

18th June 2021

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families,

This week, I have been busy starting to plan for next academic year. As a school, I am hopeful that, as from September 2021, we will be in a position to offer more opportunities for children to take part in educational visits, once again take children on residentials and re-start swimming lessons for children in classes 3,4 and 5.

Although timetabling is still being fine-tuned it is anticipated that class structures will continue as at the present time next academic year:

Nursery

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Due to the sizes of our current pupil cohorts, next academic year classes will once again be made up of split year groups. More information about staffing and class lists will follow nearer to the end of term.

At our recent Governors' Meeting Covid Risk Assessments were once again considered at great length. In light, of the Governments most recent announcement and the subsequent delay in the lifting of all restrictions, I would like to once again reaffirm that as a school we will be continuing to enforce the current safety measures and systems that are in place until the end of the current term at the very earliest. I would like to once again thank parents and the wider school community for supporting this decision.

Moving forwards, staff will be making every effort to be available to speak to parents on the school playground both before and after school. However, we would ask that if you do speak to a member of staff, you wear a face covering – thank you.

Continuing on from our celebration of World Ocean Day on the 8th June 2021, children across school have been busy engaging in learning about how important it is for all of us to help conserve our oceans. When I popped into Nursery, I found myself looking at some very creative

young children making some rather wonderful Puffa Fish out of paper plates, whilst in Class 1 Miss Webster has been busy reading the book 'If Sharks Disappeared' with children.

This year has been particularly difficult for our wonderful fundraising FOBS. However, not to be defeated, a Bag2School fundraiser will be taking place during July 2021. This is an ideal opportunity to have a good old fashioned clear out of your wardrobe and help to raise all important funds for the school. More information will follow shortly.

Our wonderful School Cook, Laila is busy planning next terms menus, which will have lots of lovely meal choices for children including a full roast dinner, fragrant (but not too spicy) curry and a delicious Chocolate and Banana Sponge cake with Chocolate Custard. The full menu will be sent home with children before the end of term.

This week has been assessment week, I would just like to thank all those children who this week have been busy completing assessments. Well done and thank you for working so hard.

As many of you might have already spotted, our year 6 Leavers Hoodies have now arrived and are being proudly worn by those children who will be leaving us in July and moving onto the next stage of their educational journey! Whether in Red of Peppermint, I am sure everyone will agree the hoodies look amazing and are a lovely memento of children's time at Primary School! Thank you to Mrs Harvey for organising and ordering the Hoodies.

Finally, some sad news. Miss Hayward who teaches Class 4 will be leaving us at the end of July. I am sure everyone will agree Miss Hayward will be greatly missed. However, we would like to wish her and her family, including pet cat (Merlin), the very best of luck in her new adventure when relocating to Wales over the Summer.

Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

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Settle College Summer School

This week Settle College have confirmed details of their Summer School for those children who will be making the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. Information should have been provided directly to those parents of children who will be moving to Settle College, however, if you have not received any details, please let Sally in the School Office know.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have been contacted by a local lady who has a king size bed with four drawers and a double bed looking for a new home. Both beds come with bedheads, are divan style and come with mattresses. If you are interested, then please call the School Office so that contact details can be provided.

Nursery Starters/Reception Starters 2021/2022

We are in the process of planning for next academic year. With this in mind, parents of children who will be joining our Reception and Nursery years in September 2021 should have now received a Starter Pack. If this is not the case, then please get in touch with the School Office. It is looking like next year our Nursery provision will, once again, be very busy with a limited number of places being available. If you, or anyone you know, has a child of Nursery age, who has not yet registered for a place at our provision, and would like their child to join our Nursery, then please get in touch with the School Office on 015242 61412. Likewise, for parents of those children who will be starting their Reception year at school, and have not already contacted School Admissions, it is now imperative that they do so in order to secure a place at school. School Admissions can be contacted on 01609 533679 or schooladmissions@nothyorks.gov.uk

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning, term-time only from 8.00am until 9.00am. Full sessions, which include breakfast and a snack, are priced at £4.00 per child, per session, whilst half sessions which run from 8.20am until 9.00am, including refreshments are priced at £2.00 per session per child. Can we just remind parents that children cannot be dropped off at school before 8.00am and that parents should only enter the building when invited to do so by a member of staff. Thank you.

Our After School Club runs Monday to Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and is priced at £3.00 per child, per session.

If you would like to secure a place at either Breakfast or After School Club, then please contact Sally on admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk. We would ask that all sessions are paid for, in advance, via Parentpay. Thank you.

Parentpay

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, can we just ask that parents ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up to date. This is especially important for those children in year 6 who will be leaving us in July. Any balances that are in 'CREDIT' at the end of the school year can either be refunded, rolled over, or transferred to another service.

Lateral Flow Test

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.

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

Did you know.... Music lessons are once again available for children at school. For more information, please contact the Music Service.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-music-service>
01609 534795

A few important pieces of information for week beginning 21st June 2021.

PE

Nursery – Tuesday

Class 1 – Friday

Class 2 – Tuesday and Friday

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Class 3 – Monday and Tuesday

Class 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Monday 21st June 2021

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - 3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 2)

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - 3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

Thursday 24th June 2021 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 3 of 3). Pre-booked children.
MENU AMENDMENT Instead of Lasagne it will be Pasta Bolognese. Vegetarian option and Jacket Potato still available.

Friday 25th June 2021 - Fun Day Friday :

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Vegetable Chilli and Rice

Jacket Potato

Rice Pudding

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt