



Friday 10th January 2020

Spring Term : Edition 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a New Year, the new Spring Term and a new Class structure for 2020! I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all the staff and Governors to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

As I am sure children will have told their parents/carers, this term we have created an additional class, known as 'Whernside', for children in Year 3 on a morning. Please see the letter sent home for more information about our new Class Structure for the Spring 2020 term.

This week, we have welcomed a number of new families and children to our school. I hope that after the first week back, Jasmine, Reggie, Eddie, Isabel, Esther, Emily, Isla, and Connie have all started to settle and build new friendships. Some more children will be joining us over the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming them to our school.

On Tuesday 7th January children from all classes were given the opportunity to watch Dick Whittington in the comfort of our School Hall. Whilst I did not see the production myself, the feedback from the performance has been fabulous, with lots of positive comments. The Theatre Company, West End in Schools, even mentioned how well behaved and interactive our children were. Again, can I just remind parents that, if they have not already done so, would they please consider making a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of this experience. Thank you.

To help with planning, I have included lots of important dates in this edition of the Friday News, together with information about lunch-time activities that will be taking place at the school over the coming weeks.

Friday lunchtime will see the launch of a new 'Music Club' for children in Years 1,2 and 3. This will take place on a Friday lunch time from 12.30pm to 1.00pm in the Music Room. To join in with this fabulous opportunity, children simply need to make sure they get their lunch at 12 o'clock, then head to the

playground and look out for our Music Teacher opening the door to the music room!

Also next week, Jill Eccleston will be running an After School Fitness and Running Club aimed at children in years 4,5 and 6. Places at this club are limited, so if you child would like to take part, please look out in book bags for more information.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

School Library You may recall that last term, we put out a plea for help with setting up our wonderful school library. We are still looking for volunteers to help set up our new Integrated Library System – this will involve the labelling and indexing of books. If you have any spare time and would like to get involved with this project, please see Sally in the School Office. It is a really easy task and it will take minutes to learn what to do.

Godly Play and Library Visits Over the coming weeks, children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be given an opportunity to visit Bentham Library and/or take part in Godly Play sessions at Bentham Methodist Chapel. As is always the case, we are looking for volunteers to help walk children into Bentham whilst they either enjoy the Library or take part in Godly Play Sessions. Please find below a list of dates/times when visits will be taking place. To help class teachers with their planning, if you are able to help with any of the below visits, then please let the school know – any help really is appreciated.

Library Visits

Friday 10th January 2020 : Class 5 : 1.30pm
Monday 27th January 2020 : Class 2 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 29th January 2020 : Class 3 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 5th February 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm
Friday 28th February 2020 : Class 5 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 11th March 2020: Class 3 : 1.30pm
Monday 16th March 2020: Class 2 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th March 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm

Godly Play

Wednesday 15th January 2020 : Class 5 : 1.30pm
Monday 20th January 2020 : Class 3 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 29th January 2020 : Class 2 : 10.30am
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Wednesday 29th January 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 18th March 2020 : Class 2 : 10.30am
Wednesday 18th March 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm
Monday 23rd March 2020 : Class 3 : 1.30pm
Monday 30th March 2020 : Class 5 : 1.30pm

Parents are always welcome at school Can we just remind parents/carers that they are welcome to informally visit children's class rooms whenever they want at the end of a school day (3.30pm), as long as entry is made via the main classroom door from the playground. This is not to make life difficult, it is simply to ensure that staff know who is in school at any one time. Whilst it would be lovely to have an 'open door policy', this would simply not keep children safe and could also potentially interrupt learning. As a school we provide many opportunities for parents/carers to get involved. This term we will once again be holding Parent Coffee Meetings, Stay and Learn Sessions and Parent Evenings.

Class 4 Swimming Can parents of children in Class 4 (and parents of Tommy, Ben, and Charlie) please remember that swimming lessons start on Monday 13th January 2020. Please ensure that swimming kits are at school. Thank you.

Parent Coffee Meetings/SEND Parent Coffee Meetings These informal meetings are a wonderful opportunity for parents/carers to meet with members of staff, including our SENCO, have a chat and natter with other parents over a cuppa and a slice of cake! Please do try and come along to one or all of our Coffee Meetings which are scheduled to take place :
Tuesday 21st January 2020 : 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th February 2020 : 2.45pm (focus SEND)
Friday 13th March 2020 : 2.15pm

Creepy Castles Can parents of children in Class 2 please check their e-mails for information about this half term's topic – Creepy Castles. If you would like a paper copy of this information – please call into the School Office. Thank you.

