

11th March 2022

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs McGregor

Yesterday I had to make the decision to partially close the school due to the increasing number of Covid cases amongst both children and staff. This decision was not taken lightly and I would once again like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to parents/carers. I know that it is extremely hard to balance childcare and work.

Unfortunately, the number of staff testing positive resulted in it being logistically impossible to maintain a fully operational school. With this in mind, and to avoid prolonging a continual cycle of increasing positive cases, I would once again like to encourage parents/carers to continue to regularly LFD test children and other family members if they are showing any signs of Covid, this includes coughs, colds, runny noses, sore throats, temperatures, sickness and diarrhoea. Please consider not sending children into school when they are poorly – there have been instances where children and staff have tested negative for Covid first thing in the morning, only to test positive later in the day. I am hoping these class closures act as a circuit breaker.

I would like to wish all those currently poorly with Covid a speedy recovery.

I am hoping to be in a position to up-date parents/carers by 3.00pm on Monday with information about the wider re-opening of the school. Whilst this may not be ideal for the purposes of making childcare arrangements, I would ask that parents/carers are patient with the school at this challenging time, as I am sure everyone will understand, it is very difficult to predict the ever changing infection rates at the school.

Again, with sincere apologies for any disappointment, a decision has been made to withdraw our football teams from the tournament that was taking place at Ingleton Primary School on Tuesday 15th March 2022. Just when we thought a little bit of normality was returning, it appears this is not now the case! Both myself and Mr Hogg are sure there will be plenty of further opportunities for children to take part in inter-school sporting events in the near future.

Following on from last week's Friday News, we do still have a small number of Red Noses available to purchase from the school office. Noses are priced at £1.50 each. To help raise even more funds for 'Comic Relief', this year on Friday 18th March 2022 (non-uniform day) we

are inviting children to come into school dressed as their favourite 'Super Hero' in return for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. This can be one of the more popular figures, an imaginary 'Super Hero' or someone that their child aspires to be like, e.g. a fireman, NHS worker, or, perhaps even a member of school staff.

Hopefully, next week, we will be sending a letter home about this year's Parent Interviews. We are still planning for these to take place face-to-face. Parent Interviews will be taking place on the evenings of Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March. There will also be telephone appointments available or those parents/carers who are unable to come into school.

Coach Mark Gunn has forwarded to school some information about the Bentham Easter Holidays 2022 Multi-Sports Camps and Activity Days which will be taking place on Tuesday 12th and Monday 25th April 2022. For more information, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Later today, I will be sending home information to parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6 about the National Child Measurement Programme. There is an option to 'Opt Out' of this programme by contacting hdfn.nyorksdtton@nhs.net.

I will also be sharing some 'Key Messages' with all parents/carers that have been sent to school by North Yorkshire and York Children and Young People's Bowl and Bladder Service for circulation and reference.

I would like to thank PCSO Ruth Pearson and her team, who came into school on Wednesday this week and worked with children in Year 6 discussing the 'No More Knives or County Lines' campaign.

Finally, as per last week's Friday News, we do currently have TWO Parent Governor vacancies available on our Board of Governors. Whilst being a governor requires both hard work and dedication, it is also a rewarding role. If you are interested in becoming a Governor then please contact Sally in the School Office for a Nomination Paper. Nominations close at 9.00am on Monday 21st March 2022.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Alison McGregor
Acting Interim Headteacher

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Vacancies at Bentham C P School

We currently have a vacancy for an enthusiastic, friendly and approachable **Midday Supervisor**. This post is for FIVE hours per week, term-time only. We also have a vacancy and opportunity for an **EYFS Teacher (Nursery)** and a **General Teaching Assistant**. For more information about these exciting vacancies please visit : <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

Copy job adverts, Job Descriptions and Application Forms are also available by request from Sally in the School Office.

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. With sincere apologies for having to cancel today's session at short notice, we are hopeful that next week's session on Friday 18th March will go ahead from 9.30am to 11.00am in the School Hall.

FOBS Please remember there will be a Friends of Bentham School AGM in the Music Room on Tuesday 15th March at 3.30pm. This friendly group are looking for new members and volunteers. Please do go along, join in, show your support and share some amazing fundraising ideas.

PE Days

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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th March 2022

Sweet Lentil Curry
Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Chicken and Pasta Bake

Vegetable Hot Pot

Jacket Potato

Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)

3.30pm FOBS AGM in the Music Room (all welcome)

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Minced Beef and Yorkshire Puddings
Vegetable Casserole and Yorkshire Puddings
Jacket Potato

Thursday 17th March 2022

Fish Fingers
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

Friday 18th March 2022

RED NOSE DAY

Sausage and Mash
Veggie Sausage and Mash
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>

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Bentham Easter Holidays 2022 Multi Sports Camps & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

Tuesday 12th April 2022 & Monday 25th April 2022 @ Bentham Community Primary School (LA2 7BP)

Timings, Ages & Cost...

9am-4pm
FREE 8am-5pm
extended hours
Reception to Y7
Boys & Girls
Ages 4-12
FULL DAY @ *£20
HALF DAY @ *£12



Sports & activities include...

Multi Sports
FUN GAMES
NERF & Archery
Obstacle Courses
Inflatables
Computers
Lego & Let's Craft
...plus lots more
FUN & creative
games

JOIN THE TEAM... Young Aspiring Sports Leaders (ages 13-17) & Junior Coaches placements available

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of Bentham Community Primary School's fantastic indoor & outdoor spaces encouraging ALL attending children to have **#FUNwithFriendsAtCamp**

***Thanks to the support from North Yorkshire Together there are 25 x FREE places per day including a FREE packed lunch for children who receive benefits-related free school meals!**
It's absolutely free and to book on your child you will need your child's unique FEAST code from North Yorkshire Together <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

For further information or to make a booking please contact Coach Gunn at coachmarkgunn@gmail.com

'Coach Gunn Basketball'



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