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## Message from Mr Hiley

Despite a rather dismal start to the week, the weather thankfully improved for Thursday meaning that children could take part in Sports Day as originally planned in their bubbles. It was absolutely wonderful to see all children throughout the year groups trying their very best in races and activities. It was also lovely to see children's sporting attitudes as they encouraged friends and fellow team members across finish lines by cheering them on. Hopefully, next year, we will once again be in a position to invite parents and carers into school to join in with Sports Day activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Harvey for organising and planning this year's albeit 'alternative' event! I am sure the children would also like to say a massive thank you for their ice-lollies!

Well done to "Sapphire" who managed to accumulate 341 points over the day and become crowned the victorious House Group for 2020/21!

As some parents may be aware, this term children in Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 have been enjoying weekly gymnastic sessions with 'Georgie'. During lunchbreaks and playtimes children very often showcase some of the new moves and skills that they have learnt – just look at Jasmine, Cheska and Violet!



This week, school have received confirmation from North Yorkshire County Council that they will, once again, be providing some additional support under the Covid Grant Scheme for those parents of children who are either in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium or Free School Meals. During the last week of term, vouchers for the purchase of food and ESSENTIAL household items totalling £75.00 per eligible child will be sent home with children. Please keep a look out for these envelopes

coming home with children. Remember, if your circumstances have recently changed then you might be eligible for some additional support. For more information, or an application for Free School Meals, please speak to Sally in the School Office.

Pupil Progress Reports will be sent home with children on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we hope that parents are proud of their children's efforts over this unprecedented year. We would remind parents to bear in mind that children's education has been significantly disrupted and that reports will accurately reflect the effect this has had on children's progress. As a result of the lockdown, there have been several areas of the foundation curriculum that we have been unable to deliver fully. As a result, we have not assessed the children against national expectations for these foundation subjects. Please be reassured that staff are continuing to work extremely hard supporting learning, identifying gaps in learning and closing any gaps. As is always the case, if you have any concerns, have any questions, or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning further, then please do get in touch with either myself or your child's class teacher. You will also find a comment/feedback form with the report. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in and return it to school by the end of the term.

Finally, while we are all looking forward to the relaxation of Covid rules on 19<sup>th</sup> July, cases are still rising very rapidly in our area. As a result, we have, in consultation with North Yorkshire Education Authority, reviewed our Covid risk assessment for the final weeks of the school term. The last thing we want for any of our children, families or staff is them having to self-isolate or even worse contract Covid as we go into the first few weeks of the summer holiday.

**All our current policies and systems for dealing with Covid will remain in place right up to the end of term. This will apply to our staggered start and end times, mask wearing, internal class bubbles etc and our interactions with parents and visitors. We would continue to ask parents to respect social distancing on the playground and to wear a mask if you wish to talk to a member of staff or come into the school building unless you are medically exempt.**

With the current variant spreading rapidly through our community, can I just once again remind parents that if

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any member of your household displays any one or more of the main Covid symptoms, including symptoms affiliated with the new Delta variant (cold, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, upset tummy, headache) then we would encourage you to secure a PCR test. LFD tests are only recommended for use in routine community testing. PCR tests can be booked via

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

With only a couple of weeks more to go until the end of the Summer Term, Mrs Harvey is busy planning activities for children in Year 6 to enjoy during their final week at primary school – more information has been sent home to parents in a separate letter.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe.

Mr Hiley

Interim Headteacher

**Seaside Lunch** On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July all children who stay at school all day are invited to join in with a 'Seaside Special Lunch'. On the menu will be Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas. There will also be jacket potatoes or a Cheese and Onion Pasty available. Children will then be treated to a Doughnut Muffin or Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered on the day by children during registration. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.10 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, years 1, 2 and/or in receipt of Free School Meals across all year groups and £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Payment should be made via Parentpay.

## Staff Gifts

We have been approached by a number of parents asking about the policy for gift giving at the end of this year as a result of Covid. Our policy this year will remain the same as last because of the reasons outlined above. We would therefore ask that you do not send end of year gifts into school for staff. There is never an expectation of a gift at the end of the year but we do really appreciate the thoughtfulness of children and parents who were hoping to be able to do this.

## Stepping Stones Playgroup

We have been contacted by Ruth Green, who has confirmed that the 'Stepping Stones' playgroup has now re-opened. This lovely group meets every Wednesday, term-time only at Bentham Town Hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. Entry is just £2.00 per family, and includes a snack and drinks for both children and adults.

