



Friday 13th March 2020

Spring Term : Edition 9

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure everyone will be aware about Coronavirus and are staying up-to-date with the situation from reports in the national press. However, can I just take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that whilst the use of alcohol gel is in some instances being recommended to sanitise hands, soap and water are just as effective. NYCC has a ban on alcohol based hand sanitiser at school, for good reason, as it is more likely to cause hospitalisation through incorrect use than other sanitisers. Can I once again please remind parents/carers not send children into school with instant gel type sanitisers to use during the school day. Can I please also reassure parents/carers that as Government advice changes on Coronavirus, we will keep parents/carers up-dated. Thank you.

Recently, our School Kitchen was routinely inspected by Environmental Health. We are absolutely delighted that the school has, once again, been awarded with a top rating of '5'. A massive thank you to Mrs Sue Leak, our wonderful school cook, for once again achieving this high standard.

On Thursday 19th March, Mrs Chapman will be inviting parents/carers of children in Class 1 to join in with a 'Stay and Learn' session from 9.00am until 10.00am. This is a lovely opportunity to join your child in their classroom and see what they get up to! I am sure Mrs Chapman is looking forward to welcoming as many parents as possible into her class.

Finally, can I just remind parents of children in Class 4, that Monday 16th March will be children's last swimming session. Children in Class 3 will start lessons on Monday 27th April 2020. If you have not already done so, could you please consider making a voluntary donation towards the cost of providing these lessons?

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Claire Pearson

FUNDRAISING CAKE SALE – HELP! Unfortunately, during the recent high winds some of our outdoor resources in Early Years was irreparably damaged. As

you can imagine, this has caused quite a lot of upset for our younger children. Never one to be defeated, and with a view to re-stocking the outdoor provision, Miss Richardson is organising a fundraising 'Bake Sale' which will take place on **Monday 16th March 2020** at 3.30pm. All we ask, is that all those aspiring Mary Berry's (or Paul Hollywoods) pop on their pinnies and get baking with a view to donating a cake or two that can be sold at the end of the day (shop bought cakes would also be appreciated if you have not got time to bake). ALL proceeds of sale will go towards re-purchasing items for EYFS. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone for their continued support.

Manjushri Kadampa On Thursday 19th March 2020, children in classes 4 and 5 will be taking part in an educational visit to Manjushri Kadampa. If you have not already done so, can you please ensure that you have returned a Consent Form for this visit to the School Office and made payment for the same via Parentpay. If you are having any difficulty in making payment, then please contact the school. By way of a reminder, on the day children should come to school wearing their school uniform, bringing with them a suitable outdoor coat for the weather, together with a packed lunch, healthy snack and water bottle.

Crucial Crew Can we please remind parents of children in Year 6 that they will be taking part in a Crucial Crew Event organised by North Yorkshire Police on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at Eshton Grange, Gargrave. On the day, can parents please ensure that they provide children with a packed lunch, water bottle and healthy snack. If you have not already done so, can parents/carers please consider making a voluntary payment towards the cost of this visit via Parentpay. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES Can parents/carers please ensure that they do their very best to ensure that children are at school during May 2020 and avoid requesting any leave of absence. During May 2020 KS1 SATS will be taking place, with KS2 taking their SATs during the week commencing the 11th May 2020. This year phonics screening for children in Year 1 will take place during the week commencing 8th June 2020. For more information about statutory testing please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates. Thank you.

Odd Sock Day – 21st March 2020. This year we will be helping to raise all important funds for the North Lancashire Down Syndrome Support Group by inviting

children to wear a pair of odd socks on **FRIDAY 20th March 2020** in return for a voluntary donation of £1.00. Why the odd socks? Well, a chromosome looks a little like a sock and people with Down's syndrome have an extra copy of the 21st chromosome – so it is a great way to open up conversations and help raise awareness about Downs Syndrome. For more information about the Lancashire Down Syndrome Support Group please visit www.facebook.com/northlancsdsgroup or speak to Lisa Clark, Zack's mum.

