Message from Mrs Pearson

I hope that everyone manages to enjoy the long weekend. With school being closed to children tomorrow, Friday 24th June, this newsletter is the Friday News on a Thursday!

It was so lovely to welcome parents, carers and families into school on Tuesday 21st June for our annual Sports Day event. The weather was glorious, the event was as popular as ever with children, and I am sure I am correct in saying that mums, dads and school staff also really enjoyed joining in with their races!

Here at the school, we encourage all our children to take part in as many activities as possible, and very much endorse that it is the taking part that is important alongside doing your very best, which all our children most definitely did on Tuesday morning. Children competed in their house teams of either Amber, Ruby, Sapphire or Emerald, points accumulated for houses during the races were then totted up with the blue team 'Sapphire' managing to accumulate the most points. Well done to all the teams!

With the weather being kind, the picnic lunch after the main event was also a resounding success! Thank you to all those parents and families who were able to come along and support children and who joined in with our big picnic. Thank you also to Lila and John, our school cooks, for providing so many delicious Grab Bags for children. I do want to apologise to those parents who found themselves torn between sitting with their child in Nursery/Reception or sitting with an older sibling. Sometimes in school we get things wrong and this is just something that we didn't consider fully. We made the decision for our youngest children to be in the Early Years area to keep them safe but we hadn't considered the fact that this would cause an issue with parents who had children in multiple year groups. I apologise for this and we will come up with a different plan next year.

With the weather continuing to stay warm, can I once again remind parents/carers to ensure children come to school with a Sun Hat and water bottle. As a school we will be encouraging children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day.
- wearing suitable hats
- wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for

outdoor activities and school trips

- using a high factor sunscreen (SPF15+)

If the use of a sunscreen is required, parents/carers are asked to apply sunscreen before school. Sunscreen at school will only be required for use during school trips — on these occasions it is requested that the product to be used is clearly labelled with the child's name. It is school policy that children must apply their own sunscreen under the supervision of school staff. Please remember that school does not permit the use of aerosol spray sunscreens.

Earlier this year parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6 were given the opportunity for their children to take part in national height and weight checks. As a result of these checks, it has come to our attention that a small number of parents/carers have been contacted by health professionals outlining concerns that their child is deemed to be overweight. Can I please remind parents that these checks were not undertaken by the school and that the school have not been involved in any communications, nor made any judgements about children's height and weight. Any queries, or grievances should be directed to the National Child Measurement Programme – 0300 303 0916.

Unfortunately, it has come to the attention of staff that a number of children are using bikes and scooters or playing ball-games whilst waiting on the playground at both the start and the end of the day. Can I please ask that parents/carers ensure that children do not cycle, scoot, play with school equipment or have a quick game of football during these times. As I am sure everyone will agree, the playground can get extremely busy both before school and at the end of the day, and it is simply not safe to let these activities continue. Thank you for your support.

Next week children in Year 6 will be taking part in their residential visit to Keswick. There are lots of wonderful activities planned for children. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking members of staff for agreeing to accompany children on this residential – without their support this residential could not take place.

Next week children in Class 2 will be visiting Mrs Horton's house as part of a history project. Mrs Horton worked at Bentham C P School for a number of years, only recently retiring. Thank you to Mrs Horton for hosting children.

On Monday 4th July Tiny Pixels will be visiting school and taking Class Photos. These photos are always lovely to look back at. More information about how photographs can be purchased will be sent home with children on the day. If you DO NOT want your child to be included in class photos, then please e-mail admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk by no later than 3.00pm on Friday 1st July.

We have a lot of second hand uniform available at the school (some of it brand new), and all FREE of charge. Parents/carers are more than welcome to pop into the school's main reception and take any items that they like.

Finally, as reported in the national and local press, this week there was a devastating helicopter crash between Bentham and Ingleton. As many readers will know, the crash resulted in the tragic death of two individuals. The pilot of the helicopter was known to school as a 'host' to one of our Ukrainian families, with the passenger also being closely connected to another of our kind 'host' families. Our thoughts and prayers are with families and friends of those who have lost their loved ones.

Mrs Pearson Headteacher

PE Days

Nursery: Thursday (AM)

Class 1 : Tuesday/Friday : PM Class 2 : Tuesday/Wednesday

Class 3: Tuesday/Friday
Class 4: Tuesday/Thursday
Class 5: Tuesday/Thursday

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th June 2022

Year 6 Residential to Keswick

Beef Burger in a Bun Falafel Burger Jacket Potato

Tuesday 28th June 2022

Quorn Tikka Masala Sticky Noodle Pot Jacket Potato

1.00pm Class 2 visiting Mrs Horton

Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club (Years 2/3)

Wednesday 29th June 2022

Roast Chicken
Stuffed Courgettes
Jacket Potato

11.00am Class 5: Online Careers Conversation

Thursday 30th June 2022

Pork Sausage Roll Summer Vegetable Quiche Jacket Potato

Friday 1st July 2022

Year 6 children return from Keswick

Fish Fingers
Cheese and Onion Pastry
Jacket Potato

Can parents/carers please remember to return completed Meal Choices for the Autumn Term by Monday 18th July 2022. Please also make a note of the increased meal charges. Thank you.







