

8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Earlier this week, both myself, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Cadman eagerly awaited this year's KS2 SATs results (potentially alongside staff members of every other Primary School in the United Kingdom). When Mrs Pearson finally managed to access an extremely busy DfE portal, both the children's and staff's hard work and dedication were rewarded. I am absolutely delighted to report that this year's results are AMAZING! Congratulations and well done to everyone. Thank you also to Mrs Harrison, Mrs Cadman, Miss Harrison and Mrs Barlow for supporting children throughout the academic years with their learning. WELL DONE EVERYONE.

Meanwhile, in Class 4, children have been in engaging in a history walk around Bentham. Children were busy looking for evidence of the Industrial Revolution, and how this impacted on Bentham and surrounding hamlets. Whilst visiting our market town, the opportunity was taken to look at old Census records, historical maps and old photographs.

Next week children in years 4 and 5 will be taking part in their three-day, two night residential to Carlton Lodge. Mrs Cryer, Mrs McGregor, Miss Brown, Mrs Harrison and Mr Edmondson will be joining children on their trip and are no doubt very much looking forward to taking part in the exciting activities planned for children, especially the hire wire.....!

On Monday, Class Photographs of children were taken by Tiny Pixels. Photos are now available to purchase, online. Please visit [www.tinypixels.gotphoto.co.uk](http://www.tinypixels.gotphoto.co.uk). Each class has a unique password to access their image. Passwords were e-mailed out earlier in the week. If you have not received this information, then please contact Sally in the School Office.

'Pollination Day' was a great success, with children in Classes 3,4 and 5 taking part in workshops and learning even more about the biology of plants and how pollination is an essential part of plant reproduction. We would like to thank Anthea from the 'National Park's Education Team' and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for providing this wonderful opportunity for children.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July school will be having a Snakes and Ladders Game marked on the school playground.... This

is very exciting! Workers will be on site from early morning so please bear in mind, this will mean reduced car parking capacity at the school.

Mrs Meyerhoff is busy organising a Stay and Play session for parents of children in Nursery, this will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July between 9.00am and 10.00am, more information to follow nearer the time. This week children in Nursery have been getting busy creating their very own number blocks out of recycled cardboard boxes. These artistic creations have then been used by children to support their learning and early exploration of maths!

By way of a reminder, if your child will continue to attend our Nursery provision in September, please ensure that completed Parental Agreements are returned to the school office by no later than 9.00am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

As we approach the last day of term, can I please remind parents/carers that school will CLOSE at 1.30pm. On the last day (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022), children are also invited to take part in a celebration 'Bye Bye BBQ'. On the menu, Beef Burger or Veggie Burger in a Homemade Bun, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Coleslaw and Salad, Chocolate Orange Mousse with Shortbread, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt. Meals are priced at £2.10 per child in Nursery, FREE for all children in Reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.55 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are also free for those children eligible for Free School Meals.

**Again**, can I please remind parents/carers to ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up-to-date. This is particularly important for children in Year 6 who will be leaving us in July.

On the afternoon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, children will be given an opportunity to join their new classes for our 'transition afternoon'. This gives everyone an opportunity to 'get to know each other' and to help reassure those children who are anxious about moving year groups that there is nothing to worry about.

Mr Hogg is busy organising a visit to Williamson's Park and the Butterfly House for children in Class 3. This visit will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and will support children's learning in the classroom, where they have been looking at living things and habitats as part of Science. Can parents/carers of children in Class 3 please ensure that Consent Forms for this visit are returned to the School Office by no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

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School are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this visit. Payment should be made via Parentpay. Whilst no child would be excluded from taking part in the visit due to non-payment, if not enough parents/carers are willing to make a contribution then the visit will, unfortunately, have to be cancelled.

Finally, with a heatwave predicted to reach us over the weekend and into the early part of next week, can I please remind parents/carers about sun safety and to ensure that children come to school with water bottles and sun-hats.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor  
**Headteacher and Co-Headteacher**

## **Breakfast and After School Club : Academic Year 22/23**

As we move towards the end of this academic year, we are already busy planning next academic year! We are asking parents/carers to let Sally in the School Office know what Breakfast and After School Club provision they would like to secure as from September 2022. Please e-mail Sally ([admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)) with details of sessions you would like to book. Thank you.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** Are you missing out? NYCC have recently launched a new and improved Free School Meal Application process. As more and more families face financial hardship as the cost of living increases, it is more essential than ever that every family that is eligible for Free School Meals completes a claim. The application process has now been made even easier, and can be accessed electronically via the Synergy Parent Portal. Following completion of an application, within minutes applicants will receive an instant decision on whether their application has been successful. For more information, please see the information sheet attached to this Newsletter or, alternatively, contact Sally in the School Office.

## **Coach Mark Gunn : Multi Sports and Activity Days**

Can we please remind parents/carers that if they are interested in their children taking part in Coach Mark Gunn's Summer Holiday Activities they need to contact Coach Mark Gunn directly on 07912 178917 or [coachmarkgunn@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarkgunn@gmail.com). These activities are not organised by the school so any questions need to be directed to Coach Mark Gunn. Thank you.

## **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 11<sup>TH</sup> July 2022**

**Yrs 4 and 5 Residential (Carlton Lodge)**

### **QES Induction Morning**

Pasta Bolognaise  
Seasonal Vegetable Bolognaise  
Jacket Potato

### **Tuesday 12th July 2022**

Crunchy Fish Bites  
Macaroni Cheese  
Jacket Potato

### **Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)**

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

### **Wednesday 13th July 2022**

Roast Pork  
Mixed Bean Pitta Pocket  
Jacket Potato

### **1.00pm Science Visit : Year 6**

**Yrs 4 and 5 back from Carlton Lodge**

### **Thursday 14th July 2022**

Chicken Korma  
Vegetable Korma  
Jacket Potato

### **Friday 15th July 2022**

Margherita Pizza  
Roasted Vegetable Pasta  
Jacket Potato

### **Transition Afternoon**

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Primary School

## SEMH Virtual Drop-In for Parents



Do you live in Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough or Craven and have a child or young person who faces barriers or difficulty in school due to social, emotional or mental health (SEMH)?

Visit the SEMH virtual drop-in sessions for an individual conversation, support and information.



### What is the SEMH Virtual Drop-In?

The virtual drop-in service offers individual conversation between parent/carers and SEMH Specialist Practitioners via phone or Microsoft Teams meeting.

### When are the drop-in sessions taking place?

The sessions will be held on:

Monday 01.08.22

Friday 05.08.22

Monday 29.08.22

Tuesday 30.08.22

### Timeslots available:

10.00 - 12.00

13.00 - 15.00

16.00 - 18.00

Contact [laura.henry@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:laura.henry@northyorks.gov.uk) for more information and to book your slot. Appointments will be allocated on a first come basis, until all slots are full.

## Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#) and follow the process outlined below.

If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**  
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**  
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**  
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**  
A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.

If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:  
Phone: 01609 533 405  
Email: [schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk)

