in Nursery should now have received a letter containing information about how to secure their child's Nursery hours next term. Can I please remind parents about the importance of returning completed Parental Agreements as quickly as possible and ideally before Friday 3rd December 2021.

Finally, on Friday 12th November, NYCC will be carrying out some works on the school's car park with a view to improving the safety of the same. Works are scheduled to start at 9.15am and continue throughout the day. Inevitably, works will impact accessibility to the car park, and at some points during the day there will be limited access for vehicles. Can I please encourage parents to avoid using the car park between the hours of 9.15am and 2.00pm and, where possible, consider not using the car park at all on this day. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

Children starting Reception in September 2022

For those parents of children in Nursery and born between 1st September 17 and 31st August 18 information

has been sent home about how to apply for a Primary School Place for September 2022. The deadline to apply for a school place is **15th January 2022**. Please remember you must apply for a school place, even if your child has an older sibling who already attends the school you would like them to attend, or if they currently attend a Nursery provision attached to the school. More information is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions.

Careers in Childcare Information Sessions

We have received some information from Pacey about a series of virtual information sessions aimed at parents and JCP claimants. For more information about these informative sessions, please see the attached leaflet.

SPORTS CAMP

Coach Mark Gunn has confirmed that he will be running a Multi Sports Camp here at Bentham C P School over the Christmas Holidays. The activity day is aimed at children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive and is priced at only £20.00 per child. There is a possibility that there will be a number of 'funded' places available, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to children who receive benefits related Free School Meals. Thank you to North Yorkshire Together for their support. More information to follow as soon as available.

Return of Baby and Toddler Group We are absolutely delighted to confirm that the Friends of Bentham School will once again be offering a Baby and Toddler Group session, every Friday, term-time only in the School Hall. The first session will be on Friday 11th November 2021 from 9.30am until 11.00am. If you have a pre-school aged child, then please do pop along to this friendly informal group – we look forward to seeing you!

Covid-19

There is clear evidence (ZOE Covid Study) that a runny nose and cold like symptoms are now the most common symptoms of Covid infection in unvaccinated children. This is challenging as we move into the usual Autumn cold and flu season therefore, we would strongly recommend that if your child is showing mild cold symptoms including a runny or blocked nose you test regularly with an LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test. By following guidance, we can help prevent the spread of Covid and protect our friends,

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families and communities. Advice from the Government continues to state:

“Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have COVID-19 symptoms as listed on the NHS website. [Get a PCR test](#) as soon as possible and [self-isolate](#), while awaiting the result even if symptoms are mild”.

For more information, please visit

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

By way of a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms that could be attributable to Covid without undertaking an appropriate test. Please remember, that in line with advice from the Local Authority, it may be deemed necessary to send a child home, or not accept them in class if they are displaying covid symptoms and have not been tested. As is always the case, thank you to everyone in advance for their co-operation, support and understanding.

Early Warning : Christmas Menu * Please note there will be menu changes for the week commencing 6th December 2021.

All children are invited to join in with Christmas Lunch on Friday 10th December. Meals can be ordered during registration.

On the Menu:

Roast Turkey and Christmas Chipolatas
Roasted Winter Vegetable puff Pastry Sleigh (v)

Santa's Seasonal Stuffing
Mrs Claus' Creamy Mashed and Roast Potatoes
A Merry Mix of Sprouts, Carrots and Peas
The Grinch's Gravy

Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookies
Fresh Fruit or Yogurt

Meals are priced at £2.10 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are also FREE for all children eligible for Free School Meals. Payment should be made via Parentpay and deposited before Friday 5th November 2021.

PE Days

This term, our PE days are, as follows:

Nursery:	Tuesday/Friday
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

These are difficult times, with financial circumstances changing on an almost daily basis for some families. In some instances, families may be missing out on Free School Meals. Whilst ALL children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are eligible for UNIVERSAL free school meals, families may also be entitled to some additional financial support. Free School Meal eligibility for children in younger year groups includes universal entitlement and additional pupil premium funding which helps support children in school with their learning. If you think you may be eligible for some additional support, then please contact Sally in the School Office. Please be reassured that all applications will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th November 2021

Minced Beef and Dumplings
Country Vegetable Casserole and Dumplings
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Quorn Dippers and Potato Wedges
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 10th November 2021

Roast Pork
Veggie Burger
Jacket Potato

Thursday 11th November 2021

Chicken Korma and Rice
Vegetable Korma and Rice
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.30pm After School Cooking Club (2 of 3)

3.30pm-4.30pm CREST Science Club (2 of 7)

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Friday 12th November 2021

9.30am – 11.00am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

Fun-Day-Friday

Battered Fish

Roast Vegetable Parcel

Jacket Potato

BONFIRE SAFETY

Fire can spread easily, so where and how you build your bonfire is important.

Before...

- Warn your neighbours that you will be having a bonfire – they are much less likely to complain.
- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Check there are no cables – like telephone wires – above the bonfire.
- Only burn dry material not damp, which causes more smoke.
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint – many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates poisonous fumes and can have damaging health effects for people who have asthmatic or heart conditions.

