

16th June 2023

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

This week has brought with it absolutely glorious weather, and continuous sunshine. Unfortunately, it has also brought a very hot school building!

Can we once again encourage parents/carers to ensure that children come to school with a water bottle, sun-hat and have applied long-lasting high factor sunscreen before coming to school. Thank you.

Later today, the Friends of Bentham School will be hosting this year's Summer Fair. On behalf of the school a MASSIVE thank you to our FOBS for all their hard work in organising this fund-raising event. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the Fair, including children and members of staff. The Fair will be running from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

On Tuesday, a group of children from years 3,4, 5 and 6 represented the school at a Swimming Gala held at Settle Swimming Pool. Unfortunately, not all children who expressed an interest in representing our school were able to take part as places were limited. Those children whose names were not 'picked out of the hat' will be encouraged to put themselves forward the next time a Swimming Gala is hosted by Settle Pool. At the event, our children were excellent ambassadors for our school, everyone tried their very best and we should all be proud of our competitors. As a school we came overall 2nd in the Gala – WELL DONE to everyone who took part.

Despite the hot weather, learning continued across school. This week our youngest children in Ladybird were busy being Pirates. Our little pirates wrote messages in bottles, took part in a treasure hunt, and even walked the plank (no children were harmed in any of these activities!). As a special treat, and out of the monies raised from the sale of Ladybird's home-grown Potato Crop, children were treated to Strawberries and Ice-Cream!

Meanwhile, next door in Butterfly Class, children have paddled in water whilst imagining being at the beach; they have also painted some wonderful beach pictures, looked at 'The Rainbow Fish' book, and practiced getting 'speedy' ready for Sports Day (but don't tell the other classes!).

In Hedgehog Class children have been busy learning about plants, and looking at what parts of some plants can be eaten.

Children in Rabbit Class have been busy learning all about the River Thames; they have also got creative in DT and been busy making their very own puppets.

In Badger Class, Science lessons have got practical! Children have been modelling and learning all about the 'digestive' system..... rumour has it that a pair of winter tights, a packet of digestives and a litre of orange juice all came in useful!

Moving up the school, children in Fox Class have been very busy practising in a very warm school hall for the end of year production. On Thursday, a 'Humanist Speaker' was invited into class to talk about Humanism. Children also took part in a workshop.

Finally, in Owl Class.... Just like the recent weather, the children's Enterprise Challenge 'competition' has been warming up..... This week children have been busy selling items from their 'enterprise challenge' to raise funds for some additional activities whilst on their residential visit to Keswick. Thank you to everyone for supporting children..... the biggest 'cash generating' scheme will be announced early next week! Learning has also taken an RE Focus with our oldest children also joining in with the Humanism talk and workshop.

We have received a couple of e-mails from parents/carers about some confusion with the FEAST programme's e-vouchers. Unfortunately, school cannot answer any queries about the e-vouchers issued or booking process. Queries should be directed to the HolidayActivities Helpline : 024 771 80823. Thank you. Alternatively, you can e-mail FEAST at hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

This week, the Spar in Bentham have dropped off some information about a Summer Ice-Lolly competition! Children are invited to design an ice-lolly to be in with a chance to WIN an ice-lolly for themselves and their entire class! Entries are £1 each, with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie. To be in with a chance of winning entries need to be handed into the Spar in Bentham by **Saturday 1st July 2023**. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 4th July. There

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will be one winner per age category (3-5, 6-8 and 9-11). Template outlines for the Ice-lollies are available from the School Office. Please remember to write children's names, age, school and class on the back of any entries.... Good Luck!

Unfortunately, this week it has once again been brought to our attention about dangerous parking both in and around the school grounds. This week witnesses have reported that parents with pushchairs, and children have had to step out into the road to navigate around cars that have been illegally parked on the school crossing. This is ENDANGERING people's lives and we would encourage parents/carers to think before they park. Likewise, in the school car park, please drive slowly and carefully, please do not block entrance ways – can we all work together to help keep each other safe? Thank you.

Next week the School Photographer (Tiny Pixels) will be on site during the morning of Tuesday 20th June. The photographer will be taking 'group' not individual photos. Links to purchase the photos will be sent home with children later in the week.

Weather permitting, our annual Sports Day will be taking place during the afternoon of the 21st June. Parents/carers are invited to come along and support children on the School Field from 1.30pm onwards. We would ask that parents/carers bring their own chairs/blankets if they are wishing to sit down as school only have a limited supply – if the weather continues as it is, it might also be an idea to bring some refreshments, sun-cream and a sun-hat! Once Sports Day activities have finished children will return to their classrooms. Parents/carers are welcome to taken children home early, but, in the interest of children's safety, children must be collected from classrooms and not taken directly from the field. We hope everyone understands.

On Friday 23rd June we will be supporting 'Be Bright, Be Brave, Be SELFA'. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a voluntary donation of £1. Any money raised will go to SELFA, helping the Charity support more young children and young people. For more information about SELFA and the work that this wonderful local charity are involved in, please contact nicole.morgan@selfa.org.uk.

