

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

# FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Following on from the wind and the rain last week, this week has seen more seasonal cold weather, with a sprinkling of snow! Can I please remind parents/carers to make sure that they send children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. As a school we do encourage children to go outside and enjoy the fresh air every day. A spare set of socks, and a pair of wellies on rainy and snow days is always a good idea!

Earlier this week our new booking system for Breakfast and After School Club was launched. Information has been sent home under separate cover about our new School Gateway App. As from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 ALL places for Breakfast and After School Club must be booked via the Gateway. If you have any difficulties accessing this online system, please contact the School Office.

This Wednesday on World Religion Day, children in KS1 looked at how many of the world's religions meditate, whilst children in KS2 looked at the many different religions around the world and listened to various genres of music connected with religion.

On Thursday, children all thoroughly enjoyed our Chinese New Year celebratory lunch. Thank you to our wonderful school cooks, Lila and John for putting on such a delicious menu for children to enjoy.

With temperatures dropping, and the cost of living rising, we have received information about 'The Warm Space' which is being held at Bentham Methodist Church, Station Road on Wednesday afternoons from 1.00pm until 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to go along, chill, read a book, complete some homework all in a FREE warm space. Tea and coffee is available. The Warm Space will be running up to the end of March.

We have also received information that The Pantry will now be opening on Wednesdays from 11.00am to 12.00 midday and from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

You may have heard the announcement earlier this week about a planned Teacher's Strike on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Bentham will continue to be open to all pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> February. There is a regional strike at the end of February, and we will update parents on whether this impacts the school nearer to the time.

Finally, some very exciting news! This week school have successfully secured the purchase of some land situated in Bentham. We have exciting plans to develop this area so that it can be used and accessed by our pupils. If you would like to get involved in the development of this project please let Mrs Besharati or Mrs McGregor know.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

## PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	Forest School
	Thursday	PE
Rabbits :	Wednesday/Thursday	PE
Badgers :	Monday/Thursday	PE
Foxes :	Thursday	PE
	Friday	Swimming
Owls :	Tuesday/Thursday	PE

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Coping with anxiety can be overwhelming sometimes, for both children and adults. For more information, advice and practical ideas to help visit the link below...

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/anxiety/>

## MSA Vacancy

Unfortunately, Mr Scott will be leaving his post as Midday Supervisor during February 2023. Mr Scott will be sadly missed by staff and children alike (especially by those children who enjoy a little bit of Football talk). This means that we do have an exciting opportunity for someone to join the lunch-time team here at the school (5 hours per week, 12.00m/d-1.00pm) term-time only. For more information, please contact Sally in the School Office. Bentham Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for appointment to this post.

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Primary School

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## Dates for your Diary

### **Monday 23rd January 2023**

Pasta Parcels  
Sticky Veg Noodles  
Jacket Potato

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Crispy Chicken Bites  
Cheese and Onion Whirl  
Jacket Potato

### **Wednesday 25th January 2023**

Roast Turkey  
Sweet Potato and Veg Bake  
Jacket Potato

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Chilli con Carne  
Cheesy Bean Enchilada  
Jacket Potato

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

### **Friday 27th January 2023**

Fish Fingers  
Quorn Chilli Wrap  
Jacket Potato

3.00pm Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **AMBER** and **EMERALD** invited

1.00pm Year 5 Swimming

Date of Assembly	Families of Children in...
27/01/23 10/02/23 03/03/23 17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
20/01/23 03/02/23 24/02/23 10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE

## **Future Dates for your Diary**

### Parent Interviews

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 : PM  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 : Evening

### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### FOBS Easter Bingo and Raffle raising money for World

#### Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : 6.00pm to 7.30pm

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs McGregor

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 3.00pm.

'Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs'

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.00am

'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading.'

*Feeling the pinch?*  
Join . . .

**The Pantry**

*to top up on food and groceries.*

**Open Wednesdays**  
**11.00am – 12 noon**  
**and**  
**3.30pm – 5.00pm**

On Station Road, High Bentham,  
left side of Methodist Church

Contact: 07942 364606 or  
Facebook: Pop Up Pantry Bentham

Operated with Churches Together in Bentham.

**2023 Opening Hours**