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# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at the school, can we apologise for any inconvenience caused on Thursday due to interruptions with the school's telephone lines. Hopefully, the technical issues have now been resolved and normal service will resume!

As I am sure parents/carers will be aware, a series of national Teachers' Strikes will be taking place next week. I can confirm, that teachers at Bentham C P School **WILL NOT** be striking and school will be **OPEN** to everyone as normal. However, due to the knock-on effect of the national strikes, a decision has been made to **POSTPONE** our transition morning to **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. This also means that the Early Years Foundation Stage Teddy Bears' Picnic has also been postponed to the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

In connection with transition for children moving onto Settle College in September, as far as we are aware Settle College's transition event will still be taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. At the time of writing, QES have confirmed that their Induction Morning will also be running on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. However, we would encourage parents/carers to contact either Settle or QES directly if they have any queries.

This week it seems to have been all about trips, workshops and residential! Children have also been as busy as ever in classrooms.

Children in Ladybird class have been learning all about Lighthouses, and looking at the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Children have thought really hard about how they could save Mr Grinling's lunch from seagulls!

Next door in Butterfly Class children have been busy looking at 'The Rainbow Fish' another lovely children's book. Children have also enjoyed role play as Pirates, and even created their own Treasure Maps!

Meanwhile in Hedgehog; on Monday, children all enjoyed a fabulous art themed visit to Carnforth Station. Thank you to the Bentham Line for setting up and supporting this wonderful visit. In Science children have set up 'planting' investigations.... We all eagerly await the outcome of experiments! At the time of writing children in Hedgehog and Rabbit class

are visiting Brockhole on Windermere. We cannot wait to hear what everyone got up to on this visit.

In Rabbit Class children have been looking and learning about toys that their parents/carers might have played with when they were growing up. (Welcome back Care-Bears!). Children have also learnt about 'deliberate practice' – a way of helping to get better at things. In Science, I have been reliably informed, that a rather large poo was delivered following the creation of a digestive system!

Children in Badger Class have been busy making pencil cases in DT and also had the opportunity to take part in a Pizza Making Workshop with Mr Besharati, Mrs Besharati's dad who we would like to thank for giving up his time.

This week will be the final swimming lesson of the term for children in Badger Class. We are now busy planning lessons for next academic year.

For Geography children in Fox class have created a map of the school; they have also been busy in DT making a hand-crafted bag.

Children in Owl Class have been away on their residential at Keswick. We have heard snippets about what a wonderful time they have all been having; there is absolutely no doubt that they will all return exhausted and ready for a lay-in on Saturday morning! Thank you to Mrs McGregor, Mrs Shaw and Mr Edmondson for accompanying children on this visit.

Next week information will be sent home to parents/carers of children in Badger, Fox and Owl classes about how they can secure tickets to this year's end of year production "Cinderella Rockafella". Children are very excited about performing to an audience and have been practising really, really hard to ensure they showcase their skills when 'Curtains go up'. Tickets to the performance will be **FREE** of charge, but we are hoping that at the performances we can raise some all-important funds for the school by asking members of the audience to consider making a voluntary contribution in a collection box. Thank you.

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Facebook page to see what else our children have been or will be getting up to.

Finally, unfortunately, due to poor up-take the weekly SELFA 'Better Parenting' sessions which were advertised to take place in our Community Room every Wednesday afternoon have been CANCELLED.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

## Summer Reading Challenge

Over the Summer Holidays, Bentham Library will once again be hosting a Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is 'sports and games'. The challenge is to read six library books during the summer holidays – ready, set, READ! More information can be found at [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

### Prevent poisoning

*"He thought it was a sweetie because it was bright and like a jelly so he gave it to Orla who bit into it."*

Mum talking about washing tabs/pods

**Bright bottles of cleaning liquid, squidgy washing tablets, shiny packets of painkillers...** Small children are curious and want to learn more by putting things in their mouth.

Unfortunately things that make our lives easier can be harmful to small children, as their bodies process poisons differently. Thank goodness it's easy to keep children safe.

**Laundry products** – small children can mistake brightly coloured products for sweets or toys, especially laundry capsules. But the concentrated chemicals can do serious damage to children's insides, skin and eyes.

- It's tempting to keep products beside the washing machine. Move them to a high up or lockable cupboard
- Watch out for fast little fingers! Don't leave a washing tablet on top of the washing
- Put products away out of reach as soon as you've used them
- When you're shopping, look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex – it tastes so horrible, children spit it out instead of swallowing, preventing accidental poisoning.

**Everyday painkillers** – the most common way for young children to be poisoned.

- Keep all medicines out of reach and sight of young children, ideally in a high up or lockable cupboard
- Watch out for painkillers left on the bedside table or in the handbag on the floor.

**Cleaning products** – helpful for you but they can be harmful for small children.

- What's lurking under your sink or next to your toilet? Move cleaning products to a high up or lockable cupboard
- Put them out of reach again as after use
- Don't rely on safety caps – they slow children down but they're not childproof
- Look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex when you're shopping
- Don't pour cleaning products into other bottles like drinks bottles. Children can get confused.



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## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Quorn Nuggets with Ketchup  
Cheesy Bean Parcel  
Jacket Potato

Induction Morning (QES)

1.30pm Hedgehog Class visiting Bentham Library

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

BBQ Chicken Wrap with Rainbow Rice  
Veggie Bolognese and Pasta  
Jacket Potato

1.30pm Rabbit Class visiting Bentham Library

Transfer Evening : Settle College

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Roast Gammon  
Veggie Sausage  
Jacket Potato

Transfer Day : Settle College

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Sweet Potato Curry  
Jacket Potato

PM : Tennis (Rabbit/Badger)

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Fish Fingers  
Veggie Roll  
Jacket Potato

3.45pm Meeting for Parents of children who will be joining RECEPTION in September 2023.

## Future Dates for your Diary

Induction Morning for Year 7 Pupils (QES)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Visit to Bentham Library

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 1.30pm : Hedgehog Class



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## Visit to Bentham Library

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 1.30pm : Rabbit Class

## Year 6 Transfer Evening at Settle College

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## Year 6 Transfer Day at Settle College

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Teddy Bear's Picnic

POSTPONED TO 12<sup>TH</sup> July 2023

## Governors' Meeting

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 5.00pm

## Welcome to Nursery/Reception Meeting

Parents/Carers of children joining Nursery/Reception  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 3.45pm.

## End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

## End of Year Production Performances

PM and Evening

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 : Years 4,5 and 6

## End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Last Day of Term

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOBS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP  
WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM**

9:15am – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

**Celebration Assemblies (3.00pm) with the  
EXCEPTION of Year 6 Leavers' Assembly or where  
otherwise stated.**

## PE Days

Ladybird	Monday (PM) Friday (AM) Forest School
Butterfly	Thursday (AM)
Hedgehog	Tuesday (PM)

Rabbit

Badger

Fox

Owl

Thursday (PM)

Monday (PM)

Thursday (PM) Tennis

Thursday (PM) Tennis

Friday (PM) Swimming

Wednesday (PM)

Friday (PM)

Tuesday (PM)

Wednesday (PM)

## **Bentham Pantry**

Feeling the pinch? Join 'The Pantry'

Open Wednesdays 11.00am to 12.00 noon and  
3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Bentham Methodist Church, Station Road.

A donation of £1.00 would be appreciated.

Contact 07942 364606

**No Smoking Policy** Can we please just remind any visitors, parents or carers that school has a strict **NO SMOKING** Policy on any part of its grounds. Please remember, this includes the Car Park and the wildlife areas adjacent to the Main Reception. Thank you.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023



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