



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday News
4th November 2016

77 parents NOW have
outstanding DEBTS at school.

Building our future, step by step

<http://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk> Attendance to date : 96.66%

**We are a “GOOD School with an OUTSTANDING Early Years Provision”
Ofsted February 2016**

HAPPY BONFIRE NIGHT – Please stay safe. Remember the Firework Code

PARENTPAY Can we please remind parents about the importance of keeping their child's Parentpay Account up-to-date and in credit. At the present time we have 77 parents with accounts showing debts. As you can imagine, the constant monitoring and collection of these debts is a time consuming and costly exercise.

As a school, we like to provide children with a variety of experiences, albeit via visits to historical sites, trips to theatres, or developing sporting and life skills. As we are sure parents will appreciate these experiences do come at a cost! As a school we heavily subsidise the cost of ALL trips, visits and sports lessons to parents. In some instances, activities are further subsidised, for example the cost of swimming lessons by The Friends of Settle Swimming Pool. In the majority of cases, the school does like to give parents early warning of proposed visits, and the opportunity to make small payments, via Parentpay, at regular intervals towards the total cost of a trip, this with a view to easing the financial outlay to parents and allowing them to make affordable budgeted payments. If you ever find yourself in the position of not being able to meet the payment for a visit then please contact your child's class teacher as quickly as possible. As parents will be aware, we have arranged a wonderful exciting whole school trip to The Grand Theatre Blackpool on the 5th January 2017 to watch 'Aladdin'. The cost of this trip has been heavily subsidised by the Friends of Bentham School, however, there are still a number of parents who have not paid for this trip. Unfortunately, if not enough parents are willing to pay for this trip then it will have to be **CANCELLED**. Payment should be made by no later than Monday 5th December 2016. Thanking everyone for their support and understanding.

SPOTACULAR Remember to bring your Pudsey Bake Off Cakes to the School Hall on Monday 7th November 2016. Judging of the delicious creations will take place at around 9.15am. Cakes will be on sale at break-time priced at 20p each. All proceeds of sale to Children in Need.

POPPY APPEAL Items in support of The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal are on sale at School Reception. Items can be purchased for a minimum donation of £1.00.

BE SAFE BE SEEN As the darker nights approach, please remember to 'be safe be seen'. Always wear light, bright and if possible reflective clothing when out and about.

SAFETY FIRST Can we once again, please stress the importance of parents NOT letting their children climb, walk or play on or around the walls of the school, or on the steps and disabled ramp. Thank you.

The Friends of Bentham School have recently sent home Scholastic Book Club Catalogues. If you would like to place an order from this catalogue can you please do so before **Friday 25th November**. Orders should be handed into School Reception in a sealed envelope. Any cheques should be made payable to SCHOLASTIC LTD. Every purchase helps raise funds for your school.

PARENTS' EVENINGS Thank you to all those parents who completed a Questionnaire. The questionnaires will now be analysed and findings published at a later date in the Friday News.

GOODENBER PLAY AREA will be holding a Coffee Morning at Bentham Town Hall on Saturday 5th November from 10.00am until mid-day. There will be a cake stall, bouncy castle, jumble, bric a brack, raffle and tombola. Why not go along and show your support?

CHRISTMAS QUIZ The Friends of Bentham School have released their wonderful, if not mind-challenging Christmas Quiz. Quiz sheets are available from Reception priced at £1.00 each. Why not have a go.... help raise funds for the school, and be in with the chance of winning a wonderful festive hamper?

CHRISTMAS DINNER This year we will be holding our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 7th December. There will be lots of treats, festive fun, and delicious freshly prepared food on offer. It would be lovely if everyone would join in and celebrate. Meals are priced at £1.60 per nursery child, FREE to all children in Classes 1 and 2 and £2.10 per child in classes 3,4 and 5. There is no need to pre-order.

DISABLED PARKING Can we once again please remind parents **NOT** to park in the allocated Disabled Parking spaces **UNLESS** they are disabled badge holders or are with a disabled person. Thanking everyone for their co-operation.

EAST INTEGRATED CARE COMMUNITY (ICC) PUBLIC EVENT We have been given details about an event taking place on Thursday 10th November from 6.00pm until 7.30pm at the Café Ambio Function Room, Junction 36 of the Rural Auction Centre at Crooklands. This is a meeting of the above group which incorporates the communities registered with GP surgeries in Sedbergh, Kirkby, Bentham, Milnthorpe and Arnside. An ICC is a team of health and care professionals across the NHS, social care and third sector organisations who work together with the local population to address the health and care needs of a community. The event on the 10th November aims to bring communities together to share their views about what makes a place a 'happy and healthy place to live' and how the NHS can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of communities. For more information, please contact Angela Robinson at Angela.Robinson@CumbriaCCG.nhs.uk

HELP, HELP, HELP! We are looking for lots and lots of clear glass jars (no lids) for children to use in connection with a Christmas project (the bigger the jar the better!). Thank you.

Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December. There will be a unique mixture of crafts on sale as well as numerous fun and varied activities for children to take part in.

READING CHALLENGE Our 'reading challenge' is proving to be extremely popular. Can parents please continue to encourage their children to read on a regular basis. The winners of this week's challenge are featured on the schools website, why not take a look?

Date	Time	Activity	Class/Year Group
07/11/16	0900	Pudsey Cake Bake Off	All
07/11/16	1300	Swimming Lessons	Class 5
09/11/16	1100	Lancaster Guardian Photograph	Reception
11/11/16	1100	Remembrance Service	
14/11/16	0900	Influenza Vaccinations	Yrs 1,2 and 3