



8th September 2017

Autumn Term Edition 1

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a great summer holiday. Although the weather wasn't great, it has been lovely to talk to the children and hear about all the wonderful things they got up to in the holidays.

I would like to begin by congratulating Miss Thwaite (and her future husband!) who got engaged at the very beginning of the holidays! Wedding planning is already underway.

I would like to make a particular warm welcome to Miss S Richardson, Class 2 Teacher and Mrs L Hodgson, Class 3 Teacher who have joined us here at Bentham Community Primary School. More about them both in a future Friday Flyer!

Also, can I welcome our new Reception children Morgan, George, Mollie, Dora, Alec, Marley, Tallulah, Logan, Zoha, Luke, Alex, Dylan, Alisha, Matilda, Leonora, Oscar, Emily, Evie, and Ella. I am sure that everyone will settle quickly and thoroughly enjoy life in Reception. However, if parents have any concerns or questions, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chapman, Mrs McGregor, or myself.

Furthermore, if any parents of children in other classes have any concerns or worries, then please also do not hesitate to me in school. If we do not know about any concerns, we cannot act to resolve them.

This week there are a lot of letters and forms coming home so I am not going to send any more information home. Next week there will be a few reminders and updates about daily school life and also important dates for your calendars.

Have a lovely weekend...sorry for all the forms but we would really appreciate them being returned as soon as possible.

Mrs Pearson

No Dogs Allowed Can we just remind parents that we have a STRICT NO DOGS ALLOWED policy at the school. This includes any area in and around the school, including the Car Park. Thank you.

Annual Paperwork Can we please encourage parents to provide details of their e-mail addresses on

the Student Data Collection documentation.... We have a vision.... For everyone's convenience, we would like to be in a position to e-mail all letters and school correspondence home to those parents with an e-mail account in the not too distant future.....

Governors Following a recent re-constitution of Bentham C P School's Board of Governors, we are now advertising a vacancy for a PARENT GOVERNOR. The role of a governor can at times be very challenging and time consuming, however it is also a very rewarding role. Having undertaken a Skills Audit the school's Leadership and Management Team would very much encourage any parents interested in becoming a Governor with skills based in the areas of finance and marketing to apply for the role. Please look out in children's book bags for more information about this exciting role and how to put forward a nomination.

SWIMMING Just a quick reminder to those parents of children in Class 5. Swimming lessons will take place every Monday for ten weeks as from 11th September 2017. Please ensure that ALL Consent Forms are returned to the School Office and that children have their swimming kit with them EVERY Monday. Can we just remind parents that payment for swimming lessons should be made via Parentpay as soon as possible. The cost of providing important swimming lessons to children is quite extensive, and without the continued support of parents and the very much appreciated donation towards the cost of lessons from The Friends of Settle Pool, the school would be unable to take children swimming.

Cardboard Collection We are, once again, helping Settle Pool raise all important funds by collecting cardboard. If parents have any cardboard for this collection can they please bring the same to the School's Reception on Friday afternoons. Thank you for everyone's continued support.

Financial Support – Are you missing out? Did you know even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals, you may also be eligible for further support towards the cost of uniform and school trips via Pupil Premium Funding. Parents in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit (provided not in receipt of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income that does not exceed £16,190, the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, and Universal Credit are eligible for

this further support. For more information, or an application form for Assistance, please see Sally in the School Office. REMEMBER if your application is successful you will receive £50.00 towards the cost of school uniform and shoes.

Universal Free School Meals At the present time, the school are once again providing FREE SCHOOL MEALS for ALL children in YEARS 1, 2 and Reception.

School Lunches 'Grab a Bag' will continue for the next three weeks only. School meal options will then revert to a main meal and another option (this could be a jacket potato or a vegetarian dish, subject to the day and as listed on the lunch menu available on the school's website). Can we just remind parents that children should either take a school meal or choose to bring a healthy packed lunch for the duration of a full half-term. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow children to pick and choose when they take school meals or bring packed lunches. This is due to our school cook having to order adequate locally sourced and fresh produce. However, **FUNDAY FRIDAY**, will once again return this academic year. This means that if your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, and they would like the opportunity to 'try' a school meal, they are welcome to do so on a 'FRIDAY'. Meals can be ordered in classrooms at registration. School meals are excellent value for money, priced at £1.60 per child in Nursery, FREE for children in Reception, years 1 and 2, £2.10 per meal for children in years 3,4, 5 and 6. Payment should be made via Parentpay. If you have any difficulties accessing this provision, please see Sally in the School Office.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant We are very excited to be able to share the news with parents that the school's application for this Grant has been successful and our fabulous Wildlife Garden will be put forward to a 'customer vote' for donations during September and October 2017. The project that receives the highest number of votes from customers across the region will receive up to £4,000 of grant monies, with the second place project receiving approximately £2,000 and the third place project £1,000. This extra funding will be pivotal in helping the school complete its outdoor project and embed it within the school. Ultimately, the more successful we are the more we can provide for children. Below is a list of stores taking part in the voting. We would encourage parents to share details of this wonderful opportunity amongst family, friends and the community. The more support the school gets, the more funding it will receive.

Heysham Westend (LA3 1DA)
Heysham Village (LA3 2DH)
Carnforth (LA5 9LD)
Lancaster King Street (LA1 1RE)

For more information about the locations of the above stores, please visit <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/>. We should hear how successful we have been towards the end of November. In the meantime..... get shopping and get voting!

Holiday in Term Time As is usually the case can we please encourage parents to avoid taking holidays during term-time. Removing children from school has a massive impact on their learning. If you do have to take children out of school, then please request an application form from the School Office. Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and parents whose children are absent for over ten sessions (five days) might receive a fine.

In addition, please find below details of national curriculum test dates for the next academic year. Can parents ensure that children are in school on these dates:

May 2018 : Key Stage 1 test period
Week commencing 11/06/18 : Phonics Screening
Week commencing 14/05/18 : Key Stage 2 test week
Weeks commencing 04/06/18 and 11/06/18 : Science Sampling test period (this will be for selected schools only).

Lune Valley Community Society We have been contacted by the LVCS in connection with the 'Save the Pool' shareholders, supporters and friends. Hopefully, an application to re-open Hornby Pool will be successful but the LVCS need your help.... For more information about how you can help, please see further details on the school's website.

High 5 Netball We have been contacted by High 5 Netball about training sessions that they will be holding for girls aged between 7-11 years of age. Sessions will start on Thursday 14th September at Ermysteds Sports Hall from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. For more information, please contact Caroline at thewinnies@sky.com. Please note, places are limited.

Judo Please look out for exciting news about After School Judo sessions that will be taking place at the School later this term.....