Moving Forward – Financial Planning To help with financial planning, and by way of a reminder, children in **years 4 and 5** will be taking part in their residential visit to **Bewerley Park** from the 4th May 2020 to the 7th May 2020. We are asking that parents secure their child's place on this residential by paying a deposit of **£100.00** (non-refundable) by no later than **3rd February 2020**. Similarly, children in **Year 6** will be taking part in a residential to **Whitby** from the 13th

July 2020 to the 16th July 2020. Again, in order to secure a place, a non-refundable deposit of **£100.00** needs to be made by no later than **27th March 2020**. To assist with the financial outlay, Parentpay has been set up to allow parents/carers to make smaller balance reducing payments at any one time.

On the Thursday 19th March, an educational visit for children in classes 4 and 5 to Manjushri Kadampa in Ulverston has been arranged for children in classes 4 and 5. This visit will support children's learning and understanding of worldwide religion, together with supporting knowledge of the diverse culture within the UK today. We are asking parents to consider making a voluntary contribution of £9.00 per child towards the cost of this visit, which the school are heavily subsidising. **Unfortunately, if not enough parents are willing to pay for this visit then the trip will be CANCELLED.** At the time of writing only 24 parents out of 48 have made a contribution. A decision will be made by the end of next week as to whether this wonderful trip will be going ahead.

Finally, and whilst on the subject of Parentpay, please remember, if you are having difficulty meeting any payment, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. In some circumstances, a payment plan or financial support could be put in place. Please be reassured that all discussions will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Failure to contact the school about outstanding accounts may result in the debt being referred to NYCC Legal Services.

Jammie Dodgers Weekly sessions of 'Jammie Dodgers' for children in KS1 (Year 1 and 2) will be continuing this term every Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, the first session being on Wednesday 15th January 2020. For more information about this after school club please see Sally in the School Office.

Carnival Bentham The Bentham Carnival Team have started preparations to get ready for the 2020 Carnival, but they need children's help with choosing a theme! There are three themes to choose from:- Space, Sea or Rain Forest
This week children will be given a 'voting' slip enabling them to vote for which theme they would like for the 2020 Carnival Bentham! Return slips should be handed into class teachers by no later than Tuesday 14th January 2020.

Octopus for a Premie UK. The former Headteacher of Brougham Street Nursery School is collecting used

postage stamps to help raise funds for 'Octopus for a Premie UK'. This is a charity that provides a premature baby with a knitted or crocheted Octopus to have with them in the incubator. The tentacles replace the umbilical cord as a comfort to the baby, whilst also preventing them playing with and potentially removing the tubes that they may rely on for feeding, oxygen etc. **Here's how YOU can HELP.** Please collect any used postage stamps and hand them into the School Office. It really is that simple. Thank you.

Finally, SCHOOL UNIFORM. Can parents/carers please ensure that children come to school wearing suitable school shoes, not trainers. We are starting to notice a number of children coming into school wearing black trainers with white soles and stripes..... these are not school shoes and should only make an appearance during PE Lessons!

What's on Next Week?

Monday 13th January 2020

1.00pm Class 4 Swimming

Tuesday 14th January 2020

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Key-board/Flute)

1.30pm Class 5 Godly Play

3.30pm Indoor Athletics Event Yr5/6

Thursday 16th January 2020

Guitar Lessons

3.30pm Year 4-6 Fitness and Running Club (1st session)

Friday 17th January 2020

Baby and Toddler Group : School Hall

School Health Team : Year 6

1.00pm School Council Meeting

3pm Praise Assembly

As we are sure parents are aware, learning does not just happen in the classroom, nor does it only happen between the hours of 9.00am and 3.30pm (our school day). School provides a wide range of other events and activities that support children's learning. Please find below a list of 'clubs' that will be taking place this term:

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	KS2 Knitting Club in Whernside Classroom Year 4-6 Starbooks Reading Club in Class 5 with Mrs Pearson (Reading Plus)	
Tuesday	Jordan's Football 12.00-12.30pm Years 4,5 and 6 12.30-1.00pm R, Years 1,2 and 3	Jigsaw Club with Miss Tierney and Mrs Horton (for invited children) Maths Club (for invited year 6 children) with Mrs Cadman in Class 5
Wednesday	12.00-12.30pm Brainbuilder Homework Club with Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Harrison	Jammie Dodgers with Rev Anne in Whernside (KS1 – Year 1 and 2)
Thursday	12.30-1.00pm Book Club in the Library with Miss Richardson	<u>First Half of Spring Term</u> Yr 4-6 Fitness and Running Club <u>Second Half of Spring Term</u> Yr 1-3 Sports Club (more info to follow)
Friday	12.30-1.00pm Music Club for Years 1-3 in the Music Room	

