

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families,

Firstly, I have to share some sad news. As parents of children in Nursery and Class 1 will already know, during the half term holidays, Mrs Chapman will reach the 28-week stage in her pregnancy. Current guidance from the Local Authority states that from this stage in pregnancy an individual should work from home and shield. This means that after half-term, Mrs Chapman will no longer be teaching in school. I know from discussions with Mrs Chapman that she is sad about not being in school and that she wanted to end this academic year doing what she loves to do best, teaching children in class.

As from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Mrs Becky Webster will be teaching in Class 1 until the end of the Summer Term (unless guidance changes enabling Mrs Chapman to return to class); Mrs Webster is a very experienced supply teacher who parents may well have already seen and met in school over the past few months when she covered for Mrs Milner. I would like to reassure parents that in preparation for this transition, there will be a comprehensive handover with discussions taking place about every child's needs. Further I would like to emphasise that if parents would like to contact either Mrs Webster or Mrs Chapman for any reason whatsoever, they can continue to do so via the [class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk) address.

Before school closes for half term next week, I would just like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support over the previous seven weeks. Lockdown and school closures, naturally, had an impact on all our learners in school, albeit emotionally, academically, socially or mentally. For many this term has felt like a long one, and some of us, including children, are now tiring and looking forward to a rest during half term. Children at school have all worked incredibly hard and as parents you should be very proud of your children. As a school, we are looking forward to returning on

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June for our final half-term of the current academic year. I know that staff have planned lots of fun and interesting learning.

Children in Class 5 have been busy creating individual tapestries, which reflect personal thoughts, feelings and interpretations of what lockdown meant. These tapestries have now been collated to create one big class tapestry that is proudly on display in the Key Stage 2 corridor. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are unable to let parents/carers visit the school and see for themselves this absolutely stunning piece of work. So, instead, we have brought this creative masterpiece to you! Please see the attached photograph. I am sure everyone will agree, the tapestry is creative excellence. Well done everyone.

Following half term, our After School Tennis Club will be starting for a limited number of children in Class 2. For those children who unfortunately missed out this time, please can parents be reassured that there will be further opportunities in the future.

Our next After School Cookery Club sessions will also be starting after half term with the first session taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021. There are still a limited number of spaces available at Cookery Club so if you would like your child to attend, then please contact Sally in the School Office. Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis and are available for all children from Reception through to Year 6 inclusive.

By way of a reminder, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June children in years 2 and 3 will be visiting Cleatop Woods in Settle. Children should arrive at school for 8.45am wearing their school jumpers, a T-shirt, jogging bottoms or walking trousers and suitable footwear (ideally walking boots but wellies would also be appropriate). Children will also need a packed lunch, water bottle and healthy snack. Thank you to Mrs Harrison for organising this wonderful educational visit for children and also to the Yorkshire Dales National Park for partially subsidising this visit.

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Finally, looking at the weather forecast for next week, we might be in for a treat with the weather! I hope everyone enjoys the rest, some family time and manages to get out and enjoy the sunshine safely.

Take care, stay safe and see you all back at school re-energised on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr T Hiley  
Interim Headteacher

**HRH Queen Elizabeth II 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday** On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 we will be celebrating the Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday by having a special afternoon tea style lunch. All children are invited to join in with this celebration lunch. Meals are priced at £2.10 per child in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in Reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.55 per child for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. There is no charge for those children eligible for Free School Meals. On the menu :

A selection of sandwiches (vegetarian available)

Mini Sausage Rolls

Cheese and Tomato Quiche

Vegetable Sticks

Lemon Drizzle Scones with Raspberry Jam

Strawberries and Cream

There is no need to pre-order. Meals can be ordered during registration on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Payment should be deposited on your child's Parentpay account prior to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**School Uniform/Shoes** Can we please remind parents about the importance of children wearing their school uniform to school. Wearing a uniform helps children have a 'sense of belonging' and pride. Can parents also please ensure that children come to school in sensible footwear which is suitable for the fabric of the building. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Thank you.

**Loaned Laptops** Unfortunately, despite several reminders, there are still a small number of laptops

that were loaned to children over lockdown that have not been returned to school. Can these devices now be returned by **3.30pm today, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**Bentham Library** Bentham Community Library have recently changed their opening times. Customers, both old and new, can book a time allocated slot to visit the library and browse for books on the following dates/times:

Monday 2.30pm until 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am to 2.00pm

Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm

To secure a slot either call 01609 534533 or -email [library@pioneerprojects.org.uk](mailto:library@pioneerprojects.org.uk)

Select and Collect, Book Bundles and the Home Library Service are still available.

**Buzzy Bees** On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Bentham Library will be launching 'Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt'. This is a free scheme for children aged under 5 which rewards young children who borrow books from the Library with cards, stickers and certificates. The colourful cards are designed by local artist Wendi New and depict locations across North Yorkshire. Bentham Library is the place to be from the 7<sup>th</sup> June to the 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Library will be celebrating the 'Under 5s week' with lots of stories and activities. There will also be online story sessions accessible via the North Yorkshire Library Facebook Page and children under 5 who visit the Library will receive a goody bag. For more information please contact the library on 01609 534533 or e-mail [library@pioneerprojects.org.uk](mailto:library@pioneerprojects.org.uk).

**QES Transition** We have received information from QES that the school will be up-dating their website over the half term. Parents will then be able to access further information about transition events in readiness for September 2021. The school were cautiously optimistic that Parent/pupil Induction Events would take place this year – although it is now looking like this will not be the case. However, pupils will be invited into school on the morning of Monday

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12th July for a transition morning. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact QES directly on 015242 71275

**School Dinners** Can we please, once again, remind parents/carers that, unfortunately, children **cannot change between taking a school meal and bringing a packed lunch to school on a daily basis.** As a school, we do ask that parents/carers commit to ordering school meals on a half-termly basis. Naturally, there are exceptions when a child who usually brings a packed lunch will need to order a meal in an emergency situation, and this can be accommodated. Likewise, if your child would like to try a school meal, or take a meal once per week, then they are welcome to join in with Fun Day Friday which is available EVERY Friday at school. Meals can be ordered during registration.

With apologies for any inconvenience, this week we have been informed by North Yorkshire County Caterers that they will no longer be able to offer Lasagne on the menu (week 1). This option has been replaced with Pasta Bolognaise.

**Lateral Flow Tests** 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>. If you are struggling to secure an LFD kit, then please get in touch with the school as we may be able to help.

**Face Coverings** As I am sure everyone will appreciate, Covid is still very much a threat. With this in mind, school would **encourage parents/carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from the school.** Thank you.

**Did you know....** Music lessons are once again available for children at school. For more information, please contact the Music Service. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-music-service> 01609 534795

**A few important pieces of information for week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## PE

Nursery – Tuesday  
Class 1 – Friday  
Class 2 – Tuesday and Friday  
Class 3 – Monday and Tuesday  
Class 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday  
Class 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

School re-opens

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 2)

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

8.45am to 3.30pm Visit to Cleatop Woods (Years 2 and 3)

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 1 of 3). Pre-booked children.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Virtual Parliament Tour : Year 6

