

9th September 2022

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Welcome back to school from the Summer holidays. We hope that everyone managed to get some well-earned rest, enjoy some family time, and get outside to enjoy the sunshine. I know, personally, it was extremely difficult to drop my little girl off at the childminder as school re-opened its doors after the long holidays, but hopefully old routines will soon be quickly re-established for all of our children and families.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and children who have joined us this academic year, including our very youngest children in Nursery.

Welcome also to new members of staff, Mrs Shaw, Miss Harrison, Miss Phillipson, Mr Edmondson, Mrs Fawcett and Ms Campbell. If you do spot a new face around the school, please do say hello.

Some of you may have noticed that Miss Brown is now Mrs Fox! I am sure everyone will want to join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Fox on their marriage which took place over the Summer holidays.

There is also some exciting news to share about Miss Richardson, who recently gave birth to a baby girl, Molly. Congratulations to Miss Richardson, her partner and big sister Lily.

As I am sure all our parents are more than aware, the school car park can get extremely busy at both the start and the end of the school day. As a school we would once again like to reiterate to parents/carers to park sensibly, drive slowly and to take extra care whilst using the school's car park. In an attempt to try to alleviate the congestion in the car park at the start of the school day, as from Monday 12th September, classroom doors will be opening to children from 8.50am. The school day will continue to start at 9.00am, but children will be welcome to come into school from 8.50am. We are hoping that this will alleviate some of the congestion by staggering the arrival of children at school.

Next week, children in Year 6 are taking part in an educational visit to London, including a visit to the Houses of Parliament. Can I please remind parents to ensure that Consent Forms are completed and returned to school and that payment for this educational visit is made in full via Parentpay. Thank you to Mrs Cadman for leading this trip and to Mrs Shaw, Mrs Barlow and

Mrs Reid for accompanying them.

On Friday 16th September, children in years 1,2 and 3 will be taking part in an exciting Lego Robotics Workshop. Children in Year 1 will get busy building, designing and programming a simple 'spinning machine' while children in years 2 and 3 will be using their imagination, creating and building a fairground. With everyone's budgets getting tighter and tighter, unfortunately school's finances are also in the same position. The cost of providing this wonderful opportunity to children is quite extensive and we are asking that parents/carers consider making a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child, payable via Parentpay, to take part in the day's activities. Whilst no child would be excluded for non-payment we would ask that parents/carers consider the impact non-payment has on our school budget and ability to provide children with extra educational activities in the future.

Earlier this week, I sent home a letter detailing lots of events that have been planned between now and Christmas, ensuring that our doors are once again opened to parents/carers, including Parent Interviews, Coffee and Cake meetings and Samba performances. If you did not receive a copy of this letter, then please contact Sally in the School Office.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those parents/carers who were able to join class teachers in class on Thursday this week and attend our 'Welcome to our Class Meetings'. Parents of children in years 2/3 (Rabbit), Year 4 (Badger) and Year 6 (Owl) all had the opportunity to find out more about what will be happening in their child's class this term. On Wednesday 14th, from 3.30pm to 4.00pm parents/carers of children in years 1/2 (Butterfly) and Year 5 (Fox) are invited to join class teachers at their child's 'Welcome to our Class' meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

Finally, as is always the case, please remember that if you have any concerns, no matter how big or small, or any questions then please do speak to a member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

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Class Emails

Back in March 2020, we created class email addresses to enable teachers and parents to communicate quickly during the various Covid Lockdown periods. I said at the time that these would be temporary and although they have existed for longer than we ever imagined, it is now time to remove these. Please contact school in one of the following ways:

Speaking to a member of staff in the playground

Phoning school and asking to speak to the relevant member of staff (015242 61412)

Emailing the school office who will pass your email on (admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Swimming Lessons

As parents of children in Year 6, our newly established 'Owl' class will be aware, unfortunately swimming lessons have once again had to be postponed. This is due to building works at Settle Swimming Pool not being completed on time. Staff at Settle Pool are apologetic for the inconvenience caused, but are hopeful that the pool will once again be opening its doors by late September. We will keep parents up-dated.

PE Days

Children in Nursery and Reception (Butterfly Class) need to bring their PE kit into school and leave it in the classroom to get changed into when they have PE.

Other classes need to come to school DRESSED in their PE kit on the following days:

Years 1/2 (Hedgehog)	Tuesday/Thursday
Years 2/3 (Rabbit)	Wednesday (Forest School) Thursday (PE)
Year 4 (Badger)	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 5 (Fox)	Monday/Thursday
Year 6 (Owl)	Thursday/Friday

Online Safety

As is always the case, it is imperative that we all work together to keep our children and families safe online. Earlier this week September's Online Safety Newsletter was shared with parents/carers. If you did not receive this information via e-mail please contact Sally in the school office. Alternatively, the newsletter is available on the school's website, together with backdated editions.

Praise Assembly

Following discussions with our School Council, we are pleased to announce that our Praise Assemblies will now be known as 'Celebration Assemblies'.

As from next Friday, we are once again inviting parents/carers to join children at Friday's 'Celebration Assembly' on a house group basis. More details have already been sent out in a letter with the diary dates for this term, but by way of a reminder:

Date	Time	Parent/Carer of children in House
16/09/22	3.00pm	Amber
23/09/22	3.00pm	Emerald (yr 3 not in assembly)
30/09/22	3.00pm	Sapphire (yr 5 not in assembly)
07/10/22	3.00pm	Ruby
14/10/22	3.00pm	Amber
21/10/22	3.00pm	Emerald
04/11/22	3.00pm	Sapphire
11/11/22	3.00pm	Ruby
18/11/22	3.00pm	Amber and Emerald
25/11/22	3.00pm	Sapphire and Ruby

Please join us by entering school at the main entrance.

Settle College

It may well only seem like five minutes since we bid a fond farewell to last year's year 6 children, but Settle College are already planning ahead for next academic year. Parents/carers of children who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2023 are invited to visit Settle College's Open Evening on Thursday 6th October 2022 from 5.30pm. Visits are strictly on an appointment only basis, and more information has been sent home with children in Year 6 this week.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th September 2022

Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Quorn Chilli Pitta
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 13th September 2022

Tortilla Boats
Sweet Potato Curry
Jacket Potato

Wednesday 14th September 2022

Roast Pork
Vegetable Sausage
Jacket Potato

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3.30pm – 4.00pm 'Welcome to our Class' Meeting
(Butterfly/Fox)

Thursday 15th September 2022

Meatballs and Pasta
Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake
Jacket Potato

Friday 16th September 2022

Battered Fish
Vegetable Sausage Roll
Jacket Potato

Year 1 – 3 Lego Robotics Day

3.00pm Celebration Assembly. Parents/carers of children
in Amber.

WEEKLY COURSES



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING DETAILS VISIT

WWW.SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK

GIRLS MONDAYS, SANDYLANDS, SKIPTON

NELSON MONDAYS, MARSDEN HEIGHTS

ILKLEY TUESDAYS, WESTVILLE HOUSE

CROSS HILLS TUESDAYS, SOUTH CRAVEN

BENTHAM WEDNESDAYS, BENTHAM SPORTS FIELD

KEIGHLEY THURSDAYS, MARLEY

SKIPTON FRIDAYS, SANDYLANDS



Bentham Juniors Youth Club



Day - Tuesday
Time - 4pm until 5.30pm
Where - Methodist Church Hall
(Down Station Road)
Age - 8 to 11
Cost - £1

Tuck Shop will open during the session.

We're all excited to welcome everyone back to Youth Club, maybe even some new faces in September! We will now be running from Bentham Methodist Church Hall, using the side entrance.

Bentham Seniors Youth Club



Day - Tuesday
Time - 6pm until 7.30pm
Where - Methodist Church Hall
(Down Station Road)
Age - 11 to 17
Cost - £1

Tuck Shop will open during the session.

We're all excited to welcome everyone back to Youth Club, maybe even some new faces in September! We will now be running from Bentham Methodist Church Hall, using the side entrance.

Bentham Youth Club



Can you spare a few hours a month to help with the running of Youth Club?

Tuesday evenings between 4pm until 5.30pm and 6pm until 7.30pm
Or

Join our committee!

Bentham Youth Club are needing volunteers to help with the running of the club, including club night volunteers and committee members.

Enhanced DBS Checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers!

Bentham Youth Club's Coffee Morning



We would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning!

Saturday 24th September
Bentham Town Hall
10am until 12pm

Coffee Tea Cake Jumble Raffle Kids Crafts

Any donations of jumble, raffle prizes or cakes please drop off at Youth Club or get in touch with one of the volunteers!