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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs McGregor

This week, following an election, votes for the two Parent Governor vacancies were counted. I would like to thank all those parents who expressed an interest in the vacancies and put themselves forward for election. I cannot emphasise enough how close the results of the ballot were. After a final count, I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Leanne Buckley and Mrs Claire Burrow were the successful nominees. Mrs Buckley will continue with a further term of office, and Mrs Burrow will commence her 'official' four year term of office as soon as relevant safeguarding checks and clearances have been completed. Congratulations to both Mrs Buckley and Mrs Burrow.

Thank you also to those parents/carers who took the time to vote.

Earlier this week, our Chair of Governors wrote to parents/carers about the leadership and management at the school when children return after Easter. It really does not seem possible that Mrs Pearson will be returning from maternity leave at the start of the Summer Term! Mrs Pearson will, initially, be returning as Headteacher for four days per week and will be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This meant that Governors have had to recruit for a part-time Co-Headteacher. Following the interview process, I am absolutely delighted to confirm that I have been successfully appointed as Co-Headteacher. I will continue working in school as SENCO, but as Co-Headteacher on Mondays. I would like to mirror the Chair of Governors, in expressing my thanks to everyone for their support over the past few weeks as I have taken on the role of Acting Interim Headteacher. Moving forwards, I am excited to be working alongside Mrs Pearson.

As previously reported in the Friday News, today, Mrs Susan Richardson, our Nursery Teacher will be leaving us as she reaches the end of her temporary supply contract. This is sad news, and Mrs Richardson will be missed by children, parents/carers and staff. When school re-opens on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, due to an increase in demand for our Nursery provision, our Nursery will be opening full-time for the whole of the Summer Term. These are exciting times, and have meant that Governors have had to recruit for a full-time Early Years Foundation Stage Class Teacher. Following the interview process, I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Sarah Meyerhoff, an

experienced and enthusiastic EYFS teacher was successfully appointed. I would like to welcome Mrs Meyerhoff to the team here at Bentham C P School. Please do say hello if you see Mrs Meyerhoff.

Earlier today, 'Breakfast Butties' were sold from the School Hall to help raise all important funds for those suffering in the Ukraine. Children were also invited to come into school wearing 'yellow and blue' representing the Ukrainian Flag. Thank you to our wonderful School Council, Mila, Noah, Lola, Elsie, Finley, Violet, Tallulah, Murray, Finlay and Ellie together with our Head Boy and Girl, Missy and Riley for coming up with these amazing fundraising ideas! We would also like to thank The Falcon Manor at Settle, for liaising with their suppliers who kindly agreed to DONATE bread rolls and bacon. A MASSIVE thank you to The Falcon Manor, together with Rick and Sam from Althams Proper Butchers based in Morecambe for helping support our School Council and children's fund-raising efforts. Thank you also to our wonderful School Cook Lila, for coming in early and preparing delicious butties. I hope that everyone enjoyed their breakfast treat, it was such a success and we raised £232.50 selling the butties and £138.70 dressing up in yellow and blue so a grand total of £371.20, well done everyone for taking part.

Following on from Breakfast, children were invited to take part in an Easter Celebration Lunch! It was lovely to see so many children enjoying a traditional Easter Feast! Once again, thank you to Lila our School Cook and John the Assistant Cook for putting on this amazing spread for children.

This week, children in Classes 2 and 3 enjoyed taking part in some Easter themed crafting activities here at the school. Thank you to Mrs Judith Johnson, the Church Warden at St John's Church, together with church volunteers for visiting school and making this possible.

Unfortunately, I have recently had to write to parents/carers of older children here at the school about social media groups outside of school, including use of Snapchat and WhatsApp. It has come to my attention that some children can access these platforms on their mobile phones. Whilst there are many benefits to social media apps and technology, there are also unfortunately some negative sides that can have detrimental impacts on children. Negative comments, videos and voice recordings can have a really profound effect on how children feel about themselves and others around them.

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It can affect mental health, make individuals feel sad, unloved, insecure and evolve into anxiety and depression. Whilst teaching internet safety is part of our curriculum here at school, I feel that I have to highlight that a number of children are currently talking about not wanting to come to school due to incidents that have been happening on social media sites outside of school. Children have been spoken to about the incidents and asked to reflect on their actions and to think about how they use social media. I am asking parents/carers to keep a watchful eye on what their children are able to access online and on their phone and take into account age restrictions for use on some platforms. I am sure everyone will agree it is so important that children have positive experiences at this stage in their life. Thank you for your support.

Over the Easter Holidays, Coach Gunn will once again be holding Multi Sports Camps and Activity Days here at the school. Session will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions, or would like to join in with these sessions then please contact Coach Mark Gunn directly on 07912 178917. [coachmarkgunn@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarkgunn@gmail.com)

Did know there is information on our website about our school curriculum, what our curriculum drivers are as well as an over-view of what children learn each year. Please visit [www.benthamcpschool.org.uk](http://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk) 'Learning' and look under 'Curriculum'. If you have any difficulty accessing this information, please let the school know we are always happy to help.

