



Friday 9th October 2020

Autumn Term : Edition 4

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Parent Teacher Meetings : Wednesday 14th October 2020

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned a request for their child's class teacher to contact them via telephone on Wednesday 14th October. For those parents who have not managed to return a reply slip, or missed the deadline, a 'slot' has been allocated by the school for a telephone call. We have tried our very best to accommodate the time-slots requested by parents. Please remember that calls will be limited to ten minutes per child. Please do bear with us as we embrace a new way of carrying out these meetings.

Birthdays at School Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we are asking that parents/carers DO NOT bring cakes into school on their child's birthday. However, children are free to come into school on their birthday wearing non-uniform. Sorry for any disappointment – but we are sure everyone will understand.

Friends of Bentham School (FOBS) The FOBS will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 2.00pm via ZOOM. This friendly group would like to invite any parents who would be interested in helping to raise all important funds for the school, or share some fundraising ideas, to the meeting! Please remember that ALL monies raised benefit ALL children in ALL classes. The meeting link will be e-mailed.

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! As we have to keep windows open in classrooms, due to Covid, I would encourage children to wear a couple of layers – an extra vest or t-shirt would be beneficial!

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,

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure everyone will be aware, national news coverage continues to confirm that cases of COVID-19 are, once again, on the increase. As is always the case, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of us all working together to keep each other safe. It is extremely important that we all socially distance, regularly and thoroughly wash our hands and wear face coverings as recommended. With this in mind, can I once again ask that parents/carers consider wearing a face covering whilst in the playground at both the start and the end of the day? Staff are very appreciative of those who have started to wear masks this week, thank you.

Recently, there has been speculation in the press that the October half-term may be extended with a view to putting a 'circuit breaker' effect on the virus. At the time of writing, these actions have not been confirmed with schools. If a decision to extend half term is made by the UK Government, then school will let parents know as quickly as possible.

Please remember that if children develop Covid symptoms during the evening, or over the weekend then you must let school know as quickly as possible using the parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk e-mail address.

Can you believe we are nearly approaching the end of Week 5 of this half term? The weeks are flying by. It has been great to get children out and about on school trips and also organise some curriculum enrichment days in school. We almost have photo consents back from all parents so we will be able to share more photos from school life on our Facebook page.

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

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.

On Wednesday 7th October, children in Class 5 braved the elements, which were fortunately dry if not a little breezy, and took part in their Stone Age Day! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they actively engaged in this hands on educational Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic opportunity (ask the children).

Workshops for children in Classes 3 and 4 will be on :
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.

URGENT (Parents of children in Nursery) Applying for a place in Reception at Bentham C P School

If you are the parent of a Nursery child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 then you MUST apply for a Primary School Place for your child to start Reception in September 2021. You must apply for a school place even if your Nursery aged child has an older sibling that attends the school, or if your child currently attends the Nursery provision. The deadline for applying for a place is **15th January 2021**. More information about how to apply has been sent home with children. Alternatively, please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions or [telephone 01609 533679](tel:01609533679).

If you are unable to make an application on-line, or would like to complete a paper application, please contact Sally in the School Office.

Ingleborough Climbing Wall

On Tuesday 13th October children in Year 5 will be taking 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! Please remember to check out the school website, www.benthamcpschool.org.uk for pictures of this challenging adventure!

URGENT REMINDER (Parents of Children in R,1,2,3,4,5 and 6). 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 (Parents of children in Year 6) 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**.

URGENT REMINDER (all parents) 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.

Reminder, for more information about Covid and symptoms in children, please visit:

<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/>