During...

- Don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going – it may get out of control quickly.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby – in case of emergencies.
- Don't leave the bonfire unattended.
- Keep children and pets well back.
- Don't throw any fireworks into the fire.
- Take care around bonfires – all clothes, even those labelled 'low flammability', can catch fire.

After...

- Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting.

See over for Bonfires and the Law.



BONFIRES AND THE LAW

There aren't any specific laws against having a bonfire, but there are several that deal with the nuisance bonfires can cause.

To be considered a nuisance in the eyes of the law, bonfires need to be a regular occurrence and seriously interfere with your well-being. If the bonfire is only occasional, eg a couple of times a year, it is unlikely to be considered a nuisance.

Anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine if it endangers traffic. If this happens, call the police.

For advice on holding an organised fireworks display, contact your local fire station.

For more information on fire safety, visit www.northyorksfire.gov.uk

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NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

FIREWORK & BONFIRE SAFETY

Safety advice for bright sparks

www.northyorksfire.gov.uk



THE SIMPLE FACTS...

Fireworks often play a big part in celebrations. However, fireworks are explosives and burn at high temperatures, so they need careful handling and storage to avoid injury or death. There are laws about when fireworks can be sold, and to who – as well as the times fireworks can be set off.

FIREWORK SAFETY

Get ready...

Once you've decided to have a display:

- Only fireworks marked with BS 7114 are safe, so purchase your fireworks wisely.
- Make suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets.

Steady...

As your display draws closer:

- Find a closed metal box to store the fireworks – take them out one at a time.
- Prepare a bucket of water – to cool sparklers and put out any small fires.
- Make sure you have eye protection and gloves.
- Prepare a bucket of earth to stick fireworks in.
- Follow the instructions on each firework – read them in daylight or by torchlight, never by a naked flame.

Go...

On the big night:

- Ensure your pets are kept indoors – most animals get very scared by the lights and noise from fireworks.
- Make sure everyone stands well back.
- Only one person should be responsible for letting off fireworks.
- Don't drink alcohol if you are setting off fireworks.
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a taper.
- Never go back to a firework that has been lit – even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Always supervise children with sparklers and never give them to a child under five.
- Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never throw spent fireworks on a bonfire.

If you are planning a fireworks display for the general public, or would like further information, please contact your local fire station.



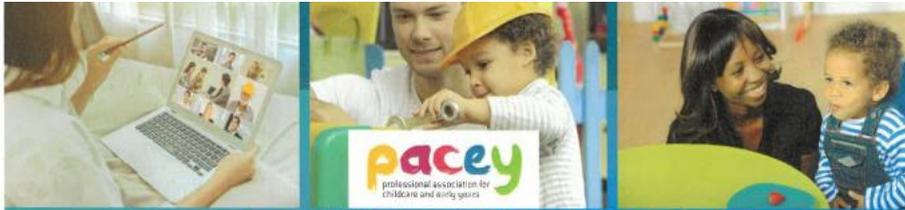
FIREWORKS AND THE LAW

- Under 18s can't buy the standard fireworks intended for adults, or have fireworks in public places. Those breaking the law can receive an on-the-spot fine of £80.
- You can't set off or throw fireworks in the street or other public place.
- You can't set off fireworks between 11.00 pm and 7.00 am – except on Bonfire Night when the allowance extends to midnight, and on New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when allowance extends to 1.00am. If found guilty by the courts, you could be fined up to £5,000 and can be imprisoned for up to three months. You may be liable for an on-the-spot fine of £80.
- Fireworks for private use, and from a registered seller, can only be sold:
 - between 15 October and 10 November – around Bonfire Night
 - between 26 December and 31 December – for New Year's Eve
 - three days before Diwali and Chinese New Year.

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Careers in Childcare Information Sessions

PACEY are hosting a series of virtual information sessions aimed at parents and JCP claimants. These sessions contain lots of useful information about:

- The different types of careers in the childcare and early years sector
- Skills and attributes required to work with children
- The qualifications and pathways to achieve these roles
- Encouraging men to pursue a career in childcare in partnership with MITEY (Men in the Early Years)
- Requirements and cost calculator for those interested in becoming a childminder
- Useful links and videos for all the information covered
- A free information booklet will be sent to every participant following the presentation

The dates of the up coming sessions are:

Thursday 28th October at 11 a.m.
Tuesday 9th November at 10 a.m.
Thursday 18th November at 10 a.m.
Monday 13th December at 1 p.m.

Thursday 4th November at 10 a.m.
Wednesday 17th November at 1 p.m.
Thursday 2nd December at 10 a.m.
(More dates to be announced for 2022)

How to book:

Send the referred persons name, email address and preferred date to:
support@pacey.org.uk

- They will receive an email advising them how to join the session with a Microsoft Teams Link

BENTHAM CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2021/22 MULTI SPORTS CAMP



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