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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Following on from last week's Friday News, I am pleased to be able to confirm that our Head Boy for the 2021/2022 academic year is Riley, with Missy taking on the role of Head Girl. Congratulations to both Riley and Missy. Team Captains are Thomas for Amber, Josh for Sapphire, Alisha for Emerald and Katiya for Ruby.

Well done to all our Year 6 children, who have all been successfully appointed to take on some additional roles and responsibilities around the school, including recycling, playground monitoring, library duties etc.

This week, a number of children in Year 6 also took part in Bikeability Training. Congratulations to both Ellies, Alfie, Finlay, Nancy, Reuben, Alisha, William, Riley, Josh, Teddy, and Missy for taking part and successfully completing their Bikeability Level 2 Cycle Training. Well done!

This week we have been advised by staff at Settle Swimming Pool that, unfortunately, they will now have to close their doors to swimmers whilst some building works take place at the pool. Initially it was hoped that the pool would remain operational, but in order to carry out improvement works more effectively and efficiently, a decision has been made to close the pool from the 4<sup>th</sup> October through to October half-term. This means that we will now have to re-schedule the last three swimming lessons for children in Class 5, which will now take place on the following dates :

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Whilst this might be disappointing, please remember that managers at the pool have agreed for building works to be undertaken so that Settle Pool's facilities can be upgraded and improved, further enhancing accessibility to all users. This will benefit everyone in the long-term and Managers are keen to pass on their thanks to everyone for supporting this temporary closure. Likewise, we would like to thank Settle Pool for all their support to school over previous years, including financially, which has ultimately assisted children to access lessons.

In other sporting news, following the half-term holidays, and further Risk Assessments, we are hoping to once

again be in the position to take part in Cluster Sporting Events. If this is not the case, then the feasibility of schools taking part in a series of virtual competitions and challenges is being investigated.

As I am sure readers will be aware, this week there have been reports of an increase in positive Covid cases being identified in our local communities and schools. Whilst, inevitably, some of us will succumb to seasonal colds that present with similar symptoms to that of Covid, can I just encourage parents to secure a PCR test if any member of the household presents with any symptoms that could be attributable to Covid infection. By following guidance we can help prevent the spread of Covid and protect our friends, families and communities. Advice from the Government now states:

**"Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have COVID-19 symptoms. Get a PCR test as soon as possible and self-isolate, even if symptoms are mild".**

For more information, please visit

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

By way of a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they have cold symptoms without undertaking a PCR test. Please remember, that in line with advice from the Local Authority, it may be deemed necessary to send a child home, or not accept them in class if they are displaying cold symptoms and have not been tested. As is always the case, thank you to everyone in advance for their co-operation, support and understanding.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

**Car Parking at School** Can we remind parents about using the school's car park safely. Please do not double park, block other cars in, park in the gateway or abandon vehicles. Perhaps consider walking to school, or alternatively, if distance is the issue, driving only part of the journey to school, parking up in a safe and legal place and walking the remainder of the journey to school. Thank you.

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## PE Days

This term, our PE days are, as follows:

Nursery :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

**Influenza Vaccination** As previously reported information has been sent home to all parents about this year's Influenza vaccination which is being offered FREE OF CHARGE to all children in Reception to Year 11 inclusive. The vaccination team is scheduled to visit school on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Please remember, if you want any advice about this vaccination then you need to contact the School Immunisation Team on 01423 553115. To consent to your child receiving the vaccination, please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>. If you are unable to access the internet, then please, again, contact the School Immunisation Team directly. When booking online schools identification number is 121380.

## After-School Basketball Club

From Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Coach Gunn will be running an after-school basketball club for children in Key Stage Two. The club will run for 3.30pm to 4.20pm until the end of term and will be outdoors or indoors depending on the weather.

We can offer up to 25 spaces at the club and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please complete and return the attached form if your child would like to attend.

## Year 6 – transferring to Secondary School

Whilst children may have only just arrived in Year 6, arrangements now need to be made to secure a place at secondary school for September 2022. Places need to be applied for before by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Applications can be made online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). Further information has also been sent home with year 6 children under separate cover.

## Vacancies at Bentham Community Primary School

Would you like the opportunity to join our friendly team of staff here at Bentham Community Primary School? We

currently have vacancies for a GTA (General Teaching Assistant) and MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant). Details about both vacancies can be found at : <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

Alternatively, contact Sally in the School Office for more information.

## Poetry Day

On the 7<sup>th</sup> October, school will be celebrating National Poetry Day by offering all children in all classes the opportunity to join in with a special lunch! On the menu

[Margherita Pizza](#)

[Potato Smiles](#)

[Jacket Potato](#)

[Peas and Baked Beans](#)

[For dessert, Upside Down Apple Slice and Ice-Cream.](#)

There is no need to pre-order, children can order on the day during registration. By way of a reminder, meals are FREE of charge to ALL children in Reception, years 1 and 2. £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 and £2.10 for children in Nursery. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals there will be no charge.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Fish and Sweet Potato Cake  
Cheese and Onion Quiche  
Jacket Potato

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Macaroni Cheese  
Quorn Rainbow Pie  
Jacket Potato  
3.30pm-4.30pm After School Basketball Club

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Roast Chicken  
Vegetable Roast  
Jacket Potato

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Mexican Tortilla Boats  
Vegetable and Bean Tortilla  
Jacket Potato  
3.30pm-4.30pm After School Cooking Club (3 of 3)

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**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Fun-Day-Friday**

Beefburger in a Bun

Vegetable Sausage in a Bun

Jacket Potato

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## After-school Basketball Club.

I would like to secure a place for \_\_\_\_\_ (Child's Name) in Class \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert Class) at the After-school Basketball Club on Tuesday evenings from 3.30pm to 4.20pm. I understand that the children will need to be collected from outside the school hall at 4.20pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Once all 25 places are filled, we will keep a waiting list for any remaining children who did not manage to get a place.



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