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Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families

Hopefully, this week, everyone will have settled back into a school routine! Unfortunately, there still appears to be a number of children who are either arriving at school late or late being collected after school. Obviously, it is appreciated that there may well be instances where parents are unavoidably running late, on these occasions school would encourage parents/carers to get in touch with the school office so that school is aware of the situation. Failure to notify the school of a late pick up could result in Social Services being contacted. By way of a reminder, we do offer an excellent After School Club provision, which runs Monday to Thursday from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. After School Club is based in the Community Room and is priced at only £3.00 per child, per sessions.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed watching children actively engage in outdoor PE sessions, including being professionally supported with both cricket and tennis.

Children in Nursery have all been learning about 'Mini-Beasts' and using their imagination about 'what lives at the bottom of the garden'. There are also some Tadpoles residing in Class 1, which children are taking an active interest in with their daily transformation into frogs.

Class 1 are also investigating mini-beasts and the daily metamorphosis of tadpoles. Children have thoroughly enjoying making model frogs and pieces of frog art out of recycled materials.

Children in Class 2 have been learning about Seas and Oceans in Geography – a topic that is close to many hearts at this moment in time. Why not ask children what they have learnt and what their perspective is on our seas and oceans?

In Class 3 children are learning about Ancient Greece. Learning has included geography and chronology together with making links, joins and connections with previous knowledge about Ancient Greece.

When I popped my head around the door in Class 4, I discovered that children were starting a new science topic studying plants. Children were engaged in discussing what they already know about plants, and excited to learn more and gain a more in-depth knowledge about the topic in the coming weeks.

Class 5 have been as busy as ever but have also enjoyed some hands-on art activities with children freely expressing their creativity in some needlework.

Again, this week I have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to get to know both parents and children; please do say 'hello' if you see me out and about in the playground. I do offer an 'open door policy' so if you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. I think I am getting better at putting names to faces – but you will have to ask the children!

Next week, both myself and representatives from the Governing Body will be interviewing candidates to cover Mrs Chapman whilst she takes Maternity Leave – more information about any appointment made to follow!

Finally, I am sure readers will all agree, it would be nice to be able to simply 'forget' about Covid; instead we are all learning about a new 'normal'. With this in mind, can I please remind parents that Covid is still a threat, and encourage the continuation of social distancing measures together with the wearing of face coverings in the school playground. By way of a reminder, if any member of your household displays any symptoms of Covid then please do not send children to school and self-isolate until a Negative PCR Test Result is received. Whilst Lateral Flow Tests are available to everyone and have proven to help in the fight against Covid, LFD tests are reportedly not as sensitive as a PCR test. Please remember if you are showing **any** symptoms, irrespective of whether you have taken a LFD test and have recorded a negative LFD result, then it is advisable to secure a more sensitive PCR test. Lateral Flow Tests are now available to everyone and can be ordered at

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

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and enjoy some time outdoors.

Mr Hiley
Headteacher.

REMINDER Breakfast Club and After School Club - Breakfast Club runs EVERY weekday morning from 8.00am to 9.00am and is available for children in Reception to Year 6 inclusive. Full sessions run from 8.00am to 9.00am and are priced at £4.00 per child, per day, including breakfast and refreshments. Half sessions run from 8.20am to 9.00am and are priced at £2.00 per day per child, including refreshments.

Afterschool Club - As from Monday 19th April 2021 After School Club will only be running on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening and will no longer be available on a Friday. Sessions start at 3.20/3.30pm until 4.30pm and are priced at £3.00 per child, per session. If you would like your child to attend either Breakfast Club or After School Club, then can you please pre-book places by contacting Sally in the School Office. admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk. Again, can parents please ensure that all sessions are paid for, ideally in advance, via Parentpay. Thank you.

A few important pieces of information for week beginning 26th April:

PE Days have now changed for all classes with most classes having TWO PE days. We are very excited to have Tennis and Cricket coaches in school throughout the Summer term providing some expert coaching. Children should continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE days, except for children in Nursery and Reception who need to bring their PE kits to school and leave them in the classroom.

Nursery - Tuesday
Class 1 – Friday

Class 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 3 – Monday and Tuesday
Class 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Tuesday 27th April 2021

3.30pm – 4.30p After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 5)

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Wednesday 28th April 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children.

Thursday 29th April 2021

3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 2 of 3). Pre-booked children.

Monday 3rd May 2021

Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed