

14th January 2022

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Earlier this week Pupil Progress reports were sent home with children. As a school we are extremely proud of our children and how hard they have worked to catch up with learning whilst also having to adapt to ever changing Covid restrictions. As parents, we would encourage celebrating these successes with children. As is usually the case, if you have any questions, or any concerns, no matter how big or small, then please either contact your child's class teacher or myself.

This term, on Tuesdays, Coach Gunn will be continuing to support staff with PE lessons so that teaching staff can focus on 'catch-up' with small groups of children.

Earlier this week children in Class 2 all thoroughly enjoyed their PE session, which was based on Basketball activities, tailored to the age group of children. Later in the day a number of children once again took part in Coach Gunn's popular After School Basketball Club.

Meanwhile, children in Nursery and Class 1 have all been busy learning about Castles, including who they might find living inside a castle! Learning has involved lots of hands-on crafting, drawing and role play. We certainly have a lot of Knights in Shining Armour, Princes and Princesses in Early Years.

In class 3 children have been busy learning about the story Rama and Sita as part of Religious Education. To add some drama to Children's learning, Class 3 were later split into groups to re-create a dramatical re-enactment of the story.

Class 4 have been learning all about Maya Angelou. Some of you might know that Maya Angelou was a Human Rights Activist, writer and actress. The children have been investigating her life, together with reading then performing her poetry. Why not ask your children some more about Maya's fascinating life.

This week I asked children in Class 5 what they had been learning, I have it first-hand that they all enjoyed Basketball in PE, some of them have enjoyed English, and some enjoyed finding the area of shapes (but not all)! This week, Mrs Cadman has sent information home to parents of children in Year 6 about 'Maths Drop-In' sessions; these sessions are aimed at working with children to build their confidence with Maths arithmetic

skills. Sessions will run on Wednesdays from 8.30am to 9.00am and Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4.15pm for the remainder of the first half of this Spring Term. If you would like your child to take part in these Maths Drop-In Sessions, please remember to complete and return the reply slip on the letter to Mrs Cadman as quickly as possible.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January, school will be celebrating 153 years of Heinz! All children in all classes are invited to join in this celebration lunch. Please note this will mean that there will be a Menu change. Please see 'Dates for your Diary'.

Earlier in the week our final group of aspiring cooks started sessions at our very popular After School Cookery Club. There will be two more sessions this term on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Thank you to Mrs Reid and Mrs Askew for running this very popular after school activity.

Finally, please remember if your child is in Nursery and due to start full-time school in September 2022 (Reception), then you need to apply for a school place by no later than **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Please remember that even if you have a sibling that already attends school or if you live 'in catchment' you still need to apply for a place. For more information please contact NYCC Admissions on 01609 533679 or visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Have a lovely weekend – do not forget to go along to the 'Welcome to Bentham' event if you would like to find out more about what's going on in Bentham! (See attached poster).

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

## Covid : Testing and Guidance

Don't forget if your child shows any one or more symptoms of Covid (headache, sickness, sore throat, fatigue, cold-like symptoms) then please keep your child at home and follow isolation rules. Please ensure that a lateral flow test is undertaken. Confirmatory PCR tests are no longer necessary. If a lateral flow test result is positive, your child will need to remain at home for at least **FIVE** days. On day 5 and day 6 following a positive test, further lateral flow tests should be undertaken

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(these tests should be taken 24 hours apart). If results from these TWO tests are negative then and only then can your child return to school. If the test is still showing as a positive then your child should continue to fulfil ten days of isolation. Useful information about carrying out routine tests on children can be found at :  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

## Heinz Day Menu – Celebrating 153 years!

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having a celebratory Heinz Day Menu! All children in all classes are invited to take part. Meals can be ordered in the morning during registration. This menu will replace those choices previously advertised (battered fish/roast vegetable roll).  
Sausage and Bean Casserole with Dumplings  
Cheesy Bean Parcel (v)  
Potato Wedges  
Broccoli/Sweetcorn

Jam Sponge and Custard  
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Meals are FREE of charge for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. £2.55 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 and £2.10 per meal for children in Nursery. Meals are also FREE of charge for those children in receipt of Free School Meals. Payment should be made via Parentpay.

## Car Parking

Can we remind parents about using the school's car park safely. Please do not double park, block other cars in, park in the gateway or abandon vehicles. Perhaps consider walking to school, or alternatively, if distance is the issue, driving only part of the journey to school, parking up in a safe and legal place and walking the remainder of the journey to school. Likewise, please do not block driveways or highways, please consider that these actions might have a significant impact should an emergency vehicle need access.

## 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. The next session will be on Friday 21st January 2022 from 9.30am until 11.00am. If you have a pre-school aged child, then please do pop along to this friendly informal group – we look forward to seeing you!

**Christmas Jumper Day** Thank you to everyone who supported fundraising efforts on last years Christmas Jumper Day. Mrs Nelson managed to raise an amazing £100.65 which will be donated to a mental health charity.

## 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 17th January 2022

Chicken Korma  
Vegetable Korma  
Jacket Potato

### Tuesday 18th January 2022

Macaroni Cheese  
Sweet and Sour Vegetables  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club

### Wednesday 19th January 2022

Roast Chicken  
Cheese and Tomato Pasta  
Jacket Potato

8.30am- 9.00am Maths Drop In (Year 6)

### Thursday 20th January 2022

Nacho Beef Bake  
Vegetable and Bean Chilli  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.30pm Cookery Club 1 of 3

3.30pm – 4.15pm Maths Drop In (Year 6)

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## Friday 21st January 2022 MENU CHANGE

Sausage and Beanz Casserole with Dumplings

Cheesy Beanz Parcel

Jacket Potato

9.30am – 11.00am Baby and Toddler Group in the  
School Hall

## Welcome to Bentham



*Prize winning photo of Big Stone thanks to Dominic Blake*

Come along to find out what's  
going on in Bentham.

Music, refreshments and children's activities

30+ Bentham groups will be there to show  
you what's on offer for all ages.

**Free entrance and refreshments**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Bentham Town Hall

10am to 12 midday

Brought to you by *Bentham Moving Forward*  
benthammovingforward@gmail.com

## HOME START | SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE

TENNIS & MULTI SPORTS | 3-5 YRS

**FREE**

### TENNIS MULTI-SPORT FAMILY-FUN

<b>Option 1</b> Sunday mornings 9.00 - 9.45am	<b>Option 2</b> Sunday mornings 9.45 - 10.30am	<b>Option 3</b> Thursday mornings 10.00am
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**FUN** Play tennis & multi sport activities as a family to encourage healthy lifestyles  
**LEARN** New skills and games  
**WHEN?** Sessions start Sun 9<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**WHERE?** Indoors in Sandylands Sports Hall, Skipton

**Open to all families in Craven | Take home equipment to play at home**  
Each child must be 3-5 years old and have a parent, adult or teenage family member joining in. It is **FREE** to attend but you must commit to 6 sessions.

Call, Text or WhatsApp HomeStart Craven on **07585 232014** to book a place

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