

17th Sept 2021

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mr Hiley

Firstly, I would like to share some very sad news, Mrs Horton, who has been at the school for many years, will be retiring at the end of October. Mrs Horton will be greatly missed by children, staff and I am sure parents and the wider community. We would like to wish Mrs Horton the very best for her retirement.

This week, Miss Downham has been busy sorting out our new School Council for the academic year, together with working alongside teaching staff to identify our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2021/22. Appointments will be announced in this week's Praise Assembly – look out for children leaving school on Friday with their School Council badges!

As was the case last term, our After School Cooking Club once again proved very popular with children and parents with places filling extremely quickly. With apologies for any disappointment caused to those children who did not manage to secure a place, but please be reassured that we will be looking at providing more activities at an After School Club throughout the year.

One such after school activity will be Basketball After School Club, with 25 places being available for children in Key Stage 2 to join Coach Gunn after school on a Tuesday evening. More information about how to secure a place will be sent to parents under separate cover.

Meanwhile, children in Year 2 will also get an opportunity to join Coach Gunn and will be invited to take part in a Basketball Lunchtime Club.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents who are swapping and changing between their child taking a school meal and bringing a packed lunch to school. Please, in line with school policy, can parents either commit to ordering a school meal on a half termly basis, or provide their child with packed lunches.

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. If for any reason there is a day when your child cannot have a school lunch because of an allergy or intolerance, then please get in touch with the school so that the Catering Team can look at providing an alternative choice.

Earlier this week, information was sent home to all parents about this year's Influenza vaccination which is being offered FREE OF CHARGE to all children in Reception to Year 11 inclusive. The vaccination team is scheduled to visit school on the 7th October 2021. Please remember, if you want any advice about this vaccination then you need to contact the School Immunisation Team on 01423 553115. To consent to your child receiving the vaccination, please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>.

If you are unable to access the internet, then please, again, contact the School Immunisation Team directly. When booking online schools identification number is 121380.

Recently, there has been quite a lot of activity on Facebook, mostly about issues or concerns parents might have about the school. Can I please once again remind parents, that if you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of school, no matter how big or small, then please either contact your child's class teacher or myself. Unfortunately, if, as a school, we are unaware of any issues then they cannot be resolved. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

PE Days

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

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Bikeability

There are still a number of Consent Forms that have not been returned to the School Office. Without signed Consent children in Year 6 will not be able to join in with Bikeability Training on the 22nd and 23rd September. Again, can I remind parents that if they are unable to access a suitable bicycle for this activity then please let the school know ASAP.

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.

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.

QES Open Evenings

There will be a further Open Evening for children who are currently in Year 6 on Wednesday 22nd September. For more information, please visit <https://qes.org.uk/year-7/>. Alternatively contact QES directly on 015242 71275.

Settle College Open Evening

Information has been sent home with children in Year 6 about Settle College's Open Evening which will be taking place on Thursday 30th September. The event will be on an appointment only basis, and parents will need to book online at www.settlecollege.n-yorks.sch.uk. Alternatively, contact Settle College on 01729 822451.

Vacancies at Bentham Community Primary School

Would you like the opportunity to join our friendly team of staff here at Bentham Community Primary School? We currently have vacancies for a GTA (General Teaching Assistant) and MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant). Details about both vacancies can be found at :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

Alternatively, contact Sally in the School Office for more information.

Poetry Day

On the 7th October, school will be celebrating National Poetry Day by offering ALL children in ALL classes the opportunity to join in with a special lunch! On the menu
[Margherita Pizza](#)
[Potato Smiles](#)
[Jacket Potato](#)
[Peas and Baked Beans](#)
[For dessert, Upside Down Apple Slice and Ice-Cream.](#)

There is no need to pre-order, children can order on the day during registration. By way of a reminder, meals are FREE of charge to ALL children in Reception, years 1 and 2. £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 and £2.10 for children in Nursery. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals there will be no charge.

THANK YOU Sally in the School Office would like to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who has supported her fundraising efforts for Cancer Research UK. Donations at school reached an astounding £181.40 making the grand total raised by Sally for Cancer Research at the time of writing £1,005.40. **THANK YOU.**

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Sally's Just Giving Page is still live and if you feel you would like to make a further donation, please visit :
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sallys-giving-page-744>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th September 2021

Minced Beef and Dumplings

Country Vegetable Casserole and Dumplings

Jacket Potato

Tuesday 21st September 2021

Cheese and Tomato Pasta

Quorn Dippers

Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.30pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Roast Pork

Veggie Burger

Jacket Potato

Bikeability Training : Year 6 (Day 1 of 2)

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Chicken Korma

Vegetable Korma

Jacket Potato

Bikeability Training : Year 6 (Day 2 of 2)

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (2 of 3)

Friday 24th September 2021

Fun-Day-Friday

Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish

Roast Vegetable Parcel

Jacket Potato