

19th November 2021

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Unfortunately, over the duration of the week, positive cases of Covid have continued to be identified here at the school. In some instances, children testing 'positive' have shown no symptoms of Covid and were only tested for Covid as a precautionary measure. I think this highlights the importance of continuing with restrictive measures. By way of a reminder, even if you have previously carried out a PCR test, if your child develops any symptoms a few days following the test, it is recommended that you REPEAT a test as infection could have developed during the intervening days.

By way of a reminder, the following restrictions have been re-introduced here at the school :

- Minimising contact between classes (including at lunchtimes and breaktimes)
- Suspending whole school activities (to be reviewed)
- Re-introducing face coverings for adults around the school (unless medically exempt)
- Only allowing essential visitors into the school building.
- Encouraging parents to socially distance and wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from the playground. Encouraging parents to wear a face covering when approaching a member of staff. Asking that parents consider not allowing children to mix with children from other classes (excluding siblings) at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Suspending Breakfast Club and After School Club originally for ten days, but again to be reviewed.

It has been confirmed by NYCC's Public Health Team, that symptoms of Covid 19 in a large number of younger children are presenting themselves as cold symptoms, or asymptomatic (no symptoms).

We will be reviewing the situation in school on Tuesday next week and making a decision on whether to relax or continue with the current restrictions. I am aware that several parents are understandably concerned about our before and after school provision and the fact that this is currently closed. We will, as part of our review, be looking at how we can reintroduce this as soon as possible as we understand how important it is to work schedules etc.

Despite Covid, our Children in Need Fundraiser still managed to take place. Thank you to the children who all took part in their 'bubbled' challenges and thank you to everyone for collecting sponsorship or donating towards this worthy cause. There is still time to donate online at:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bentham-community-primary-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bentham-community-primary-school).

All monies raised will go to Children in Need. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Hiley

Interim

Headteacher

**Packed Lunches** As we head into the colder months, can we please ask that parents of children who bring a packed lunch to school do not pack flasks/containers containing warm foods/liquids. As I am sure parents will appreciate, the temperature of flask contents can vary immensely, and school are unable to check the temperature prior to consumption. This could lead to a child being scalded or burnt. Likewise, if the hot content of a flask is accidentally spilt, this could also result in a child getting scalded. If you would prefer your child to have a warm dinner over the winter months, then it is not too late to order a school meal. School meals are excellent value for money, and freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients on a daily basis in our own school kitchen. For a further copy of the menu please see Sally in the School Office.

## Breakfast Club / After School Club Survey

We are currently looking at ways to make our before and after school club provision more useful and attractive for families and how we can achieve this in a sustainable way. You will have recently received a short survey which will allow us to gather your views and help us plan for the future of these clubs. We would be most grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a survey and return it to us at school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like a paper copy, then please see Sally in the School Office.

## SPORTS CAMP

Coach Mark Gunn has confirmed that he will be running a Multi Sports Camp here at Bentham C P School over the Christmas Holidays. The activity day is aimed at children

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from Reception to Year 6 inclusive and is priced at only £20.00 per child. **There are still a number of places available, including 'funded' places** which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to children who receive benefits related Free School Meals. If you would like to secure a place for your child at the Sports Camp then please ensure that booking forms are completed and returned as quickly as possible. Thank you to North Yorkshire Together for their support.

## 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 26th November 2021 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!

## Covid-19

There is clear evidence (ZOE Covid Study) that a runny nose and cold like symptoms are now the most common symptoms of Covid infection in unvaccinated children. This is challenging as we move into the usual Autumn cold and flu season therefore, we would strongly recommend that if your child is showing mild cold symptoms including a runny or blocked nose you test regularly with an LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test. By following guidance, we can help prevent the spread of Covid and protect our friends, families and communities. Advice from the Government continues to state:

**“Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have COVID-19 symptoms as listed on the NHS website. [Get a PCR test](#) as soon as possible and [self-isolate](#), while awaiting the result even if symptoms are mild”.**

For more information, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms that could be attributable to Covid without undertaking an appropriate test. Please remember, that in line with advice from the Local Authority, it may be deemed necessary to send a child home, or not accept

them in class if they are displaying covid symptoms and have not been tested. As is always the case, thank you to everyone in advance for their co-operation, support and understanding.

**Early Warning : Christmas Menu \* Please note there will be menu changes for the week commencing 6th December 2021.**

All children are invited to join in with Christmas Lunch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Meals can be ordered during registration.

On the Menu:

Roast Turkey and Christmas Chipolatas

Roasted Winter Vegetable puff Pastry Sleigh (v)

Santa's Seasonal Stuffing

Mrs Claus' Creamy Mashed and Roast Potatoes

A Merry Mix of Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

The Grinch's Gravy

Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookies

Fresh Fruit or Yogurt

Meals are priced at £2.10 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are also FREE for all children eligible for Free School Meals. Payment should be made via Parentpay and deposited before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## 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

**Christmas Reading Challenge** North Yorkshire Libraries will be running a Christmas Reading Challenge for 4-11 year olds from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. As a reward for reading children will be able to earn stickers, prizes and certificates. For more information, please see the

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attached leaflet, or contact North Yorkshire Libraries on  
01609 534547. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries).

November 2021

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 22nd November 2021

Connie's Chicken Quesadilla  
Five Veggie Pasta  
Jacket Potato

### Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Pasta Bolognaise  
Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese  
Jacket Potato

**3.30pm-4.20pm After School Basketball Club :**  
**CANCELLED**

### Wednesday 24th November 2021

Sausage Toad in the Hole  
Vegetable Sausage  
Jacket Potato

### Thursday 25th November 2021

Fish Fingers  
Cheese Pastry  
Jacket Potato  
**3.30pm-4.30pm After School Cooking Club CANCELLED**  
**3.30pm-4.30pm CREST Science Club**

### Friday 26th November 2021

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

#### Fun-Day-Friday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
Veggie Fajita  
Jacket Potato

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Return Swimming Consents by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (C4)  
Return Parental Agreements by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (N)  
Return Christmas Crafts by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021  
(R,1,2,3,4,5,6)  
Return Coach Mark Gunn's Multi Sports Camp Booking  
Form ASAP (R,1,2,3,4,5,6)  
Order Photos : <https://tinypixels.gotphoto.co.uk>  
Return Menu Choices by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (All)  
Apply for a child's Reception Place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
(N)  
Return Breakfast and After School Club Survey : 19<sup>th</sup>

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North Yorkshire  
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FREE

## Christmas Reading Challenge



**Read four library books before  
Christmas and earn stickers,  
prizes, a certificate, and a  
personalised bauble for your tree!**

*Ask at your local library for details*

**From 20th Nov**

**Ages 4-11**

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4-12  
YEARS

## SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE

# CHRISTMAS 2021

AWARDED LTA UK CLUB OF THE YEAR

DECEMBER  
2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20	21	22	29	30

DROPOFF  
FROM  
8.30am

9.00AM - 3.30PM

£16/day

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TENNIS, FOOTBALL or  
MULTI-SPORTS

9.00AM - 5.00PM

£21/day

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TENNIS, FOOTBALL or MULTI-SPORTS  
PLUS WIND DOWN MOVIE CLUB

Heated Club House | Indoor Facilities | 5 Tennis Courts | 4G All-Weather Pitch | Sports Hall

CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL FOR INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE!

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TENNIS CENTRE

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