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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

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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 ever-increasing 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 re-locating 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.”

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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

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 24th April 2023 at 1.30pm : Badger Class

Bank Holiday : School Closed

Monday 1st May 2023

Governors' Meeting

Thursday 4th May 2023 at 5.00pm

King's Coronation

Friday 5th May 2023 : Celebration
Celebratory Picnic Lunch

Bank Holiday : School Closed

Monday 8th May 2023

KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Thursday 11th May 2023 at 9.30am : Butterfly Class

Visit to Bentham Library

Friday 12th May 2023 at 9.30am : Ladybird Class

PLAYGROUP CANCELLED : Friday 12th May 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 15th May 2023 at 11.00am : Rabbit Class

KS1 and KS2 Fire Safety Talks

Tuesday 16th May 2023

KS1 SATS

Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Year 6 : Level 1 Cycling Training

Monday 22nd May 2023 (Part 1)

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 1)

Thursday 25th May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 2)

School CLOSED for Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

(School re-opens Monday 5th June 2023)

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 12th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Owl Class

FOBs Summer Fair

Friday 16th June 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 19th June 2023 at 1.30pm : Fox Class

Class Photos

Tuesday 20th June 2023 (AM)

Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

Be Brave, Be Bright!

Friday 23rd June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

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Year 6 Residential Visit to Keswick

Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2023 Inclusive

Reserve Sports Day

Monday 3rd July 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 1.30pm : Hedgehog Class

Visit to Bentham Library

Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 1.30pm : Rabbit Class

Year 6 Transfer Evening at Settle College

Tuesday 4th July 2023 : TBC

Year 6 Transfer Day at Settle College

Wednesday 5th July 2023 : TBC

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2023

9:15am – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly

One minute guide

A Guide to the Healthy Start Scheme

What is the Healthy Start Scheme?

The Healthy Start Scheme is a government funded, means tested scheme that aims to improve diets and provide a nutritional safety net for low-income families in the UK.

The Scheme is available to pregnant women, who are more than 10 weeks pregnant or parent/carers who have a child under the age of 4 who receive state benefits

Why should I promote the Healthy Start Scheme?

If you work with families, particularly those with a low-income, you play a key role in signposting to the Healthy Start scheme online application and promoting the free Healthy Start vitamins.

Research shows that women who are introduced to the scheme by a professional, who takes the time to explain its public health context and health benefits, are more likely to understand the benefits and make better use of the scheme.

What do families on the Healthy Start Scheme get?

- Healthy Start card with money on it to purchase healthy food and milk (fruit and vegetables, pulses, cow’s milk, infant formula) in Retailers that accept MasterCard. Every 4 weeks money will be added to the card
From 10 weeks pregnant each week will get £4.25
Birth – 1 year old each week will get £8.50
From 1 – 4 years old each week will get £4.25
- Free Healthy Start vitamins during pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- Free Vitamin drops for babies and children up to the age of 4.

Who is eligible for the Healthy Start Scheme?

All women under the age of 18 regardless of income
Women over the age of 18 qualify for the scheme if:

- In receipt of income support, income based job seekers allowance, income related employment and support allowance.
- Child Tax credit with a family income of or less than £ 16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for 4 weeks if you or your partners or carers go to less than 16hrs per week.
- Pension Credit (must include child addition)
- Universal credit, total family take home pay no more than £408 a month after tax

Non-British Citizens who have a British Citizen child may get Healthy Start if all the following apply:

- They have at least 1 British Child under 4 years old
- The family earns £408 or less a month after tax
- They cannot claim public funds either because of their immigration status or they do not have an immigration status

How can families access the Scheme?

- Online applications for those on Universal Credit or Child Tax Credit - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- Phone (0300 330 7010) or email (healthy.start@nhsbsa.nhs.uk) to request an application if in receipt of Job seekers Allowance, Income Support
- If you are not a British citizen but your child is. To apply for Healthy Start, ask for an application form via email healthy.start@nhsbsa.nhs.uk . Only use this email address if you think you cannot claim public funds because of your immigration status
- If an interpreter is required, call Healthy Start helpline 0300 330 7010 (select option 3)

Further details of the scheme can be found on: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/what-youll-get-and-how-to-shop/>

Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm)

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

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