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FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Following on from last week's amazing news that Bobby, Freddie, Lola and Aidan have all successfully qualified for the County Cross Country Finals taking place during November, this week we are also celebrating the achievements of our Year 5/6 Girls Football Squad!

On Wednesday, this week Layla, Tilly, Amelia, Tallulah, Dora, Isabella, Elsa, Violet, Francesca and Tanaia all represented Bentham C P School at a Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition being held at Settle College. Our girls, were amazing and an absolute credit to the school, conceding NO goals throughout the competition and being placed FIRST overall. This means our successful team will have the opportunity to take part in the Craven Football Finals which are scheduled to take place during December.

After the half-term holidays there will be an opportunity for Year 5/6 Boys to take part in a football competition; we are also hoping to send a KS2 team to Settle Swimming Pool's Gala being held on the 17th November.

Earlier this week information was sent home to parents/carers of children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) about an opportunity for our younger children to take part in a KANGA Multi-Sports After School Club. Places are limited, so if you would like your child to take part in this after school activity, please complete and return booking forms to the school office as quickly as possible. As per information in last week's Friday News, due to children in KS2 missing a KANGA After School Club session on the 26th September, this session will be replaced by a session on Tuesday 7th November.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FOBS meeting on Tuesday. As a school community we would like to thank the FOBS for all their hard work and fundraising efforts which benefit ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

As hard as it may be to believe, when we return to school after half-term we will be starting the run-up to Christmas (eek). The FOBS are organising some lovely activities for children (and parents/carers),

including a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November (wear non-uniform in return for a raffle prize/hamper donation) and our wonderful annual Christmas Fair which will be taking place from 5.00pm to 7.00pm on the 1st December.

To help raise even more funds, children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform in return for a voluntary donation of £1.00 on Friday 27th October. As a special treat, there will also be a Tuck Shop in the playground on the last day of school.

For parents/carers of children in Nursery, North Yorkshire Council have, this week, circulated information about applying for your child's school place in Reception from September 2024. The deadline for applications is the 15th January 2024. More information has been sent home in books bags and via e-mail. Further information about applying for a school place is available from the School Admissions Team (schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk).

Unfortunately, this week there have been a number of occasions where children have not registered at school and the school have had to contact parents/carers to find out why. Can we please remind parents/carers that if your child is absent, for any reason, then please let the school know as soon as possible, ideally before 9.15am. Parents/carers can either telephone the school office on 015242 61412 (please leave a message if the phone is not answered) or e-mail admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk.

We would also like to remind parents/carers about the importance of children regularly attending school. The impact of non-attendance can include an increase in a child's anxiety levels, the deterioration of friendships, gaps in learning – leading to low engagement, lowering self-esteem and in some cases, a decline in behaviour. It is equally important to ensure that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

As a school, we would love to achieve an over-all school attendance of 97%; our current whole school attendance as we approach half-term is 96.72%.

Whilst thinking about attendance, we would also like

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to encourage parents/carers to consider not taking children out of school during term-time for family holidays, please consider the negative impact on your child's learning during your child's absence. Thank you.

Following on from Parent Interviews, we would like to thank all those who completed a Parent Questionnaire, feedback has been analysed, and we are absolutely delighted with the results. 100% of our parents/carers indicated that their child was happy at our School with 100% of parents/carers also agreeing that their child felt safe. Parents/carers were also unanimous in agreeing that they would recommend our school to another parent. THANK YOU.

Thank you also for all the lovely comments and additional feedback. All the data, information and suggestions will be discussed and considered at the school's next Governors' Meeting.

Mrs Shaw is in the process of re-organising parent consultations with parents/carers of children in Owl Class (Year 6). More information will follow in a separate letter.

Next week Mrs Askew and Miss Harrison will be celebrating Halloween at both Breakfast and After School Club with some very special activities and treats, including Pumpkin Carving, Apple Bobbing (no water involved), a Mystery Quiz, Hot Dogs, Pizza and Sausage Butties! Places at both clubs can be secured via SchoolComms. To download the booking App please see the Gateway <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>. Alternatively, please speak to either Mrs Askew, Miss Harrison or Sally in the School Office.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Nelson on achieving her Level 2 Mental Health Advocacy in the Work-Place Qualification. Mrs Nelson's qualification reflects the school's strong emphasis on the importance of Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Finally, with great sadness, news has been received about the tragic loss of Mr Marc Whitehead, beloved father to Eddie, Dougie, Jasmine and Reggie earlier this week.

Marc was a well-known member of both the school and wider community and will be missed by many. A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. All our thoughts are with family and friends at this very sad time.

As a school we are doing all we can to support all our families at this sad time. Whilst support is always available at school, parents/carers can also access some online advice at :

Winston's Wish (<https://www.winstonswish.org/>)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Please remember to visit our school website and Facebook page to see what else our children have been or will be getting up to.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd October 2023

Veggie Pasta Bolognese Bake
Veggie Sausage and Bean Bake
Jacket Potato

1.30pm Fire Safety (Reception/Nursery)
2.30pm Fire Safety (Years 1 – 6)

Breakfast Club : Fried Eggs/Boiled Eggs (alongside usual breakfast options).
After School Club : Pizza/Pumpkin Carving

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Battered Fish
Cheese Roll
Jacket Potato

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited Children (6/7)

After School Club : Hot Dogs/Apple Bobbing

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Wednesday 25th October 2023

Roast Pork
Pea-ter Croquette
Jacket Potato

5.00pm Phonics and Reading Parent/Carers Meeting – everyone welcome.

After School Club : Hot Dogs/Apple Bobbing

Thursday 26th October 2023

Mexican Beef Pitta
Cauli-Cheese Bake
Jacket Potato

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Breakfast Club : Sausage Butties (alongside usual breakfast options).

After School Club : Pizza/Pumpkin Carving

Friday 27th October 2023

Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch

Chicken Burger in a Bun
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

Breakfast Club : Surprise Breakfast

Fundraising non-uniform day and Tuck Shop

1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers of children in Ruby/Emerald)
9.30am to 11.00am : BABY AND TODDLER GROUP in the School Hall

School Closes for Half Term. School re-opens Monday 6th November 2023.

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Go dotty for safety!



Join the dots to reveal the hidden danger in the picture.



1. What is the danger here?
2. How could the boy be safer around the road?
3. Colour in the picture if you like!



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#) and follow the process outlined below. If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**
A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.



If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:
Phone: 01609 533 405
Email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk



Mufti Day!

...and tuck shop

Friday 27 October

Please bring £1 donation for Mufti, and 50p for tuck shop treats. All donations will go towards raising funds for Bentham Community Primary School.

