



7th July 2017

Summer Term Edition 10

This week has all been about Transition. On Monday Year 6 spent the day at Ingleborough Hall in Clapham where they took part in a range of outdoor activities with children from other primary schools in the cluster. The aim of the day was to enable the Year 6 children from across all primary schools in the cluster to get to know each other and make new friends before they transition to QES or Settle. The day was a great success with children caving or gorge scrambling amongst other activities. Our Year 6 children have also spent time at their new school over the past two weeks and they are all excited and looking forward to the next step in their school life...but we aren't ready to say goodbye to them just yet as we have lots of exciting events planned before the end of term.

Yesterday all the children moved on to their new classes for September. For some children this meant meeting a new class teacher and there were lots of excited faces as I walked from classroom to classroom. It has also been wonderful to welcome new parents and families into school this week whose children will be starting in our Reception class, an exciting and nervous time for both parents and children but we know that they will all settle into Bentham School in September.

Other great news this week is that we received our Year 6 SATs results. Our Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard this year and have done themselves very proud. We will provide further information on these at a later date but we are very pleased with the outcomes!

There is a lot happening next week so please read on for more information and look at the chalkboard outside school to keep up to date each morning.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Pearson

Nursery : 30 Hours Provision Having considered the new 30 hour childcare provision at great length, the school have reached the decision that as from September 2017 we will still be only offering mornings in our Nursery. However, as from January 2018,

subject to demand, we will be rolling out the new 30 hour provision. We will keep parents informed about any decisions we make and will be investigating 'demand' for 30 hours during September. At the present time, some children attend our Nursery during the morning and are then collected by Kidz at lunch-time, where they spend a further 15 hours during the afternoon. The 30 hours free childcare can be divided between our school (in the mornings) and other providers during the afternoon. We hope this helps clarify the current position. However, if you do need any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pearson.

GET INVOLVED Would you like to get involved with The Friends of Bentham School – then please go along to their Annual General Meeting, which will be taking place on **Tuesday 11th July** at 9.00am in the spare classroom. All support is very much appreciated.

Cinderella Rockafella.... As the excitement builds children are all very busy practising for this year's end of year production, Cinderella & Rockafella. As is usually the case this promises to be a fabulous production. Performances will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 11th July and Thursday 13th July at 6.00pm. We will shortly be allocating tickets and letters have recently been sent home to parents requesting that orders for tickets are placed as quickly as possible. If you have not already done so, can you please return ticket request by no later than 09.00am on Monday 10th July 2017. Thank you.

Sports Day By way of a reminder, this year we are anticipating that Sports Day will take place from 10.00am on Wednesday 12th July 2017 (dependant on the weather!). Children should come to school dressed in suitable PE kit, and should wear a coloured top/t-shirt which represents which 'house' they belong to in school. By way of a reminder, these are Matterhorn – Yellow, Machu Pichu – Green, K2 – Blue, Uluru – Red. If you are not sure which 'house' your child will be representing, then please speak to class teachers. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 12th! Parents are welcome to come and watch, we ask that you sit on the opposite side of the race track to children and cheer our children on from there.

CELEBRATION PICNIC As well as Sports Day on Wednesday 12th July we will be holding a Celebration Picnic from 12.00pm until 1.00pm, a warm invitation is extended to parents and families of children to join us for this picnic. Children will be able to order a picnic lunch and parents are welcome to bring a picnic

from home for themselves. Later in the day, we will also be officially opening our wonderful Wildlife Garden it is anticipated that this will take place at 1.00pm. With the Celebration Picnic in mind, we would like to take this opportunity of also inviting parents into school on **Tuesday 11th July 2017** with a view to helping children with their preparations for our picnic. If you have some spare time and would like to showcase your cookery skills, then please liaise with your child's class teacher to find out what times your child's class will be cooking and when they would really appreciate your help. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

TWO WEEKS TO GO Parentpay.... It may seem like we are nagging, but can parents **PLEASE** ensure that their Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. This is especially important for children in Year 6, who need to have a ZERO balance on the last day of term. Failure to make payment on outstanding accounts will mean that debts are referred to NYCC's Debt Collection Services. This could lead to a County Court Judgement. Thank you.

The Friends of Bentham School On 15th July 2017 the Friends of Bentham School, alongside a group of supporters, will be tackling a 24 mile Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge Walk in order to raise funds for Bentham Community Primary School. All monies raised will go towards ongoing projects that benefit all children in all classes at the school. If you would like to support these willing volunteers by sponsoring them, please complete the sponsorship form which can be found at the School Office. More information about the challenge can be found on the FOB's facebook page. Thank you.

Settle Swimming Pool – Summer Holidays Intensive Swimming Lessons Settle Pool will be running their popular children's intensive swimming lesson sessions over the Summer holidays. These are scheduled to take place on the 29th, 30th and 31st August together with the 1st September. Lessons are open to all children aged 3 years and over. The price per child is £16.00 for all four days or, alternatively, £4.50 per session. There is a need to pre-book. For a booking form please call into the School Office. Alternatively, please contact Settle Pool on 01729 823626 www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk.

SportsReach Soccer and Netball School from the 9th to the 13th August inclusive SportsReach will be holding Soccer and Netball sessions at Austwick playing fields. Football is open to all children aged 7-

14 years of age and Netball to all children aged 8-13 years old. There will be a BBQ and lots of prizes to be won over the five days. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Mark Hutchinson on 015242 51228 or 07968 182866.

Induction Day On Thursday 6th July 2017 all children enjoyed a lesson in their new classes for 2017/2018. Can we just take this opportunity to reassure parents, that we make every effort to ensure that a child's progress through their educational career is both smooth, supported and as stress-free as possible. Naturally, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself, Mrs C Pearson.

Giggleswick Triathlon : 9th July 2017 Following the wonderful success of the Ingleton Triathlon Jill Eccleston and Andy Mouncey are running another Triathlon this time at Giggleswick Junior School. This will take place on Sunday 9th July. Entry fees are £10.00 per child up to the age of 16 and £15.00 per multiple siblings and family teams. There are various distances for different age groups. Children will need swimming trunks/costume, a bike helmet, trainers, clothes to bike and run in and a set of warm dry clothes to wear! For more information please call Jill Eccleston on 07955 342344 or Andy Mouncey on 07799 063115 (info@runbikefun.co.uk) (andy@doingbigandscary.com).

Reports Please check your child's book bag for their end of year report. These will come home on Thursday along with Effort Grade Letters and a Class list. There is also a feedback slip with the report, which we would be grateful if you could return this as soon as possible.