



Friday 13th September 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Summer Holidays! We hope that everyone had a lovely, relaxing break and made the most of 'family time'. Welcome also to new children joining our school, Tyler, Isaac, Alfie, Ben, Riley, Lola, Elsie, Lucy and Paige.

For those parents joining the school, can you please ensure that Sally in the School Office has all your contact details, including a valid e-mail address. This year, our Friday News publication will continue to be e-mailed to parents/carers, unless a paper copy is requested at the School Office.

As is usually the case, we are already busy planning lots of activities and opportunities for children to take part in over the course of the 2019/2020 academic year. This week, we will be sending home via book bags 'dates for your diary'. Hopefully these dates will help parents/carers with their planning? Dates will also be available on the school's website, which we would encourage parents/carers to visit regularly www.benthamcpschool.org.uk. Please attach this page of diary dates to your noticeboard or fridge to keep referring back to.

As a school we readily appreciate the many financial struggles faced by many individuals within our community. Father Frank from St Boniface has been in touch with the school about a small food bank in the church porch that is now available for those in need. Food is available for individuals to help themselves to. Father Frank has asked that anyone using this bank bear in mind that there may be others needing to use the supply who are also in dire need, so please do not take everything in one go!

Can I take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Thwaite on her recent Marriage to Mason. As I am sure everyone will already know, Miss Thwaite will now be known as Mrs Cadman. Thank you to all those children and parents who supported Mrs Cadman on 'the big day' by turning up and singing so beautifully at church.

I end my first Friday News of the year with an apology. I wanted to further improve communication with parents this year. As such, I organised a short

meeting for parents of children in Classes 3,4 and 5 on Tuesday 10th September the aim of which was to ensure parents would be up-to-date about class routines and class topics that children will be learning about this term. This was planned to be the first meeting in a programme of meetings scheduled to take place over the year. Unfortunately, the information about this meeting did not get to parents until the day before, which I apologise for. A letter should have landed in e-mail inboxes last week. So, our first attempt at improving communication further...failed! Thank you to those parents who did manage to attend. Class teachers will be sending home a detailed letter to all parents which covers the information discussed. A short meeting for Class 1 and 2 parents will follow in a few weeks, please see the diary dates.

Finally, if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, or myself. If school are not aware of an issue then they are unable to resolve the same – remember a problem shared is a problem solved!

Mrs Pearson

Welcome to our New Governor, Mr M Langan

Mr Langan, Head of Science at Settle College has joined our Governing Body as a co-opted Governor. We look forward to welcoming him to our team and thank him for coming forward to give up his time to support our school in the role of a Governor.

Data Capture Sheet Can parents/carers please ensure that amended Data Capture Sheets are returned to the School Office by no later than **Monday 16th September 2019**. For more information, please see the letter sent home with children on Friday 7th September. Thank you.

Book People Book Bus On Tuesday 24th September a Book Bus will be visiting the school! This will be a lovely opportunity for children to visit a mobile 'Book Bus' and purchase books at a discount price, whilst fundraising for the school! More information to follow.

Lunchtime Football with Jordan This term, our ever popular 'lunch-time Football with Jordan' will continue. From 12.00 midday, children in years 4,5,

and 6 are invited to join in sessions with Jordan on the school playground. From 12.30pm it is the turn of children in years 1,2 and 3. This activity is FREE of charge and available to ALL children from Year 1 to Year 6 inclusive.

Multi-Skills After School Club Thank you to those parents of children in years 1 and 2 who have 'signed' up to our new 'Multi-Skills' After School Club! Our first session took place on Thursday 12th September 2019 and was a HUGE success!

Gardening Club This half term Miss Richardson will be running a Gardening Club on Tuesdays afterschool for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Children will engage in weeding, maintaining the wildlife garden, planting seeds and harvesting produce. Each session will be hands on! Information has been sent home in children's book bags – please remember if you want to take part then please return the REPLY SLIP! Thank you.

Competition Time Three of our local GP Surgeries (Sedbergh, Kirkby Lonsdale and Bentham) are now working closer together, and have recently formed the 'Western Dales Primary Care Network'. The aim of the network is to improve patient care and services being delivered locally. This means that the surgeries are now looking for a NEW logo. Primary School children in the area are all being given an opportunity to design the new logo. The designer of the winning logo will receive a £25 Amazon Gift Voucher, as well as having their name recognised across the Western Dales for the winning design – which will be used on a range of publicity materials. Designs should include the words 'Western Dales Primary Care Network' and be sent to Abi Stavely, Lunesdale Surgery, Wellington Court, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2HQ by no later than **Friday 27th September 2019**. Please remember to include your name, age and contact details on any entry. For more information, please contact Abi on 015242 71210.

Home School Link Worker Miss Tierney is our Home School Link Worker and is available to help support parents/carers with any worries or concerns they might have about their child(ren), including home circumstances. Whilst being a parent can be rewarding, at school we also recognise that, at times, it can also be challenging! For more information about our Home School Link Worker, please pick up a leaflet from School Reception, or alternatively, leave a

message at the School Office for Miss Tierney to contact you.

NYCC Children and Family Support Working Appointments Do you need any FREE advice and support? If you would like to talk to a friendly Children and Family Support Worker then appointments are available at Settle, Skipton and Glusburn on various dates throughout September and October. For more information, or to book an appointment, please e-mail : skiptoncc@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 798094.

Giggleswick School On Saturday 5th October Giggleswick School will be hosting an open morning. This is an opportunity to see the school in action, meet with the Headteacher and enjoy a tour of the school. For more information please visit giggleswick.org.uk/open-events or telephone 01729 893000.

Drop in Session with the Inclusive Education Service A specialist teacher and specialist practitioner will be available to speak to on a one-to-one basis, and offer advice to parents and carers on subjects such as :
Language and Communication
Social Skills and Understanding
Peer Interaction
Emotional Regulation
Sensory Processing
at Settle Children's Centre, Duke Street on **Monday 7th October 2019** from 10.00am to 1.00pm. If you have any concerns or questions about your child/ren and would like to attend then please go along – no appointment is necessary.

Secondary School Places for children CURRENTLY in Year 6 Whilst it may seem a long way off, parents/carers of children born between 01/09/2008 and 31/08/2009 are being asked to start applying for secondary school places for children who are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2020. Information has been sent home in book bags and any further questions you may have can be answered by the School's Admissions Team on 01609 533679. E-mail : schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk. Please note all applications need to be completed by no later than 31st October 2019. After this date an application will be treated as **LATE**.

Aldi's Kit for Schools : Get Set to Eat Fresh We are collecting Team GB Athlete stickers from Aldi. Every time someone spends £30 or more in any Aldi Store up until the 3rd November 2019, they will receive a sticker. If we manage to fill our poster with 300 stickers our school will receive a Sports Kit and be in with a chance of winning £20,000. If you, or anyone you know, shops at Aldi, then please ask them to help fill our 'poster'! Stickers can be handed into Sally at the School Office or Class Teachers. Thank you for your support.

The Book People As everyone will agree every child has the right to read. To help support reading in schools, The Book People have introduced a new school fundraising scheme called 'Big Book Boost'. For every order over £10 placed online with The Book People a donation of £1 will be made to our school. All donations received will help school to purchase more books for our lovely library, meaning that EVERY CHILD in EVERY class will benefit. With Christmas around the corner, what better opportunity could there be to not only purchase someone a book, but to also fundraise for the school! Simply :

1. Make an online purchase over £10
2. Select Bentham C P School at the Checkout

thebookpeople.co.uk

Lunch Time and Fun Day Friday This year we will be continuing to offer children who do not usually take a school meal an opportunity to join in with 'Fun Day Friday'! Every Friday, children can order a meal during registration to enjoy at lunchtime. All our meals are freshly prepared daily, on site, using only locally sourced ingredients. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.10 per meal for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and £2.55 per day for children in years 3,4 and 5. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay.

As a reminder – on the menu next week!

Monday : Tuna Sweetcorn Melt/Cowboy Bake/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Tuesday : Beef Hot Pot/Crunchy Vegetable Gratin/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Wednesday : Chicken and Vegetable Pie/Vegetable Chill and Rice/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Thursday : Mexican Minced Beef Pork Wraps/Cheese and Tomato Pasta/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Friday : Fish Fingers/Vegetable Curry and Rice/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

What's on this week?

Monday 16th September 2019

1.00pm Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 17th September 2019

12.30pm : Years 3,4,5 and 6 Cross Country Event at Ingleton Primary School

2.45pm : Parent Coffee Meeting

3.30pm : Jigsaw Club (invited children)

Wednesday 18th September 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 19th September 2019

3.30-4.30pm Year 1 and 2 Multiskills

Friday 19th July 2019

Baby and Toddler Group 9.00-10.30am

3.00pm Praise Assembly

REMINDER Can parents/carers please ensure that they check their child's Parentpay account regularly to ensure that services are in credit? If you have any difficulty accessing Parentpay then please see Sally in the School Office. Please remember if you do not have access to the Internet, then payment can be taken manually either over the phone or at the office.

Bentham Community Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school. All North Yorkshire Schools, including Bentham Community Primary School, follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board's procedures. The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their child/ren. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (this in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, of course, always aim to maintain a positive relationship with all parents. The school's Child Protection Policy is available publicly on the school's website, (www.benthamcpschool.org.uk) or hard copies are available from the School Office.