

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

I hope that everyone managed to enjoy Bank Holiday Monday, and that lots of mini-adventures took place!

This week, I have been contacted by a number of local families who are welcoming Ukrainian refugees into their homes. I am absolutely delighted to be in a position to extend a warm welcome to a number of primary aged Ukrainian children to Bentham Community Primary School. At the moment I am unsure as to when children will be joining classes – but I am sure that when they do, everyone will do their upmost to make both the children and family members feel welcome and safe. Having shared the news with the children in assembly this week, I know that they are very excited to have some new international friends in their classes.

This week, I have continued to learn just how difficult it can be, at times, to juggle motherhood whilst working! My daughter, like many children, is not too keen on getting up early in the morning but I have managed to make it to school on time each day. Please remember, if you are struggling to get your child(ren) ready for school on time in the morning, help is available. Please either speak to Mrs Duckett or myself.

This year the UK will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, there will be an extra Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022. However, this date falls within the school's half-term holiday (Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022). The Local Authority have advised schools that this 'additional' day of holiday will still need to be allocated to ensure that both children, and those that work in education, benefit from the extra Bank Holiday. Therefore, school will be closed to all children on FRIDAY 24th JUNE 2022.

To help with planning, dates of closures are listed below:
 Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June : HALF TERM
 School re-opens Monday 6th June 2022
 School closed to children: Friday 24th June 2022
 Friday 22nd July 2022 : Last day of Summer Term finishing at 1.30pm

Following on from last week's Friday News, we do still have a couple of places available for children in years 2 and 3 at Coach Mark Gunn's After School Basketball Club which is being held every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.20pm. If you would now like your child to take part in

this FREE after school activity then please contact Sally in the School Office. If these spare places are not taken by children in years 2 and 3 this week then they will be offered to older children.

Next week is SATs week for children in Year 6. Can I please remind parents/carers to ensure that children are in school during this week and to avoid taking time off. Please also help support children by ensuring they are well rested, get a good night's sleep, stay hydrated and keep energy levels up by eating a well balanced and healthy diet. As a school we do appreciate that SATs can be a worrying time for children, but would like to reassure parents/carers that we are and will continue to do our very best to reassure children and support them through their SATs.

On Monday 16th May, the School Health Team will be visiting school to undertake Height and Weight Checks for children in Reception and Year 6. Information about these checks has already been e-mailed home to parents/carers. Please remember if you would like to withdraw your child from this National Measurement Programme then you need to contact 0300 3030916 (hdft.nyorksdtion@nhs.net). If you are happy for your child to take part there is no need to do anything.

Recently, a number of children have been getting their ear(s) pierced. Whilst it is absolutely lovely to see children growing up and finding their own identity, I would ask that parents/carers consider only getting piercings at the start of the Summer holidays. It is the school's Policy that children have to take all earrings out when taking part in PE. Earrings cannot be taped over. This means that for the first six weeks of piercing healing time, children are missing out on their PE lessons.

Finally, some amazing news! This year our school once again entered the Wray Scarecrow Festival. Our wonderful creation was awarded 2nd prize! A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported school with this entry, especially Mrs Mason (Finlay and Harry's mum) and Mrs Harrison.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

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Coach Mark Gunn

Coach Gunn's every popular school holiday 'camp' will once again be taking place on Monday 30th May 2022. More information has been sent home with children, but details can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/411330804133891>. Alternatively, contact Coach Gunn directly on 07912 178917 or coachmarkgunn@gmail.com.

Baby and Toddler Group

Don't forget about our Baby and Toddler Group session, every Friday, term-time only in the School Hall. The next session takes place on Friday 13th May 2022. from 9.30am to 11.00am in the School Hall.

Pop-Up Pantry

The Pop-up Pantry in Bentham is open at the Methodist Church every Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 mid/day. Please bring any food items you might have spare, and take away any food items you might require! If you are struggling for groceries, then there is no need to 'bring' any food, but you are welcome to collect some provisions. Everyone is welcome, deliveries of food parcels can be arranged in special circumstances, text or call 07942 364606.

Uniform and Leisure Company

The Uniform and Leisurewear Company have launched a new link for their website where parents can order School Uniform from :

<https://www.ulonline.co.uk/>

Alternatively, why not visit one of the companies shops, the closest are based at :
60 Euston Road, Morecambe, Lancs. LA4 5NR
15 Common Garden Street, Lancaster. LA1 1XD

PE Days

Nursery:	Thursday (AM)
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday : PM
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 4 :	Tuesday/Thursday
Class 5 :	Tuesday/Thursday

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th May 2022

Beefburger in a Bun
Falafel Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Quorn Tikka Massala
Sticky Noodle Pot
Jacket Potato

Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club (Years 2/3)

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Roast Chicken
Stuffed Courgettes
Jacket Potato

Thursday 12th May 2022

Pork Sausage Roll
Summer Vegetable Quiche
Jacket Potato

Friday 13th May 2022

Fish Fingers
Cheese and Onion Pastry
Jacket Potato
9.30am – 11.00am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

Useful Addresses

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

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6th May 2022

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