

14th May 2021

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families

Unfortunately, the planned construction of the new footpath around the circumference of the school field was delayed. Plans are now in place for construction works to take place during the half term holidays, meaning children will return to school able to enjoy this new addition to our outdoor provision before school closes for the Summer Holidays.

I would just like to say a massive THANK YOU to Mrs Harrison for recently organising Number Day, a fundraising event for the NSPCC. THANK YOU also to all those parents/carers who helped raise funds for the NSPCC. It was lovely to see so many children coming to school incorporating 'numbers' into what they were wearing and actively engaging in mathematical based activities.

This week, as widely publicised in the press, was Mental Health Awareness Week. Children at school have all been engaging in activities looking at mental health and encouraged to 'connect with nature'. Mental Health has never been more at the forefront, with many people being impacted due to Covid. Here at school, we like to think that children can express any concerns or worries that they might have and that appropriate support can be put in place. For more information about mental health, and some top tips on how to help your mental health, please visit : <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

As I am sure most parents will be aware the school does have a Facebook Page, which regularly shares news and activities that have taken place here at the school. Whilst Facebook is a wonderful medium for sharing, can I please ask that parents/carers do not message members of staff via messenger with school related comments and/or questions. As a parent, if you do want to contact the school, the please either contact the school office and request a phone call or use the class e-mail addresses, by way of a reminder :

[Nursery@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:Nursery@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
[class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
[class2@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class2@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
[class3@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class3@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
[class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
[class5@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class5@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Please remember that if you want to report any covid related issues, either in the evening or over the weekend period then please use the following e-mail : [parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk). Again, remember if any member of your household displays any one of the symptoms of Covid, then please do not send children to school and self-isolate until a Negative PCR Test is received.

As I am sure everyone will appreciate, Covid is still very much a threat. With this in mind, can I please once again **encourage parents/carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from the school.** Thank you.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May children in Class 5 will be taking part in a visit to Keasden Head Farm supporting their learning about plants. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in some hands-on study. Thank you to The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for funding this visit in full. Can parents please ensure that on the day of the visit children come to school ready for their exciting day out – please remember packed lunches, water bottles and face coverings.

Finally, I am pleased to be able to confirm that North Yorkshire County Council have recently announced that they will, once again, under the Covid Local Support Grant, be providing those families of children in receipt of Free School Meals with £15.00 of food vouchers, per child, to help with the cost of purchasing ESSENTIAL household items and FOOD over the summer half-term holidays. Vouchers will be sent home with children during the week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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Have a lovely weekend, stay safe.

Mr Hiley - Headteacher.

**NSPCC Number Day** After a grand count up, Mrs Harrison has confirmed that school managed to raise an amazing £172.31 for the NSPCC – thank you to everyone for their kindness and generosity. The winner of ‘Guess the Smallest Number’ will be announced in assembly later today (14/05/2021). The lucky winner will be taking home £64.00 in winnings! Once again, thank you to everyone who took part in this year’s Number Day activities, which also helped support Maths at school.

**Forest School** Children in Class 2 will once again have the opportunity to join in with Forest School activities on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Can parents of children in Class 2 please ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing for the weather, including wellies!

**Family Support Worker** Unfortunately, Miss Downham will not be in school on Monday or Tuesday next week, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you do need to speak to someone urgently about any concerns you may have, then please do not hesitate to contact the school, or your child’s class teacher. Likewise, Sally in the School Office will not be in school on Monday morning – if you need to communicate with Sally she can be contacted via [admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk).

**Design a Stamp for Royal Mail** All children across school from Class 1 to Class 5 have been busy designing stamps for the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition. Children’s design entries will be sent off at the end of next week on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. **Can parents/carers please read information about the competition as outlined in the letter attached to this Friday News.** Information can also be accessed via the following link: <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/> - If you would like a paper copy of the letter, please contact Sally in the School Office. After reading the letter, you DO NOT wish your child’s entry to be submitted, then

please let Mrs Chapman know **ASAP, and by no later than Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**School Dinners** Can we please remind parents/carers that, unfortunately, children **cannot change between taking a school meal and bringing a packed lunch** to school on a daily basis. As a school, we do ask that parents/carers commit to ordering school meals on a half-termly basis. Naturally, 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. On the menu next week, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Sausage and Mash, Vegetarian Sausage or Jacket Potato and, for dessert, Apple Crumble with Ice-cream, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit. By way of a reminder school meals are priced at £2.10 per day for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and £2.55 per day for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. If your circumstances have recently changed, please remember that you might be eligible for Free School Meals or some pupil premium funding. Children in ALL year groups are eligible to apply. For more information, please contact Sally in the School Office.

**Lateral Flow Tests** 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.

**Reminder** With the weather proving to be what can only be described as ‘unpredictable’ at this moment in time, can I please remind parents/carers to ensure that children come to school with appropriate clothing for the day, e.g. waterproof coat, hats, sunhats etc. Thank you.

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***A few important pieces of information for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021***

**PE**

Nursery – Tuesday

Class 1 – Friday

Class 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Class 3 – Monday and Tuesday

Class 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Monday 17th May 2021

Miss Downham not at School

9.00am to 3.30pm Class 5 at Keasden Head Farm

Tuesday 18th May 2021

Miss Downham not at school

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 5)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

Thursday 20th May 2021

3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 2 of 3). Pre-booked children.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Deadline for ordering Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Half-term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Soccer Hub**

Soccer Hub will be running a Spring Bank Holiday Camp on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Bentham Sports Field. The cost of the camp is £80 per child for four days (£65.00 for second and subsequent siblings/friends). Places are limited. For more information, please contact Jordan

Armstrong, Course Co-ordinator on 07702 497273  
or e-mail [soccerhublynsey@gmail.com](mailto:soccerhublynsey@gmail.com).  
([www.soccerhub.org.uk](http://www.soccerhub.org.uk)).