

10th Sept 2021

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mr Hiley

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone has managed to be able to make the most of the Summer and whether you have been away, had a staycation or just had the chance to be at home, I hope you managed to have some wonderful time together as a family.

I would also like to offer a very warm welcome to all our new families and children who have joined us this September. We hope that new friendships have already been established. I was very impressed with how smart all the children looked on Tuesday morning in their new uniforms and I was really pleased with the way children came back into school and settled into their new classes so quickly. It was also a real pleasure to be able to lead a whole school assembly in the hall for the first time since I have been at Bentham. Indeed, for the children and staff, it is the first whole school assembly in the Hall for 18 months! While we have enjoyed being able to hold our praise assemblies outside during the summer term, the thought of going back to zoom assemblies as the weather gets colder was not a good one!

Hopefully, all children will have quickly settled back into their school routines following the long Summer Break. Please remember that if you are struggling with any aspect of parenting, or would simply like some additional support then help is available from school. Please speak to either Miss Downham or your child's class teacher.

I am very aware that information about starting back at school this September might have been a little later than usual reaching parents. Whilst I can only apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, I am sure everyone will understand that as a school we were awaiting final confirmations from the DfE and the LA about new policies and procedures that may or may not have had to be put in place due to Covid and current local infection rates etc. Once this information had been received, it then meant that we could pass on relevant details to parents/carers about returning back to school and make important decisions which ultimately help look after everyone's health, safety and wellbeing.

As we outlined before the summer break don't forget that school start (9.00am) and finish (3.30pm). times are now the same for all children, with the exception of Nursery.

At school children are no longer isolated in bubbles and as a result are able to mix outdoors during breaktimes. Bookbags can once again be used for school meaning that books can once again go between home and school. School Uniform should be worn to school, with children in all classes, including Nursery, coming to school on PE days in their PE kits.

Upon arrival at school, children in classes 2,3,4 and 5 will be let into their classrooms via the classroom door facing the playground.

Children arriving for Class 1 and Nursery will be met by a member of staff at the Early Years Gate (EYFS Outdoor Area).

If your child attends our Nursery for morning sessions only, arrangements should be made to collect children from the school's Main Reception area at 12.00 midday. For those Nursery children who will be staying until 3.00pm children should also be collected from the School's main Reception area. Children who will be with us until 3.30pm should be collected from Class 1's door, which leads onto the main playground.

This term, our PE days are, as follows:

Nursery :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

By way of a reminder, children in Class 5 will start their swimming lessons on Monday 13th September. If you have not already done so, can you please ensure that completed Consent Forms are returned to the School Office and payment for lessons has been made via Parentpay. Please also remember to send children to school on Monday with their swimming kits!

Bikeability Training for children in Year 6 will also be taking place on the 22nd and 23rd September. Can parents please ensure that consent forms for this activity are completed and returned to school by Monday 13th September at the very latest. Unfortunately, without consent, children will be unable to take part. If for any reason you are unable to access a suitable bicycle for your child, then please let the school know.

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As we start the new term, and in line with School Policy, can I please remind parents that children cannot swap and change on a daily/weekly basis from school meals to packed lunches. As a school, we do ask that parents/carers commit to ordering school meals on a half-termly basis. Obviously, there are exceptions when a child who usually brings a packed lunch will need to order a meal in an emergency situation, and this can be accommodated. Likewise, if your child would like to try a school meal, or take a meal once per week, then they are welcome to join in with Fun Day Friday which is available EVERY Friday at school. Meals can be ordered during registration. Can I remind parents of children who have now moved into Year 3 that, unless children are entitled to Free School Meals, then meals now have to be paid for via parentpay. Meals are priced at £2.55 per day, per child.

Earlier this week, Mrs Harrison confirmed that school will once again offering children in Reception to Year 6 inclusive an opportunity to once again join an After School Cooking Club. More information about this activity has been sent home via e-mail. Please bear in mind that places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please see attached poster.