If you are thinking of going out over Easter, please find at the end of this letter, details of companies that have various offers on children's meals while you are out and about.

Finally, I hope that the Easter Bunny makes a delivery to everyone over the Easter Holidays! Have a wonderful half-term break, a well earned rest and enjoy some family time and adventures. Remember that school re-opens on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – we look forward to seeing everyone back at school then!

Mrs A McGregor  
Acting Interim Headteacher

## Return of Baby and Toddler Group

We are absolutely delighted to confirm that the Friends

of Bentham School are once again offering a 'Covid secure' Baby and Toddler Group session, every Friday, term-time only in the School Hall. Sessions will not run over the Easter Holidays, with the next session taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. from 9.30am to 11.00am in the School Hall.

## REMINDER:

Year 6 SATS tests will take place during the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Can parents/carers please ensure that children are in school during this week and avoid taking time off. Thank you.

**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.

**Speech and Language** If your child is under the age of six and you have any concerns about their speech and language skills, you can now access telephone consultations with a Speech and Language Therapist. For more information, or to secure an appointment, please see attached leaflet.

## PE Days

Nursery:	Thursday (AM)
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday : PM (including Nursery children who stay for afternoon sessions)
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

**Staff Inset Day**

**Coach Gunn Multi Sports/Activity Day**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**School Re-opens**

Chicken Wrap

Tortilla Chips with Roast Veg and Cheese

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Bentham Community Primary School

Jacket Potato

**Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)**

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Cottage Pie

Quorn and Lentil Cottage Pie

Jacket Potato

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Battered Fish

Cheese, Spinach and Potato Bake

Jacket Potato

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Sausage in a Bun

Vegetarian Sausage in a Bun

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>

[admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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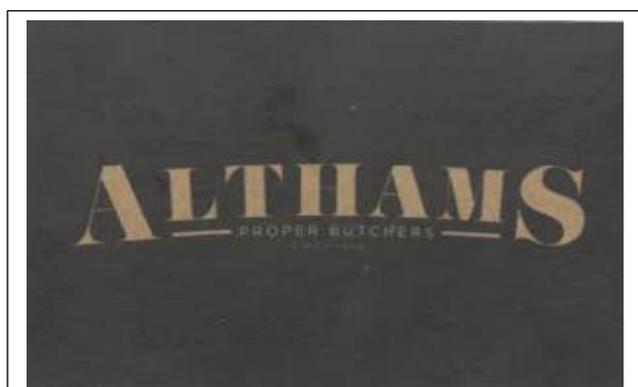
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★ **A New Beginning** ★

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★ **Family Easter Egg Bingo** ★

★ **Friday 8th April** ★

★ **5:30pm – 7pm** ★

★ **Victoria Institute, Low Bentham** ★

★ Pay on the door ★

★ Adults—£5 a book ★

★ Children—£1 a strip ★

★ Refreshments available ★

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★ **A New Beginning** ★

★ **Cream Teas** ★

★ **and Flowers** ★

★ Bentham Parish Church, St Johns ★

★ **Easter Sunday April 17th** ★

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★ **Easter Monday April 18th** ★

★ **2pm-5pm** ★

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## MARKS AND SPENCER

Kids eat free in the M&S Cafe if you spend £5. One free children's meal per transaction. Between 4th April and 22nd April.

## MORRISONS

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide with one paying adult. Plus they have the feed the family for £10 deal running at Easter

## YO! SUSHI

Pick any main, a side of edamame beans and drink and you'll get it free with a £10 adult spend throughout half term.

## ASDA

Kids eat free in Asda's cafes after 3pm Monday - Friday.

## GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

## BELLA ITALIA

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid from 1st April - 24th April 2022

## TABLE TABLE, BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult! It has also been reported that if you sign up to their newsletter they send out a code for kids eat free, but I haven't personally tried this.

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

## DUNELM CAFE-PAUSA

Kids eat FREE when adults spend just £4 or more at Pausa cafes which you will find inside Dunelm stores.

## PRETO

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free when accompanied by a paying adult, all day every day through the Easter holidays from 9am - 12pm.

## FARMHOUSE INNS

From 4th - 22nd April, Monday to Friday, up to two kids per paying adult can eat for just £1 each

## SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY



### Drop In Service



**Our Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Service is still running – just not as usual at the moment**

If your child is UNDER 6 years of age and you have any concerns about their speech and language skills we are able to offer a telephone consultation with a Speech and Language Therapist.

You will be able to discuss your concerns with the Therapist, who can then provide advice to support your child's speech and/or language development.

To arrange an appointment, please telephone our admin team on:

**01535 292821**

Advice and information about how you can support your child's speech and language development can be found on the following links:

 Airedale Speech and Language Therapy

 [www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/services/therapies-and-rehabilitation/speech-and-language-therapy](http://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/services/therapies-and-rehabilitation/speech-and-language-therapy)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people)

