

1st April 2022

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs McGregor

Happy April Fool's Day! In the words of Abraham Lincoln.....

“You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time”

What a difference a day makes! From sunshine and sun-hats to snow, gloves and jumpers all in less than a week! Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring children are sent to school with appropriate clothing for any one day!

This week our Parent Interviews took place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers being able to once again visit the school and meet with children's class teachers. If you were unable to attend, hopefully teaching staff will have contacted you with a telephone appointment. If this is not the case, then please let Sally in the School Office know so that a mutually convenient telephone appointment can be secured.

Whilst on the subject of Parent Interviews, can I thank those individuals who visited school for taking the time to complete a Parent Questionnaire. Feedback from the questionnaire will help the school to identify both where it can further improve, and what more the school can do to help support its community. Thank you also to our wonderful School Governors for taking the time to welcome parents back into the school.

Unfortunately, for those parents/carers of children in Class 3, Covid once again had to have a say, with Mr Hogg testing Positive on Monday this week. This meant that Mr Hogg had to hold his parent interviews virtually. Thank you to everyone for being so understanding and thank you to Mr Hogg for ensuring that all parents were still contacted. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Mr Hogg a speedy recovery. Needless to say, I would encourage parents/carers to continue to regularly LFD test children and other family members if they are showing any signs of Covid. Unfortunately, there are still a number of new cases being reported daily at school.

Can I please remind parents, that in connection with the two Parent Governor vacancies, ballot papers for electing nominees need to be returned to the School

Office by no later than 9.00am on Monday 4th April 2022. Voting papers received after this date/time will not be accepted.

Unfortunately, a number of votes have been received that cannot be counted – a number of voting slips have not been returned in envelopes. If you would like your vote to count, and think that you might have made a mistake when returning the paperwork, then please contact Sally in the School Office so that a further ballot paper can be issued. By way of a reminder, when returning a vote, please ensure that your ballot paper is sealed in a plain envelope (inner envelope), please do not write or mark this envelope. Place the unmarked envelope INSIDE a further (second) envelope and seal the same. On the outer envelope, write your NAME in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign your name. Also write 'P.G. Election' on the envelope together with your child/ren(s) name before returning the vote to the School Office. If you have any questions about returning ballot papers, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you.

Following on from last week's Friday News, can I please once again remind parents about the School Council's plans to help raise all important funds to support those in the Ukraine. On Friday 8th April 2022, 'Bacon Butties' will be ON SALE from 8.30am in the School Hall. Butties will be priced at £1.50 each (any additional donations welcome). Parents/carers, younger and older siblings, grandmas and grandads (you get the picture) are also welcome to pop into the School Hall and grab themselves a delicious butty! There will also be vegetarian sausage butties on sale.

Also on the 8th there will be a non-uniform day, the theme of which being yellow and blue to represent the Ukrainian Flag. In return for a voluntary contribution of £1.00, if children wish, they can come to school dressed up representing the theme of the fundraiser.

As is always the case, the end of term is a busy time! Again, on the 8th April 2022 we will also be celebrating Easter, and inviting all children in all classes to join a Happy Easter Celebratory Lunch. Roast Chicken, Roast and Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Broccoli and Sweetcorn will be on the menu together with a vegetarian option or a Jacket Potato. For dessert Chocolate Fudge Pudding with Chocolate Sauce, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt.....

There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered during registration on the day. Meals are priced at £2.10

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per child in Nursery, FREE for children in reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.55 each for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are also FREE for those children eligible for Free School meals.

Next week Mrs Richardson had planned visits to St John's Church, Low Bentham for children in Classes 2 and 3. Unfortunately, due to a delay in finishing building works at St Johns, children are now unable to visit the Church. Thankfully, Church Warden, Mrs Judith Johnson, has agreed to bring the Church to our Children, and along with a group of Church Volunteers will be bringing Easter themed activities to children at school! There will be collages, Easter badge designing, Easter Card making and much more.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine, wind, rain, snow.....

Take care, stay safe.

Mrs A McGregor
Acting Interim Headteacher.

Return of Baby and Toddler Group

We are absolutely delighted to confirm that the Friends of Bentham School are once again offering a 'Covid secure' Baby and Toddler Group session, every Friday, term-time only in the School Hall. Sessions will not run over the Easter Holidays, with the next session taking place on Friday 29th April 2022. from 9.30am to 11.00am in the School Hall.

REMINDER:

Year 6 SATS tests will take place during the week commencing 9th May 2022. Can parents/carers please ensure that children are in school during this week and avoid taking time off. Thank you.

Pop-Up Pantry The Pop-up Pantry in Bentham is open at the Methodist Church every Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 mid/day. Please bring any food items you might have spare, and take away any food items you might require! If you are struggling for groceries, then there is no need to 'bring' any food, but you are welcome to collect some provisions. Everyone is welcome, deliveries of food parcels can be arranged in special circumstances, text or call 07942 364606.

PE Days

Nursery:	Thursday (AM)
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday : PM (including Nursery children who stay for afternoon sessions)
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th April 2022

CLOSING DATE PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Nursery Parents : Return Parental Agreements

Sweet Lentil Curry and Rice

Quorn Dippers

Jacket Potato

Tuesday 5th April 2022

VOTE COUNT : Parent Governor Vacancies

Chicken and Pasta Bake

Vegetable Hot Pot

Jacket Potato

Guitar Lessons (Mr S Redfern)

3.30pm – 4.20pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 6th March 2022

Minced Beef and Yorkshire Puddings

Vegetable Casserole and Yorkshire Puddings

Jacket Potato

Thursday 7th April 2022

Fish Fingers

Veggie Burger in a Bun

Jacket Potato

Friday 8th April 2022

Bacon Butties/Vegetarian Sausage Butties on Sale

Non-Uniform Day

Easter Lunch Day

Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing

Vegetarian Sausage

Jacket Potato

9.30am – 11.00am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

3.30pm School Closes for Easter. Re-opens TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2022.

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Bentham Community
Primary School

REMEMBER

- Return Parental Agreements – Nursery Parents
4th April 2022
- Return Ballot Papers for Parent Governor by Monday 4th
April 2022
- Return Bentham Easter Holidays 2022 Multi Sports Camp
and Activity Days reply ASAP.

Useful Addresses

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

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class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk
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Family Easter Egg Bingo
Friday 8th April
5:30pm – 7pm
Victoria Institute, Low Bentham
Pay on the door
Adults—£5 a book
Children—£1 a strip
Refreshments available

**Cream Teas
and Flowers**
Bentham Parish Church, St Johns
Easter Sunday April 17th
and
Easter Monday April 18th
2pm-5pm

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April

7th @ 10am & 8pm

Tweens and Teens

The tween and teen years are periods of great transitions for our young people which can come with great highs and lows in our parenting journey.

Hormones
Friendships
Pushing boundaries
Battles of wills
Sense of identity

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 7th April for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on our tweens and teens, whether you are living through these years right now or if you want to be prepared. The talk focuses on what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.os.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link