

11th June 2021

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Message from Mr Hiley

Dear Bentham Families,

Welcome back after half term! I hope that everyone had a lovely break and managed to get out and enjoy the glorious sunshine!

As parents may have noticed, Our track around the school field was installed over the half term holidays, almost ironically, children are unable to 'test-drive' the route until we have had some rain, which by all accounts 'sets' the surfacing of the pathway..... who would have thought we would be hoping for some rain!

Children in years 2 and 3 all thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Cleatop Woods on Wednesday 9th June. Children learnt all about different trees and engaged in leaf identification. Children also learnt how to plant a tree and how to identify the best location to plant new saplings. Bug life was also studied, with children all engaging in 'mini-beast' identification! Before leaving Cleatop Woods, children were all given a piece of clay to create their very own clay-work 'mini-beast' or 'woodland fairy' to leave behind in the woodlands for other visitors to seek out and enjoy. Once again, thank you to those members of staff who helped organise this educational visit and accompanied children on the day. Thank you also to the National Trust.

At the time of writing, our lovely school cook is busy preparing a very special Afternoon Tea style lunch for children to enjoy in celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II 95th Birthday. Those children joining the celebratory lunch Children will be treated to a delicious selection of sandwiches, snacks and cake – a feast fit for a Queen! Thank you to our kitchen staff for organising and preparing this special treat for children.

Unfortunately, earlier this week, I had to send home a letter to all parents reporting an incident involving two of our children who were approached by a stranger whilst walking to school. I would like to reassure parents that North Yorkshire Police have been involved in the incident and have investigated. Thankfully, the

result of this investigation has shown that the situation was not malicious or dangerous. However, I would once again like to ask that parents be extra vigilant and help support children's learning at school about 'stranger danger' by reinforcing this message at home. By way of a reminder, if you do see anything that causes concern, then please contact the Police on 111 or speak to PCSO Barbara Parsons who is based at Ingleton Police Station.

Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

Nursery Starters/Reception Starters 2021/2022 We are in the process of planning for next academic year. With this in mind, parents of children who will be joining our Reception and Nursery years in September 2021 will, shortly, be sent a 'starter pack'. If you do not receive a pack by the end of next week, then please get in touch with the School Office. It is looking like next year our Nursery provision will, once again, be very busy with a limited number of places being available. If you, or anyone you know, has a child of Nursery age, who has not yet registered for a place at our provision, and would like their child to join our Nursery, then please get in touch with the School Office on 015242 61412. Likewise, for parents of those children who will be starting their Reception year at school, and have not already contacted School Admissions, it is now imperative that they do so in order to secure a place at school. School Admissions can be contacted on 01609 533679 or schooladmissions@nothyorks.gov.uk

Paper Donation We would just like to say a massive thank you to Finley and Harry's mum who, this week, kindly sourced and donated lots of FREE paper for children in the school to get creative with! Thank you.

Bentham Library Bentham Community Library have recently changed their opening times. Customers, both old and new, can book a time allocated slot to visit

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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

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

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 14th 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 14th June 2021

Tuesday 15th June 2021

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

Wednesday 16th June 2021

3.30pm – 4.30pm Jigsaw Club for invited children

Thursday 17th June 2021

3.30pm to 4.30pm After School Cooking Club (week 2 of 3). Pre-booked children.

Friday 18th June 2021