

30th April 2021

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families

Earlier this week interviews took place to recruit an EYFS Teacher who will be teaching children in Class 1 for the whole academic year as from September 2021. I am pleased to confirm that Miss Leah Brown was the successful applicant and will be joining our excellent team here at Bentham Community Primary School in September.

As the weather improves, so has the opportunity to come to school on scooters and bicycles. Whilst it is lovely to see children arriving at school on their bicycles and scooters, and parents encouraging children to engage in physical activity, can I please just remind parents to ensure that children are aware of keeping safe. Please do not ride bicycles/scooters out of the school gates, wait until it is safe to mount and consider pedestrian traffic as well as traffic on the busy roads of Bentham. Likewise, can I please ask that parents ensure children do not ride bicycles and scooters in the playground when waiting to collect siblings etc. Unfortunately, this increases the risk of an injury or accident occurring. Please also ensure that children are provided with necessary and appropriate safety equipment when using these modes of transport, for example a cycle helmet. Thank you.

I have now received confirmation that on Monday 10th May construction of the new Footpath around the circumference of the school field will commence! This installation will mean that children can access a circular route around the school field in all weathers, and also challenge themselves to complete laps.

As I am sure most parents will be aware, every year the school becomes home to a pair of Oyster Catchers. This year is no different, with the happy couple successfully once again laying eggs. Hopefully, this year, they will be successful in rearing their chicks.

This week, Mrs Harrison has sent home some

information about an event that will be taking place at school on Friday 30th April to commemorate what would have been the late Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101st Birthday. As I am sure every reader will know, Captain Sir Tom Moore raised a remarkable amount of money for the NHS during the first peak of the Covid Pandemic, before sadly passing away on the 2nd February 2021. Captain Sir Tom Moore's family have pledged to celebrate the life of this amazing gentleman with an event that everyone can take part in 'Captain Tom 100'. EVERYONE is invited to take part in a challenge based around the number 100 at anytime and anywhere over Captain Sir Tom Moore's birthday weekend, starting 30th April through to Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May 2021. Perhaps you could walk 100 steps, run 100 metres, score 100 goals, bake 100 cakes, climb 100 stairs, build 100 sandcastles, flip 100 pancakes, anything at all! If you accept this challenge, please send photos to school either via the class3@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk address or in the comments of our 'Captain Tom 100' Facebook post on the School's Facebook Page. If you choose to ask for your 100 activity to be sponsored, you may wish to donate proceeds to The Captain Tom Foundation (or another charity of your choice). For more information please visit captaintom100.com.

Mrs Harvey has now sent information home to parents of children in Year 6 about this year's Leavers' Hoodies and how these can be ordered. Can I remind parents that orders need to be placed and payment made in full by NO LATER than Friday 14th May 2021. If you are struggling to meet the cost of purchasing a Leavers Hoodie, then please get in touch with the school, sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any late orders.

Mrs McGregor has been away on a course learning some more about Forest Schools and I know is eager to share with children and staff some of the wonderful new ideas and activities that she would like to introduce to outdoor learning here at the school.

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Finally, can I please remind parents that Covid is still a threat, and encourage the continuation of social distancing measures together with the wearing of face coverings in the school playground. By way of a reminder, if any member of your household displays any symptoms of Covid then please DO NOT send children to school and self-isolate until a Negative PCR Test Result is received.

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.

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 for Bank Holiday, re-opening on Tuesday 4th May 2021. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and enjoy.

Mr Hiley
Headteacher.

Parent Carer Voice : Let's Talk 'Social Care' NYCC have asked Parent Carer Voice to speak with parents and carers to hear their experiences of what is going well, what is not going well and what could have been done differently with their current service so that they can ascertain a clear picture of parental experiences. Meetings will be confidential and any information shared will be anonymised with no personal details being shared. Please do join in with remote sessions – sharing experiences and making your voice heard helps everyone work together for positive change. For more information see the attached leaflet.

A few important pieces of information for week beginning 26th April:

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 3rd May 2021

Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed

Tuesday 4th May 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Tennis Club (pre-booked Class 5)

Wednesday 5th May 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

Thursday 6th May 2021

AM : **Class 2** FOREST SCHOOL Can children please come to school in appropriate clothing (wellies, layers, waterproofs, sun-hats – please plan for the weather).

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

Friday 7th May 2021

School Health Team seeing children in Year 6 and Reception. (see letter previously sent home). **NUMBER DAY** Please see separate letter.

Can parents please ensure that children arrive at school on time and ready for learning. Children in Classes 2,3 and 5 need to be at school for 8.50am and be collected at 3.20pm. Children in Classes 1,4 and Nursery should arrive for 9.00am and be collected at 3.30pm. Thank you.

