



Friday 2nd October 2020

Autumn Term : Edition 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, some very exciting news to share! On Monday 28th October, Mr and Mrs Cadman welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Elsie, into the world. Congratulations, love and best wishes to the newly extended 'Cadman Family'.

Moving on..... another week and, undoubtedly, more anxiety surrounding Covid, as national news coverage continues to report that cases are, once again, on the increase. I am sure everyone will agree it is imperative that we all work together, socially distance, and keep each other safe. Please can I ask that parents consider wearing a face covering on the playground at the start and end of the day.

At our recent Governors Meeting, contingency plans were discussed and approved should part or all of the school have to go into isolation or lockdown. Planning included how best, as a school, we can support our community and how teaching staff can promote and monitor home learning. Can I just remind parents that if they change their e-mail addresses or mobile telephone numbers, it is essential that they notify the School Office, without up-to-date details school cannot keep in contact should there be a closure.

As I am sure parents will be aware, there are lots of seasonal coughs and colds circulating at this moment in time. Again, can I remind everyone that staff at school are not medically trained, and that if as a parent you have any questions about illnesses then it is best to contact a health professional. More information can also be found at :

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

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

Can I remind parents/carers that if their child/ren develops Covid symptoms during the evening, or over the weekend then they MUST let school know as quickly as possible using the [parents@bentham.n-](mailto:parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk) e-mail address. Please be reassured that this measure is not in response to a Covid case in school, it is simply to ensure that parents communicate any 'potential' cases immediately in order that school can take quick and decisive actions.

Have a lovely weekend – stay safe.

Mrs Pearson

If you need to Contact your child's Class Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Class teachers can be contacted via class e-mail addresses, as follows:

class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class2@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class3@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class5@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

Wrap up Warm for School

As the weather turns more and more autumnal, can parents please ensure that children come to school with their outdoor/waterproof coats, hats, gloves and scarves! Children are welcome to bring their wellies into school, however these must stay in school and cannot be taken home. All items of clothing/footwear need to be clearly labelled so that, in the case of an item going missing, it can be returned to its owner as quickly as possible!

URGENT REMINDER

Protecting your Child against Influenza (Flu) and Complications

This year, ALL children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be given an opportunity to receive a FREE nasal influenza vaccination at the school on Thursday 22nd October 2020. In order for your child to receive this vaccination, consent needs to be given by parents/carers, as follows:

Go to : <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>

Enter the School Code **121380** and click **Find School**

Complete the form

Click the **GREEN, SUBMIT** button.

If you have any questions about this vaccination programme, or are unable to register consent on line, then please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360.

URGENT REMINDER

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Parents of children in Year 6 have been sent home information about how to apply for a secondary school place for their child in September 2021.

Applications need to be submitted **before 31st October 2020**.

THANK YOU We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr J Macdonald for recently making a cash donation to the school. Part of the donation has been put towards replacing the battery and electrode pads in the school's defibrillator, which was also very kindly donated by the Macdonald family in February 2015. Thank you.

Ingleborough Climbing Wall

On Tuesday 13th October children in Year 5 have been invited to take part in a visit to Ingleton Climbing Wall. Once again thank you to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for funding this visit in full and to Olly Roberts Outdoors for organising all the logistics for the visit! Can we please remind parents that consent forms for this activity need to be completed and returned to the School Office by no later than **MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020**.

Stone Age to Iron Age This term, children have been learning all about their ancestors, particularly from the Stone Age! As part of the learning experience, school have managed to bring a little bit of history into its own grounds, and organise an authentic hands-on prehistoric workshop, linked to the KS2 curriculum for ALL children in classes 3,4 and 5. There will be opportunities to take part in tool making, fire lighting, hunter gathering, copper work and much more. Workshops will take place, as follows:

Class 5 : 7th October 2020

Class 3 : 12th October 2020

Class 4 : 19th October 2020

On the day of your child's classes workshop, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, ensuring they also have a warm/waterproof coat, wellies, waterproof trousers, a hat and a pair of gloves.

Christmas Cards

Dare we say the 'C' word yet? Inevitably it is that time of year again when all of us (well some of us), might start thinking about ordering Christmas Cards. This year, school are once again working with Arts Projects for Schools with their Christmas Card Project. This project helps to raise all important funds for the school.

Children will soon be bringing home a Christmas Card that they have exclusively designed. This design will have a unique sticker on the back of it. If you would like to order Christmas Cards and/or other Christmas products incorporating your child's design then please following instructions provided alongside your child's artwork.

Please remember original artwork **MUST BE** returned to school by no later than **Monday 19th October**, with orders for products being placed on line by no later than **Tuesday 20th October**. For more information, please see the letter sent home with children. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising this fundraising activity.

SETTLE COLLEGE Open Day This academic year, Settle College will be hosting an Open Day with a difference! Due to Covid19 restrictions Settle College have made the decision to create a 'Virtual Open Evening'. Students will NOT be invited into Settle College. The 'Virtual Open Evening' will take place on Thursday 1st October 2020 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and can be accessed via Settle College's website : www.settlecollege.org.uk/openday2020

There will be a virtual tour and opportunities to visit different departments. There will be activities to complete and a range of talks and presentations will be taking place on topics such as :

Who we are

Academic curriculum

Pastoral Support

Enrichment Opportunities

Sport

If you are unable to access this online Virtual Open Evening, please contact office staff at Settle College on 01729 822 451.

Ingleborough Ascent (and descent) On Monday 28th September children in year 6 took part in a challenging walk to the summit of Ingleborough. Although the weather was not at its best, everyone succeeded with the challenge – well done. Thank you to Mrs Harrison and Mrs McGregor for accompanying children on this visit.

Be Bright, Be Seen Can we just remind parents/carers that as we move into Autumn, daylight fades. This has a massive impact on all road users and pedestrians. For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/think-reminds-children-to-be-bright-to-be-seen>