

6th January 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and to the start of the new Spring Term! On behalf of everyone at school, may we wish you all a Happy New Year.

As I am sure many of you will be aware, today is my last day at school before I start my maternity leave. Mrs McGregor and Mrs Besharati will be sharing a Co-headship during my absence.

Earlier this week, Mrs Besharati was in school getting to know children, staff and parents. Many of you will hopefully have had the opportunity to meet Mrs Besharati when she was on the playground both at the start and end of the day. If you did not get a chance to introduce yourself, please do say hello when you next see Mrs Besharati.

Unfortunately, over the Christmas break, the freezer in the school kitchen failed. This meant that changes had to be made to our published meal choices at short notice. Apologies for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused. Thank you to our wonderful School Cook, Lila, for sourcing alternative ingredients and managing to still provide children with delicious home-cooked food.

Earlier this week January's edition of our Online Safety Newsletter was circulated to parents/carers. This edition contains some really useful information about Broadband set-up, Minecraft, WhatsApp, Whizz, TikTok, YouTube and much more. In addition, an individual e-mail has been sent to parents/carers of children in Year 6 relating to WhatsApp. Can we please remind parents/carers that children might be using WhatsApp without their knowledge and that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16.

On Monday 9th January children who are in Ruby will be taking part in a celebration House Party! Well done to members of Ruby who managed to accumulate the most house points last term. Children should come to school in their school uniform as usual.

Last term, children at school supported the community by completing questionnaires relating to the Bentham Masterplan. An up-date of progress relating to the Masterplan will be published in the January edition of the Bentham News. Thank you to Mrs Duckett for working with children and supporting this community

initiative.

This term, Mr Edmondson will be teaching PE to children on Thursdays. Can I please remind parents/carers that children should come to school wearing their PE kits on days they are taking part in PE. If your child is taking part in Forest School activities, information about equipment children will need to bring to school will be provided by teaching staff.

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

On Thursday, information and advice from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) was sent home relating to concerns about the rising cases of Covid, Flu and Scarlet Fever. Can I please stress the importance of helping to minimise the spread of these infections in school and please ask that parents/carers keep children at home if they are unwell and have a fever.

Later today children in Hedgehog, Rabbit, Badger, Fox and Owl will be bringing home their Effort Grade Letters for Autumn term. We hope that parents/carers are very proud of children and their attitudes to learning.

We will once again be inviting families of children back into school to join in with our Celebration Assemblies which take place on a Friday at 3.00pm in the School Hall. We are asking that families attend assemblies on a rotational basis, and only when it is the turn of their child's house group. Thank you.

This is my final Friday News for a while as I begin my maternity leave. I would like to thank you all for your kind words and support as I near the end of my pregnancy. I look forward to introducing to the children the new addition to our family in the not too distant future. I will be keeping in touch with school and know that you will continue to support the staff in school, as you always do.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson and Mrs A McGregor

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Bentham Community
Primary School

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Please read this month's online safety newsletter and in particular the information around WhatsApp.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th January 2023

Fishwich
Veggie Burger
Jacket Potato
1.30pm **RUBY** House Party
7.00pm FOBS meeting at G&Mos Bentham.

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Pasta Bolognaise
Cheesy Leek Croquette
Jacket Potato

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding
Jacket Potato

Thursday 12th January 2023

Chicken Wrap
Sweet Potato and Spring Vegetable Curry
Jacket Potato

Friday 13th January 2023

Fish Fingers
Quorn Chilli Wrap
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...
13/01/23 27/01/23 10/02/23 03/03/23 17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
20/01/23 03/02/23 24/02/23 10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE