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The end of summer term is in sight! This week has been a particularly busy week for children, staff and parents. End of year performances, sports day, picnic lunch and end of year reports...it has all been happening. Next week will also mark the end of my first term as headteacher so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It is lovely to have supportive parents who really value the school and the work that we do. We are slowly making changes to our school, environment, playtimes, teaching and learning and communication with parents and we hope that these changes are beneficial to both you and your children. As ever, if you have a problem, query or suggestion, please do come and speak to me.

I am sure that those of you who were able to come and watch the performance of Cinderella and Rockerfella will agree that all the children did an amazing job, but in particular those who played a main part....I think the Fairy Godmother needed to spend more time learning her lines though!

Next Friday marks the end of an era for our Year 6 children who are ready to fly the nest and move on to QES or Settle College. We wish our year 6 children all the best as they continue their education. We have the excitement of a residential still to go though.

I hope you all have a lovely sunny summer holiday and enjoy spending time outside with family and friends.

See you all in September

Mrs Pearson

**The Last Day of Term...** It is with much sadness that we will be saying a fond farewell to both Miss E Green, Class 4 teacher and Miss C Taylor, Class 2 Teacher both of whom will be moving onto the next step in their careers in September 2017. I am sure everyone will agree both Miss Green and Miss Taylor will be greatly missed. We would like to wish them both the very best of luck.

**Congratulations** to Miss Hope Boocock who has recently announced that she is expecting her third baby with partner Danny. Baby is due on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Thank you** to all those parents who were able to come along to this year's Sports Day, which took place on the morning of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. As I am sure everyone will agree we were very fortunate with the weather – having watched what can only be described as torrential rain bouncing off the playground the previous day!! Well done to ALL the children who took part and tried their very best. This year the trophy was awarded to the 'Blue' team who represent K2 – although they were very closely challenged by the Yellow, Green and Red Team.

Following Sports Day our Celebration Picnic was also a huge success, with children thoroughly enjoying the Grab Bags that were freshly prepared by our wonderful School Cook, Mrs Leak and parents tucking into the tasty treats that children had prepared at school the previous day. Next on the Agenda was the official opening of our wonderful Wildlife Garden. This is an exciting new venture for the school and promises to further enrich both the knowledge and experience of children. We are anticipating our new Forest School activities to be a HUGE success with all those involved.

**The Friends of Bentham School** Can we just take this opportunity to once again thank the Friends of Bentham School for all their hard work, dedication and fundraising efforts. As I am sure parents will have noticed, an absolutely wonderful Gazebo has recently been constructed in the playground. Already children are enjoying using this provision at both playtimes and lunchtimes



Thank you to the FOBs for funding this wonderful new provision.

**Goodbye, Farewell** After over 30 years as a School Governor, Miss Wendy Dowbiggin, has officially retired from the Board of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Wendy for all her hard work, dedication and support during her time as a Governor at the school. Naturally, we are delighted that we will still be seeing Wendy around and about the school's classrooms and corridors as Wendy regularly visits the school in her capacity of a volunteer.

**Thank you** also to Mr Simon Murphy, School Governor, for all his continued hard work whilst serving on the Board of Governors. Mr Murphy has also recently resigned from the Board due to the relocation of his family. We would like to wish the 'Murphys' the very best of luck with their new venture, we will all miss Finley and Florence. Thank you also to Mrs Murphy for all her help fundraising for the school.

**LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY** Historically this event is sponsored by an infamous tissue brand – we are sure this year will be no different! Parents of children in Year 6 are all invited to join the school celebrate the successes of children as we wave goodbye at our annual Leavers' Assembly. This will take place at **2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017** in the School Hall. Due to this special celebration there will be no praise assembly taking place during the final week of term. Please note we only have room for parents of those children in Year 6.

**The Lunch Box** Following the success of the school's SNAG at achieving their Bronze Award status, Mrs Ellershaw has worked with various children creating a wonderful sign celebrating the newly named dining hall at the school. As can be seen in the picture, The Lunch Box is now up and running and open for business!



**Governors** Following a recent re-constitution of Bentham C P School's Board of Governors, we will be advertising a vacancy for a Parent Governor at some point during September 2017. 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 we 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 for more information about this vacancy in September 2017.

**End of Year Achievements** I am delighted to tell you that our Year 6 children have performed wonderfully in their Year 6 SATs. The tests seem to get harder and harder every year and our current Year 6 children tackled them in a mature manner. The children and their parents have now all been told their results and I am delighted to tell you all that 70% of our children reached the expected standard in Reading, Writing AND Maths. This is a fabulous percentage, especially when nationally only 61% of children reached the expected standard in all three areas. Well done Year 6 – you have done yourselves and the school very proud.

**Whitby Residential** During the final week of term children in Year 6 will be taking part in a residential trip to Whitby. Whilst at Whitby children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities, including body-boarding, Murder Mystery Trails and a visit to the Scarborough Sea Life Centre. We all hope that the weather stays fine and that everyone enjoys their final trip together as 'Class 5'.

**Settle Harriers** have recently formed a new Junior Group. Meetings take place during term-time on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.45pm at the Eshtons Pavilion, (next to) Giggleswick School Astro turf, BD24 0AQ. Children from 3 to 13 are all welcome. There is a small charge of £1.00 per week plus an annual subs charge of £20.00 which includes a running vest. For more information please visit <http://juniors.settleharriers.org> or e-mail [juniors@settleharriers.org](mailto:juniors@settleharriers.org).

**PARENTPAY** Please, please, please can parents/carers ensure that their children's Parentpay accounts are up-to-date for the last day of term. Failure to settle outstanding debts may result in accounts being referred to North Yorkshire County Council's Debt Collection Services. Any credits will be either refunded or transferred into next academic year. Thank you.

**Finally.....** This will be the last Friday News of this academic year. Can we just thank parents, children, families and members of the community for all their continued support. At times school life can be very difficult, but as a school community we can all work together as a united team to over-come any difficulties, stresses and worries. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017** ready to take on the challenge, adventures and opportunities that the 2017/2018 academic year will no doubt bring along with it.