Finally, as we head towards the end of the academic year, if parents/carers have any of the following that have been grown out of, or are no longer required, school would very much appreciate them being donated!

White Tops
Tights/Socks
Leggings/Shorts
Underwear (knickers and underpants)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are currently looking at our wraparound arrangements for September and would appreciate it if you could complete this survey by Friday 7th July 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MYwZV93Kuz>

Attendance Reward

Winner of this week's Attendance Reward : Rabbit
This means a non-uniform day for children in RABBIT on Monday 19th June 2023.

Celebration Assembly

Apologies for having to cancel today's Celebration Assembly at short notice. This will now take place at 9.00am on Monday 19th June. Parents/Carers of children in Amber/Emerald are welcome to join us.

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Your dog and your new baby

If you've a baby on the way, now's the time to start preparing your dog. Gradually introduce changes in your home and routines, using rewards your dog enjoys, to help them cope well with the new arrival.

Things to start early

- Think about how your walking times or routes might differ and start to introduce changes
- Get your dog used to being by themselves in another room, either with the door closed or with a safety gate
- You could make them their own quiet space away from the main living room.

When you have baby things

- If you've been given or bought any baby things, set them up as soon as you have them so your dog can sniff and get used to them
- If you have a pram, you could practice with your dog walking alongside it
- Try using a doll as a pretend baby. Praise your dog or give treats when they keep their paws on the ground around the doll
- If you have a phone to play baby sounds on, this can help your dog get used to new noises

Baby's arrival

- Ask a family member to walk the dog before you bring the baby home, so they're relaxed
- Say hello to your dog first. Then introduce the baby in a quiet room
- Give your dog lots of treats for good behaviour.

At home with your baby

- Always stay with your baby when your dog is there
- Avoid putting your baby down on the floor or in a Moses basket on the floor
- If you have a crib downstairs, use a safety gate or keep it where your dog won't be able to knock it over

Still worried?

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the [Animal Behaviour and Training Council](#) website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th June 2023

Battered Fish and Chips
Loaded Potato Skins
Jacket Potato

1.30pm Library Visit (Fox Class)

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Beef Enchiladas
Summer Vegetable Spaghetti
Jacket Potato

AM CLASS PHOTOS

Wednesday 21st June 2023

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding
Country Vegetable Bake
Jacket Potato

1.15pm Sports Day

2.15pm SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Group

Thursday 22nd June 2023

Pork Meatballs and Pasta
Vegetable Risotto
Jacket Potato

PM : Tennis (Rabbit/Badger)

6.00pm QES Welcome Evening (Contact QES directly for more information)

Friday 23rd June 2023

Pizza
Greek Pitta Pocket
Jacket Potato

Be Bright, Be Brave, Be SELFA

1.00pm Badger Class Swimming Lesson

Future Dates for your Diary

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 19th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Fox Class

Class Photos

Tuesday 20th June 2023 (AM)

SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Class

Wednesday 21st June 2023 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2023 from 1.30pm (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

QES Welcome Evening for Parents and Pupils

Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 6.00pm

Be Brave, Be Bright!

Friday 23rd June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

Hedgehog Class visiting Carnforth Station

Monday 26th June 2023

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Year 6 Residential Visit to Keswick

Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2023 Inclusive

SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Class

Wednesday 28th June 2023 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Visit to Brockhole on Windermere

Friday 30th June 2023 : All Day. Children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Class.

Reserve Sports Day

Monday 3rd July 2023

Induction Morning for Year 7 Pupils (QES)

Monday 3rd July 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 1.30pm : Hedgehog Class

Visit to Bentham Library

Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 1.30pm : Rabbit Class

SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Class

Wednesday 5th July 2023 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Year 6 Transfer Evening at Settle College

Tuesday 4th July 2023 : TBC

Year 6 Transfer Day at Settle College

Wednesday 5th July 2023 : TBC

Governors' Meeting

Thursday 6th July 2023 at 5.00pm

End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal

Monday 10th July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Class

Wednesday 12th July 2023 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

End of Year Production Performances

PM and Evening

Wednesday 12th July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers

Friday 14th July 2023

SELFA Parent Wellbeing Support Class

Wednesday 19th July 2023 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2023

PLEASE NOTE THE FOBS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

9:15am – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly

Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm) with the EXCEPTION of Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly or where otherwise stated.

Date	Parents/families of children in below House Groups invited
09/06/2023 23/06/2023	Ruby/Sapphire
16/06/2023 (9.00am) 30/06/2023	Amber/Emerald

PE Days

Ladybird	Monday (PM) Friday (AM) Forest School
Butterfly	Thursday (AM)
Hedgehog	Tuesday (PM) Thursday (PM)
Rabbit	Monday (PM) Thursday (PM) Tennis
Badger	Thursday (PM) Tennis Friday (PM) Swimming
Fox	Wednesday (PM) Friday (PM)
Owl	Tuesday (PM) Wednesday (PM)

Bentham Pantry

Feeling the pinch? Join ‘The Pantry’

Open Wednesdays 11.00am to 12.00 noon and 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Bentham Methodist Church, Station Road.

A donation of £1.00 would be appreciated.

Contact 07942 364606

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