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## NEWSLETTER 28 04 17

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter holiday and everyone is raring to go for what will be a very busy summer term. Y2 and Y6 have been working incredibly hard all year in preparation for their national tests. These will be upon us over the next few weeks, we wish the Y2 and Y6 classes all the best and I am very confident that they will all perform to their true potential.

Our Y3 class have been away since Wednesday at Buckden and are set to return later this afternoon. Undoubtedly there will have been a lot of anxious parents, but may I reassure you that that all the children appear to be having a wonderful time and have been thoroughly enjoying all the learning experiences that Buckden has to offer. I would also like to thank the staff who not only organise this visit but also give their time to ensure that such worthwhile educational experiences can still happen.

The chicks arrived in the reception class on Monday morning. When I popped in on Wednesday morning it was lovely to see that 8 out of the 9 chicks had hatched and the last one appeared to be on its way. The reception pupils were very excited about the chicks and loved telling me all about them. Thank you reception for very in depth descriptions about one of the many life stages of a chicken.

A very busy spring term ended with the school's Ofsted inspection and the realisation of the true impact that the Government's new funding formula will have on all schools, including Ben Rhydding. This is a very worrying time for schools, but I can assure you that Ben Rhydding Primary school is being very proactive in looking at ways, and taking actions, that will help the school to continue to move forward and support all our pupils' needs, now and for the future. The release of the Ofsted report should be imminent and I will be holding a parent/guardians coffee evening soon after its publication. This coffee evening will be held to not only discuss the report, but to also discuss any and all other aspects of the school that parents/guardians may wish to raise. In the meantime I will continue to be on the yard every morning and every evening to both speak to parents/guardians informally about any aspects of the school or concerns that they may have.

Finally, could I also say a big thank you to all the pupils and families who have supported Mary's Meals and sent in a backpack. The response from the school was phenomenal and very

much appreciated by Mary's Meals who, after collecting the pack packs, forwarded the response below.

Dear Ben Rhydding school,

Here is a photo of all the backpacks collected for the Mary's Meals backpack appeal, just from Ben Rhydding! They will all be sent off to Africa, along with packs from other local schools.

We are completely blown away by the quantity and the support offered.

Thank you so much,  
June, Krzysia and Rebecca  
Mary's Meals Team.

Mr Hartford.



## Dates for the diary

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 1 Cake Sale after school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School is closed for May Day and the Ilkley Carnival
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm Cycle Training Training for year 5 parent helpers
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-4.30pm Year 5 cycle training sessions start in playground
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class Visit to Leeds - info to follow soon.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception and Year 6 Class visits to Nell Bank.

## Netball

Netball Club will resume Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.30. It is for girls in Key stage 2. Please wear correct footwear, bring a drink and a snack. Netball club will be cancelled if there is heavy rain forecast. Please collect promptly.

## Dinner Money

**Dinner money is £1.65 per day/£8.25 per week**

The cost for dinner money from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May will be **£39.60**. Please make cheques payable to 'BMC School Meals' and write your child's name on the reverse.

## PTA BALL

The PTA ball committee are working hard to ensure the Bollywood Ball is a success. Businesses can advertise themselves by paying a small fee, £10, to put business cards etc in the goodie bags.

Please may we have tables in by beginning of May.  
Order forms are in the office foyer.

### **Message from Mrs Stefanuti, Mrs Chapman and Mr Harris**

We all completed the London Marathon on Sunday and would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated and who bought from the cake sale.

The non uniform day and the cake sale raised a total of £305 and we have raised just under £6000 for the two charities Against Breast Cancer and Children With Cancer.