

Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays. We hope that everyone managed to enjoy some family time, and that the Easter Bunny was generous with deliveries!

On the subject of deliveries, I am sure that everyone would like to join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Cadman on the safe delivery of baby twins, Freddie and Olive, who arrived early over the Easter Break. Mum and babies are both doing well and are now back home with family. Mrs Cadman has shared that big sister Elsie was very excited about welcoming her new baby brother and sister home.

It was lovely to see all our children returning to school on Tuesday, smiling and eager to start the new Summer Term. For our children in Year 6 this will be their last term at Bentham Community Primary School. For some of our very youngest children, this will be their first term at school and the start of their educational journey. I am sure everyone will join me in extending a very warm welcome to our new children who have recently joined Ladybird Class.

Over the coming weeks, we have some exciting educational activities, visits and opportunities planned for children in all classes. Earlier this week, Class Teachers sent home individual class Newsletters, detailing dates to note, what children will be learning in class and much more. If you did not receive a copy by e-mail then please let Sally in the School Office know. Paper copies of Newsletters are available by request.

On Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome so many parents/carers of children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 to our 'Reading, Coffee and Cake' session. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn how to support younger children with their reading at school. If you were unable to attend, please do not worry, more events like this are being planned and further information is always available from your child's Class Teacher.

As many parents/carers will be aware, the Summer term, also means SATs.

For children in Year 6, SATs will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 9th May 2023 (after Bank Holiday Monday). As a school we do appreciate that SATs can be a worrying time for children, but would like to reassure parents/carers that we are and will continue to do our very best to reassure and support children through their SATs. As parents, we would ask that you ensure children are in school during the week and avoid taking time off. Please also help support children by ensuring they are well rested, get a good night's sleep, stay hydrated and keep energy levels up by eating a well-balanced and healthy diet.

On the mornings of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th May children in Year 6 are invited to arrive at school for 8.30am and join other children from Owl Class for a SATs Breakfast in their Classroom. Thank you to Mrs Shaw for organising and supporting a FREE healthy breakfast for Year 6 children during their SATs week. If you usually travel to school via school transport, and would like to join in with an early breakfast, it will mean that alternative travel arrangements to school will have to be made.

For children in Key Stage 1 (year 2) SATs will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 22nd May. Again, we would like to reassure parents/carers that school will do their very best to support children through their SATs. We would once again like to emphasise the importance of ensuring that children attend school during this week and avoid taking time off. As is always the case, if you have any questions or concerns, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

This term our wonderful fundraising FOBS will be hosting a Summer Fair on the evening of Friday 16th June. More information about this event will be available nearer the time. In the meantime, if you would like to support our FOBS with the organisation of this, or any other event, or simply have some ideas to help raise all important funds for the school, then please speak to Mrs Buckley.

School have recently received information from North Yorkshire County Council about their 'Healthy Start Scheme'. This is a Government funded, means tested scheme aimed at helping to improve diets and provide a nutritional safety net for low-income families in the



UK. More information about the scheme and eligibility criteria is provided below.

This week children in Badger Class started swimming lessons at Settle Swimming Pool. As parents/carers will be aware, the cost of providing swimming lessons is extensive, and we would encourage parents/carers to consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of lessons via Parentpay. Thank you.

Can we also make a timely reminder to parents/carers about the importance of regularly checking balances on Parentpay accounts.

Whilst as a school we only ever ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of an activity and/or visit, if not enough parents/carers are willing to contribute towards activities, moving forwards future opportunities will have to be CANCELLED. Unfortunately, school budgets are also under everincreasing pressure. Please remember that if you are struggling to meet outstanding payments, please contact the school sooner rather than later.

We will be having a special Royal High Tea on Friday 5th May. Family members are welcome to come along and join us for a Royal Picnic over lunch time. More details to follow.

Finally, Miss Harrison, (Class teacher in Fox), will be leaving us at the end of term, having successfully secured a new teaching job. Miss Harrison is relocating and whilst we wish Miss Harrison all the very best with her new venture, we will also miss her very much.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Effort Grade Letters (Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6)

Effort Grade letters are being sent home with children later today. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

STRANGER DANGER

Whilst the risk posed by strangers is rare, it's really important to make children aware of simple tips they can follow to keep themselves a little safer. As a school we would encourage parents/carers to talk to your child about 'Stranger Danger'. Sadly, children may be at greater danger from people they know, from other children, or on the internet, than from the traditional bogeyman – but abuse and abductions continue to happen and it's important to teach your child how to stay safe. Rather than giving warnings about certain types of people, teach them how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them.

Let them know who they can trust if they need help – such as a uniformed police officer or a teacher. Explain they must tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Help your child learn to be aware of their surroundings; encourage them to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person; and encourage them to be assertive. Try using language like this when talking to your child about staying safe:

Staying safe – "Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them."

Going somewhere with someone – "It's important for you to ask me and get my permission before going anywhere with anyone."

If you have a problem – "Don't approach just anyone – if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a store clerk with a nametag, or a parent with children."

Avoid using language like this:

"You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them." "Stay away from people you don't know." "Never talk to strangers."



Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th April 2023 Quorn Nuggets Cheesy Bean Parcel Jacket Potato

1.30pm Badger Class Library Visit

Tuesday 25th April 2023 BBQ Chicken Wrap with Rainbow Rice Veggie Bolognaise and Pasta Jacket Potato

Wednesday 26th April 2023 Roast Gammon Veggie Sausage Jacket Potato

Thursday 27th March 2023 Spaghetti Bolognaise Sweet Potato Curry Jacket Potato

PM : Tennis (Yr 5/6)

Friday 28th April 2023 Fish Fingers Veggie Roll Jacket Potato

1.00pm Badger Class Swimming Lesson (2 of 10)

Future Dates for your Diary

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Monday 24th April 2023 at 1.30pm : Badger Class

Bank Holiday : School Closed Monday 1st May 2023

<u>Governors' Meeting</u> Thursday 4th May 2023 at 5.00pm

<u>King's Coronation</u> Friday 5th May 2023 : Celebration Celebratory Picnic Lunch

Bank Holiday : School Closed Monday 8th May 2023 <u>KS2 SATs Week</u> Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Thursday 11th May 2023 at 9.30am : Butterfly Class

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Friday 12th May 2023 at 9.30am : Ladybird Class

PLAYGROUPD CANCELLED : Friday 12th May 2023

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Monday 15th May 2023 at 11.00am : Rabbit Class

KS1 and KS2 Fire Safety Talks Tuesday 16th May 2023

<u>KS1 SATS</u> Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

<u>Year 6 : Level 1 Cycling Training</u> Monday 22nd May 2023 (Part 1) Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 1) Thursday 25th May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 2)

<u>School CLOSED for Half Term</u> Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 (School re-opens Monday 5th June 2023)

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Monday 12th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Owl Class

<u>FOBs Summer Fair</u> Friday 16th June 2023

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Monday 19th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Fox Class

<u>Class Photos</u> Tuesday 20th June 2023 (AM)

<u>Sports Day</u> Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

<u>Be Brave, Be Bright!</u> Friday 23rd June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

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<u>Year 6 Residential Visit to Keswick</u> Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2023 Inclusive

Reserve Sports Day Monday 3rd July 2023

<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Monday 3rd July 2023 at 1.30pm : Hedgehog Class

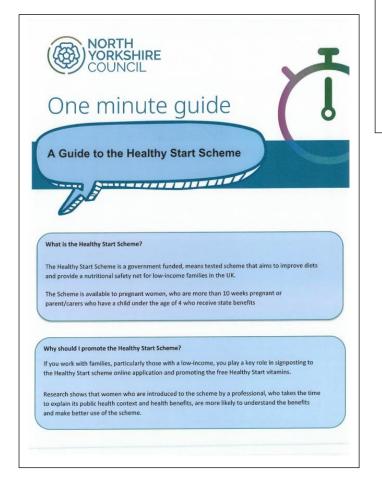
<u>Visit to Bentham Library</u> Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 1.30pm : Rabbit Class

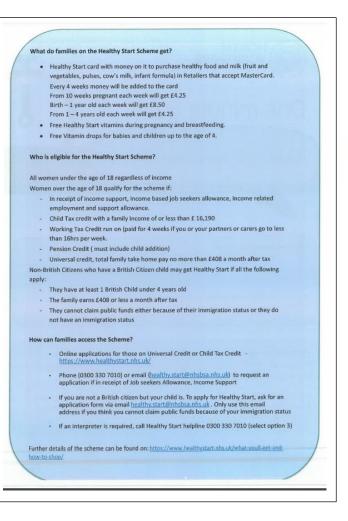
<u>Year 6 Transfer Evening at Settle College</u> Tuesday 4th July 2023 : TBC

<u>Year 6 Transfer Day at Settle College</u> Wednesday 5th July 2023 : TBC

Last Day of Term Friday 21st July 2023

9:15am - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly





Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm)

Date	Parents/families of children in below House Groups invited
21/04/2023 05/05/2023 19/05/2023 09/06/2023	Ruby/Sapphire
23/06/2023 28/04/2023	Amber/Emerald
12/05/2023 26/05/2023 16/06/2023 (9.00am) 30/06/2023	



FRIDAY