## Parentpay

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, can we just ask that parents ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up to date. This is especially important for those children in year 6 who will be leaving us in July. Any balances that are in 'CREDIT' at the end of the school year can either be refunded, rolled over, or transferred to another service.

## Lateral Flow Test

Lateral Flow Tests for regular and routine testing are now available to everyone and have proven to help in the fight against Covid. Tests can be ordered at

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

If you are struggling to secure an LFD kit, then please get in touch with the school as we may be able to help.

**Summer Reading Challenge** This year the Summer Reading Challenge will be back in libraries together with rewards and incentives to encourage children to keep reading over the long summer holidays. This year the theme is 'Wild World Heroes'. With the uncertainty surrounding Covid restrictions, online events linked to the Challenge have been planned over the summer months. For more information, please take a look at the Summer Reading Challenge video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sccw12wY5R0>

## Did you know....

Music lessons are once again available for children at school. For more information, please contact the Music Service.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-music-service>  
01609 534795

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A few important pieces of information for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (INCLUDING A MENU AMENDMENT)

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Can parents please note that there will be a change to the advertised menu due to the Fish and Chip Day. Meal choices will be Pasta Bolognese/Quesadilla Wrap or Jacket Potato.

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 2) **NB This will be the last one of the term**

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Fish and Chip Lunch Day (order in class on the day)  
3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 3 of 3).

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Fun Day Friday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Vegetarian Chilli and Rice

Jacket Potato

Rice Pudding with or without Peaches

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**LUNE VALLEY JFC**

**U10s PRE SEASON TRIAL FOR 2021-22 SEASON**

We are looking for year 4 footballers (DoB between 1st Sep '11 - 31st Aug '12) to join our current U9's team moving up to U10's for the 2021-22 season!

Lune Valley are a well established and successful junior football club. We play in the Lancaster and Morcambe Junior League and our home games are at Station Field Caton. We train weekly on Astro and grass. Our FA qualified coaches follow the 'England DNA' to nurture our players and allow them to fulfill their potential.

**Open Training Sessions:**  
Saturday 31st July 10:30 - 12:30 @ Station Field Caton

Mark 07855815450  
Tim 07968104993

## Year 6 Leavers' Party

Henry and Mia's Mum, Lydia has kindly arranged a 'Happy Leavers' Party' for children in years 5 and 6. This will take place on the **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021** from **4.00pm** on **Bentham Playing Fields**. Parents of children in these classes are also very welcome to attend with children. There will be milkshakes and cakes available to purchase, together with a BBQ. Lydia has asked if parents could please let her know as quickly as possible if and who will be joining in with this celebration by contacting her on 07463 133617. Also, if you are free and would like to help Lydia out at the party, any help would be appreciated.

Please note, this is a privately organised event so if you have any questions about it, please direct them to Lydia or contact school where we will be happy to pass your questions on.



## Summer holiday online events

ALL events must be pre-booked via eventbrite

Event	Date	Time
<b>Cosmic Carol presents Volcanos!</b> Join space expert Cosmic Carol for a fun and interactive online event all about volcanos. For children aged 7+	<b>Monday 19th July</b>	4.30pm
<b>Comic Masterclass with Kev F Sutherland</b> Join Kev for a live, fun filled, interactive session. Children will design their own characters, learn useful yet simple drawing techniques and will create their own comic strip. Session suitable for children age 8+	<b>Thursday 29th July</b>	10.30am
<b>Rubbish isn't Rubbish!</b> Find out about recycling and what happens to your rubbish after you put it in the bin. An interactive session with Emilee Knight from Allerton Waste Recovery Park. For children aged 7+.	<b>Tuesday 3rd August</b>	10.30am
<b>Storytelling with John Kirk</b> Let your imagination run wild as you join a virtual storytelling experience like no other. Jam-packed with interactive scavenger hunting fun these sessions are suitable for families with story hunters aged 4+.	<b>Tuesday 10th August</b>	1pm
<b>Naturetown</b> This adventure investigates plastic pollution, deforestation and litter; teaching us about alternatives such as recycling, composting and habitat creations, to reinforce what we can do to protect and care for our animal neighbours. Suitable for children aged 4+	<b>Tuesday 17th August</b>	2pm
<b>North Yorkshire Rotters</b> Find out about composting, recycling, and wormeries so you can be a Wild World Hero in your own backyard! For ages 7 to 11	<b>Thursday 26th August</b>	2pm



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