DRUMZ ALOUD Following on from last year's very noisy, popular and fabulous 'Drumz Aloud' workshop sessions, we have once again secured 'Drumz Aloud' to visit school on Wednesday 1st April 2020. Children in years 1 to 6 inclusive will all take part in drumming workshops in the School Hall. Can parents/carers please ensure that children have their PE kit at school on the day – sessions are physically active! At 3.00pm we would like to invite parents/carers of children to come along to a school assembly, where children will be given an opportunity to perform and showcase their newly acquired drumming skills to an attentive audience! We look forward to seeing you.

REMINDER : BRUNCH DAY All children, in all classes are invited to join in with a special 'Brunch Day' School Lunch on **FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2020**. On the menu will be sausage, (vegetarian option also available), bacon, beans, hash-browns, tomatoes, bagels, scrambled eggs and mushrooms (aka 'a full English'). For dessert children will have the choice of either a Krispie Cereal Bar, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt. There is no need to pre-order, orders for this special Brunch can be placed on the day during registration. The price of a meal is £2.10 per child in Nursery, **FREE OF CHARGE** for all children in reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.55 per child in years 3,4,5 and 6. Children currently eligible for Free School Meals will also not be charged for taking part in this special lunch opportunity. Payment for meals should be made Parentpay.

EASTER BINGO and Can you help with CHOCOLATE DONATIONS? This year the Friends of Bentham School will, once again, be hosting an evening of 'Easter Bingo'. This fundraising fun evening will take place in the School Hall on **WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2020** from 5.30pm to 7.00pm – there will be lots of chocolate prizes to be won! Please note the change of date and time from that previously advertised. On **Friday 27th March 2020** children are invited to

come into school wearing non-uniform in return for a donation of chocolate! All donations will be used to create prize hampers! Please help support the FOB's fundraising efforts and remember ALL children in ALL classes benefit from their continuing efforts. Thank you.

Library Visits

Monday 16th March 2020: Class 2 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th March 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm

Godly Play

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

Parentpay Unfortunately, we still have a number of accounts showing outstanding balances. Can parents please ensure that their Parentpay account is up-to-date. 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.

Children and Family Support Worker Appointments

Are you struggling as a parent/carer, or would you simply benefit from some help, advice or support? Then why not talk to a Children and Family Support Worker?

During March 2020, there will be a number of appointments available at Bentham School for parents/carers to meet with a Family Support Worker. Whether you're an 'expectant' family, or already have a child or children aged birth to 19 years appointments will be available **FREE OF CHARGE** on the following dates :

27th April 2020

18th May 2020

To book an appointment, please call 01609 533118 or e-mail : C&FCravenHub@northyorks.gov.uk

Skipton Tennis Centre will be running a series of Easter Camps aimed at children aged 4-12 years. There will be opportunities for children to take part in Tennis, Football or Multi-Sports activities.

Week 1 : Tennis, Football or Multi-Sports
8.30am to 3.20pm

£16 per day or £54 for 4 days
Week 2: Tennis, Football or Multi-Sports
plus Wind Down Movie Club
8.30am to 5.00pm
£21 per day or £74 for 4 days

For more information, please contact Skipton Tennis
Centre on 01756 796655 or e-mail
info@skiptontennis.com.

What's on Next Week?

Monday 16th March 2020

1.00pm Class 4 Swimming – last session (inc Ben,
Tommy & Charlie)
1.30 Class 2 Library Visit

Tuesday 17th March 2020

9.00am Year 6 at Crucial Crew
Lunch-time Football with Jordan

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Key-board/Flute)
10.30am Class 2 at Godly Play
1.30pm Class 4 at Godly Play

Thursday 19th March 2020

Guitar Lessons
9.00am to 10.00am Class 1 Stay and Learn
9.00am Visit to Manjushri Kadampa : Classes 4 and 5
3.30pm KS1 Multi-Skills After School Club (3 of 5)

Friday 20th March 2020

Odd Socks Day

Brunch Day

Baby and Toddler Group : School Hall
1.00pm School Council Meeting
3pm Praise Assembly