Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

As is usually the case, this week has been no exception and has quite literally flown by!

Children have been busy in classrooms getting creative and engaging in lessons.

Our youngest children in Ladybird Class have been very busy carefully chopping vegetables and making soup. Children all enjoyed tasting their culinary creation. Ladybird's have also looked at where fruit and vegetables come from.

Meanwhile, children in Butterfly Class have been learning all about plants and have been busy planting their very own seeds, they have also looked at the story 'Jack and the Jelly-Bean-Stalk'.

Our Hedgehogs have been busy looking for signs of Spring and measuring recent rainfall. Children have also been looking at 'what is safe to go in our bodies', this included discussions about how dangerous medicine can sometimes be.

As part of English, Rabbits have engaged in independent writing based on the book 'The Magic Paintbrush'. Children had to write their very own story based on the book, changing the 'paintbrush' to another magical object.

Badgers have been busy looking at the local Geography of Bentham. I am sure they will be using our resource digimaps to look at how the maps of Bentham have changed over time. In Science children have considered the importance of food.

In Fox Class children have planted seeds and learnt about germination. Our year 5 children have also enjoyed taking part in Tennis Lessons with Skipton Tennis Centre and Rounders with Mr Edmondson.

Obviously, children in our Owl class have been busy practising their SATs! (They have also created a board game and enjoyed a game of Tennis in games).

By way of a reminder, children in Year 6, will be taking part in SATs 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.

On Wednesday our School Improvement Advisor (SIA) came into school for the day. The focus was our SEND learners and the provision we have in place. Mrs Miller was impressed with what she saw and enjoyed walking through school and engaging with the children and their learning. Mrs Miller was also accompanied by one of our Governors Mr Chris Hawkins they had great fun talking to children in KS2 too.

On Friday 5th May school will be holding a 'Coronation Party'. Parents, carers and family members are invited to join children from 11.30am to 12.30 m/d for a 'High Tea' outside on the school field (weather permitting). Our wonderful school cooks will be providing a 'Picnic Style Lunch' for those children who would like a school meal. Picnic lunches can be ordered on the day during registration. Meals are priced at £2.50 each for children in Nursery, FREE for all children in Reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.95 per child for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are FREE of charge for children in receipt of Free School Meals. If you are planning on joining children at the celebratory Coronation Party, we are asking that those joining us bring their own picnic and perhaps a blanket so that they can sit comfortably on the school field!

In addition to a High Tea style lunch, there will be games set out for children to enjoy with their families over the lunch-time period. We are asking that ALL visitors enter the playground using the gate from the school car park. The main entrance to the school will be CLOSED. Nursery children will be joining the rest of the school for High Tea, but will then return to their own playground for the remainder of their lunchbreak. We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone along to this special celebration.

We are currently looking for volunteers at school to help listen to children read. If you are interested in volunteering, and are able to commit to a regular weekly slot, please pop in and see Sally in the School Office who will be able to provide more information. All volunteer roles at the school are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Unfortunately, due to SATs taking place, the FOBS are unable to host their brilliant Baby and Toddler session in the School Hall on Friday 12th May – this means that the session will be CANCELLED. Apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment caused.

Finally, Miss Richardson will be returning from maternity leave on Monday 5th June. Miss Richardson will be teaching children in Year 6 alongside Mrs Shaw until the end of the Summer Term. Unfortunately, Miss Richardson will then be leaving Bentham C P School to focus on bringing up her family. Whilst this is very sad news, we would like to wish Miss Richardson and her family the very best for the future.

Have a lovely weekend, please remember school will be closed on Monday 1st May 2023 for Bank Holiday, re-opening on Tuesday 2nd May.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor



Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May 2023

BANK HOLIDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Beef Enchiladas Summer Vegetable Spaghetti Jacket Potato

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Roast Chicken Country Vegetable Bake Jacket Potato

Thursday 4th May 2023Pork Meatballs and Pasta

Vegetable Risotto Jacket Potato

PM: Tennis (Yr 5/6)

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 5th May 2023

11.30am to 12.30 m/d Coronation Celebratory Lunch

Selection of Sandwiches

Veggie Sticks Cheese Straws

Sausage Roll

Cup-Cake

Fresh Fruit

Yogurt

1.00pm Badger Class Swimming Lesson (3 of 10)

Future Dates for your Diary

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

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

Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm)

| Date | Parents/families of children in below House Groups invited |
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| 05/05/2023 | Ruby/Sapphire |
| 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 | |