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## Message from Mr Hiley

We made it! We have finally reached the end of the academic year and Summer Term. I would just like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone, parents, carers, children, family, staff, friends, Governors for their continued support over this difficult and unprecedented school year. Needless to say, there have been some ups and some downs, and some difficult decisions for us all to make, but we got there in the end! I am sure everyone will agree the past year has been a very steep learning curve for us all!

Unfortunately, we were unable to invite parents into school to witness this year's Leavers' Assembly, which took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, but parents were able to join in this celebration via Zoom. As a school we would like to wish those children leaving us this July and moving onto the next stage of their educational journey the very best of luck and success, it is fair to say you will all be missed.

Despite restrictions, our Year 6 children's last week at school was a fun-packed and memorable affair with children taking part in a picnic lunch, a staff -v- children rounders match (well done to our victorious staff team), a water battle and pizza making session!

At the time of writing, there are still, unfortunately, a number of Parentpay accounts with outstanding balances. Can I once again request that parents/carers check their accounts and settle any outstanding debts before the Summer holidays. Please remember, if you are unable to make payment for any reason, then please get in touch with the school as quickly as possible.

This week, I have secured Bikeability Training for those children who will be in Year 6 next academic year. This activity is FREE of charge and more information, together with a Consent Form has been sent home with children earlier this week. Can parents please ensure that they complete and return all necessary paperwork by no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. As a parent, if you have any concerns whatsoever about this activity, or your child does not have access to a bicycle, then please get in touch with the school after the holidays.

Following the recent lifting of restrictions, we are anticipating that life at school will return to a little bit more 'normal' when we return in September. We are

planning that all children can once again arrive for 9.00am and finish at 3.30pm with bubbles being dissolved and all children being able to once again engage with one another over break and lunchtimes. However, please bear in mind that these arrangements might change at short notice, as we move through the Summer break and Covid cases are monitored.

At our Governors' Meeting earlier this week, Rev Anne Russell formally tendered her resignation from the Board due to her family re-locating to Seacroft in Leeds. We were delighted to be able to invite Rev Anne to our final praise assembly this morning where we could officially say goodbye and present her with a card made by the children and very personalised gift to help her fondly remember her times at school. Rev Anne will be greatly missed by everyone at school and the wider community. On behalf of staff, fellow Governors, children and parents, I would just like to say an absolutely MASSIVE thank you to Rev Anne for all her support and dedication over the years to Bentham Community Primary School. Our loss is definitely Seacroft's gain.

Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Harvey who has worked so brilliantly with Class 5 this year and we all wish her the very best for the future and I would also like to wish Miss Hayward the very best of luck with her future as she relocates to Wales over the Summer Holidays.

Finally, please remember that school finishes early later today, at 1.30pm, re-opening on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Have a lovely Summer Holiday, stay safe, stay well and we will see you all again soon.

Mr Hiley

Interim Headteacher

## Lateral Flow Test

Lateral Flow Tests for regular and routine testing are now available to everyone and have proven to help in the fight against Covid. Tests can be ordered at

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

**Water Safety** With the recent hot weather, unfortunately there have been an increasing number of reports in the media about the dangers of open water. We would

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encourage parents to be 'Water Aware'. More information about how you can keep yourself and your family safe is available online or by contacting Craig Lyons, Public Safety Officer at Bentham Fire Station on 015242 61228.

**FEAST Activity** FEAST is all about food, entertainment, activities and sport together! Children and young people in North Yorkshire who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto North Yorkshire County Council's holiday activity sessions over the summer holidays. Children who attend will also be provided with a free hot meal or packed lunch. There are lots of FREE activities to get involved in – together with some FREE family day out tickets. More information about the FEAST activity programme can be found on the North Yorkshire Together website. Alternatively, please contact Elaine Shaw, Early Help Consultant on 07977 572917

**Health and Wellbeing over Summer** We have received information about COMPASS, which is a website offering help and advice for both children and parents. If you are struggling with health and wellbeing, why not take a look?

<https://www.compass-uk.org/help-and-support/young-people/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/help-and-support/parents-carers/>

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## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Staff Training Day : School CLOSED to children

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

9.00am School re-opens to Children

Lunch : Macaroni Cheese, Quorn Rainbow Cottage Pie or Jacket Potato

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Lunch : Roast Chicken, Vegetable Roast or Jacket Potato

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Lunch : Mexican Tortilla Boats, Vegetable and Bean Tortilla Boats or Jacket Potato

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Lunch : Beefburger in a Bun, Vegetable Sausage in a Bun or Jacket Potato.

## GOODBYE, FAREWELL, AND GOOD LUCK.



**Bentham Playing Fields : Carboot** On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 there is a Car Boot and opening of new Seating Area at Bentham Playing Fields. Please go along and show your support.

8.00am Traders Arrive

9.00am Buyers Arrive

11.30am BayBeat Street Band

12.00am Cutting of Ribbon for New Seating

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