We have lots of exciting activities being planned over the coming weeks for children in all classes, including a date for School Photographs – so please keep a watchful eye on the Friday News for more information. As per previous years, future editions of the Friday News will be e-mailed out to parents on Friday afternoons. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, then please let Sally know in the school office. Likewise, if you do not receive a duplicate copy of this Newsletter via your e-mail account, then please contact Sally on 015242 61412 so that the e-mail address held by school can be checked.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, then please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hiley

Interim Headteacher

Lateral Flow Tests

As we are no longer asking whole bubbles of children to isolate if they come into close contact with a positive case, regular testing will become more and more important. 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>.

As we move into the Autumn term and the usual cold season begins to kick in it will become increasingly difficult to distinguish between a cold and the main symptoms of the Covid Delta Variant. The only way to effectively be certain is through testing. Please do not send your child into school if they have cold symptoms without testing. In line with advice from the local authority, it may be necessary to send children home or not accept them into school if they are displaying cold symptoms and have not been tested. With the new approach to isolation this is going to be extremely important to prevent the possibility of an outbreak within school which could then close classes or cause staffing issues. We would really like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support with this.

Wear Pink for Cancer Research UK

It is a very sad thought that, inevitably, Cancer will affect every single one of us in its own unique way during our life-time. Everyone of us will either have to face a personal battle, support a friend, family member, or work colleague through their battle or hear some sad news in passing involving Cancer. Cancer Research UK play a vital role in the fight against ALL cancers. It is their aim to ensure that, in future, 3 out of 4 people diagnosed with cancer SURVIVE. To help Cancer Research UK achieve their goal, it is vital that funding is available to support their research.

To help raise all important funds, I have signed up to take part in the North West Triathlon (Pink Wave) on Sunday 19th September with the aim of raising £500.00 for Cancer Research UK. Whilst I will be totally out of my comfort zone, I am determined to do my very best and complete all three challenges, swim, cycle, run. To help me meet this fundraising target, children are invited to come to school on Friday 17th September wearing something PINK for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 (or more if you feel

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you want to donate). Donations can also be made via my Just Giving page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sallys-giving-page-744>

Who knows, it could be your £1.00 that makes a revolutionary break-through in the fight against Cancer.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

Sally (School Office)

Year 6 – transferring to Secondary School

Whilst children may have only just arrived in Year 6, arrangements now need to be made to secure a place at secondary school for September 2022. Places need to be applied for before by no later than 31st October 2021. Applications can be made online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Further information has also been sent home with year 6 children under separate cover.

Big Green Day : 25th September 2021

We have received information about Bentham's Big Green Day which will be taking place on the 25th September 2021 at The Playing Fields. There will be an opportunity to try out an electric bike, discover species of moths and bats, learn how you can keep warm at the same time as reducing energy bills, wildlife sketching, a Gardener's Question Time and much more. Please see attached poster.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th September 2021

Connie's Chicken Quesadilla

Five Veggie Pasta

Jacket Potato

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Pasta Bolognese

Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake

Jacket Potato

Wednesday 15th September 2021

Sausage Toad in the Hole

Vegetarian Sausage

Jacket Potato

Thursday 16th September 2021

Fish Fingers

Cheese Pastry

Jacket Potato

Friday 17th September 2021

Wear Something Pink : Cancer Research Fundraiser

Fun-Day-Friday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Veggie Fajita

Jacket Potato



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Bentham Community Primary School

After School Club
Cooking Club

Thursday, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Just £3 per session!
(For year groups Reception to Y6)

Children will come home with either food prepared and ready to eat or prepared and ready to cook at home.
New recipes to try this year!

Children must be booked on for a 3 week block of sessions;
1st block: 16th, 23rd and 30th September
2nd block: 7th, 14th and 21st October.

To book, please contact Sally in the Office.
Pre booking is essential, limited places only, first come first served. Don't miss out!

Families and young people Wellbeing Event!
13th September

1-3PM PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Come along, meet others and get involved
We'll be providing a BBQ, arts activities, workshops, hot drinks and information events.

Featuring: Craven Youth Council, SELFA, WACA, GR8 Minds, Settle Community Library, North Yorkshire Youth, NY Voice.

3:30 - 5:30 YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENS

more info: louise@theplaceinsettle.org.uk

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