Dates for your Diary

Monday	13th January	Class 4 Swimming (Week 1 of 8)
Tuesday	14th January	
Wednesday	15th January	1.30pm Class 5 Godly Play (Volunteers needed) 3.30pm Indoor Athletics Event at Settle College (Teams Aware)
Thursday	16th January	3.30pm Fitness and Running Club (1 of 5)
Friday	17th January	Year 6 School Health Team Visit (AM) 1.00pm School Council Meeting

Monday	20 th January	Class 4 Swimming (2 of 8) 1.30pm Class 3 Godly Play (Volunteers needed) 6.00pm Year 4/5 Bewerley Park Parent's Meeting
Tuesday	21 st January	2.45pm Parent Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday	22 nd January	1.30pm Year 2 Indoor Athletics Event at Settle College 5.00pm Governors' Meeting
Thursday	23 rd January	3.30pm Fitness and Running Club (2 of 5)
Friday	24 th January	

Monday	27 th January	Class 4 Swimming (3 of 8) 2.00pm Library Visit – Class 2 (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday	28 th January	9.00am to 10.00am Stay and Learn for parents of Children in Class 2
Wednesday	29 th January	10.30am Class 2/Reception Godly Play (Volunteers needed) 1.30pm Class 4 Godly Play (Volunteers Needed) 2.00pm Library Visit - Class 3 (Volunteers needed)
Thursday	30 th January	3.30pm Fitness and Running Club (3 of 5)
Friday	31 st January	Year 3-6 Swimming Gala at Settle Pool (teams aware) 1.00pm School Council Meeting

Monday	3 rd February	Class 4 Swimming (4 of 8)
Tuesday	4 th February	
Wednesday	5 th February	2.00pm Library Visit – Class 4 (Volunteers needed) 2.45pm SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon After School Basketball Competition
Thursday	6 th February	3.30pm Fitness and Running Club (4 of 5)
Friday	7 th February	NSPCC Number Day

Monday	10 th February	Class 4 Swimming (5 of 8)
Tuesday	11 th February	Safer Internet Day 9.30am – 10.30am Class 3 Stay and Learn
Wednesday	12 th February	
Thursday	13 th February	3.30p Fitness and Running Club (5 of 5) 5.00pm to 6.30pm FOBs Disco
Friday	14 th February	1.00pm School Council Meeting

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday	24 th February	9.00am School Council Meeting Class 4 Swimming (6 of 8)
Tuesday	25 th February	
Wednesday	26 th February	1.30p Governors' Meeting Parent Evening
Thursday	27 th February	Parent Evening
Friday	28 th February	2.00pm Library Visit – Class 5 (Volunteers needed)
Saturday	29 th February	FOBs Coffee Morning at Bentham Town Hall

Monday	2 nd March	Class 4 Swimming (7 of 8)
Tuesday	3 rd March	9.30am – 10.30am Stay and Learn Class 4
Wednesday	4 th March	PM High 5 Netball Event (years 5/6)
Thursday	5 th March	3.30pm After School Fitness Club (Years 1-3) – more info to follow Visit to Houses of Parliament (Year 6)
Friday	6 th March	1.00pm School Council Meeting

Monday	9 th March	Class 4 Swimming : FINAL SESSION
Tuesday	10 th March	
Wednesday	11 th March	2.00pm Class 3 Library (Volunteers needed)
Thursday	12 th March	PM Buddhist Monk Visit (Children in Classes 1,2 and 3) 3.30pm After School Fitness Club (2 of 5)
Friday	13 th March	Sport Relief 2.15 Parent Coffee Afternoon

Monday	16 th March	2.00pm Class 2 Library Visit (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday	17 th March	
Wednesday	18 th March	10.45 Godly Play – Class 2 (Volunteers needed) 1.30pm Godly Play – Class 4 (Volunteers needed)
Thursday	19 th March	Classes 4 and 5 Visit to Manjushri Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Ulverston 3.30pm After School Fitness Club (3 of 5)
Friday	20 th March	1.00pm School Council Meeting

Monday	23 rd March	9.30am – 10.30am Stay and Learn Class 5 1.30pm Godly Play – Class 3 (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday	24 th March	
Wednesday	25 th March	2.00pm Class 4 Library (Volunteers needed) 4.00pm – 6.00pm North Craven Football Cup at Ingleton
Thursday	26 th March	Year 6 John Muir Award visit to Austwick Woods 3.30pm After School Fitness Club (4 of 5)
Friday	27 th March	

Monday	30 th March	1.30pm Godly Play – Class 5 (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday	31 st March	5.00pm Governors' Meeting
Wednesday	1 st April	
Thursday	2 nd April	6.00pm-7.30pm FOBS Easter Bingo
Friday	3 rd April	School Closes for Easter

School re-opens Tuesday 21st April 2020