



Friday 15th November 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 9

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, information has been sent home in children's book bags about our next Maths and Reading Information Evening which will be taking place on Wednesday 27th November. Parent/carers of children in classes 1 and 2 are invited to come along to school and pick up some tips on how to support their child with Maths, whilst parents/carers of children in classes 3,4 and 5 will have an opportunity to learn more about how to support their child with reading in KS2. Can parents/carers please let school know if they will be coming along to these sessions by returning the reply slip provided? We are looking forward to welcoming as many parents as possible along to these FREE sessions.

On Friday 22nd November, Mrs Chapman our SENCO will once again be hosting a Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon at school aimed at those parents of children who have been identified with special educational needs and/or disabilities. This is a lovely opportunity to meet informally, relax and have a chat.

Finally, thank you to all those parents who recently provided me with some feedback about the feasibility of an After School Club at school. Unfortunately, there were very few parents who provided any feedback, which suggests there would not be enough interest in a club at the present time. Many thanks to those who did get in touch with me, unfortunately it seems there is not enough demand to re-open our afterschool club. However, as a school we will continue to review this position.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Exciting Christmas News..... This year we will not be having a whole school trip to a local theatre to watch a Pantomime. Instead, we are bringing a pantomime to the school! Oh yes we are! On **Tuesday 7th January 2020** the 'West End in Schools' Theatre Production Company will be performing 'Dick Whittington' to ALL children in the familiar surroundings of our School Hall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Friends of Bentham

School for part-funding this lovely opportunity for children. As we are sure parents/carers will be aware the costs involved with bringing a pantomime to school are extensive, even with the significant and gratefully received support of the FOBS. With this in mind, we are asking that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of the pantomime and provision of refreshments and interval snacks! Payment should be made via Parentpay by no later than 31st December 2019. Thank you.

Craven Football Final During October our year 5/6 football team made up of Dan, Asher, Charlie, Ethan, Charlie, Ben, Alfie, Tommy, Joe and Liam, took part in a Craven Football Festival successfully being placed 2nd in the competition. As a result, our team have now secured qualification to take part in the Craven Football Final which will be taking place on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at South Craven School. I am sure everyone will join school in wishing our team the VERY BEST OF LUCK.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK The week commencing 18th November 2019 is National Road Safety Week. Over the course of the week children will be learning and engaging in activities that promote road safety and awareness. With this in mind, can we please remind parents/carers that as the evenings get darker road users and pedestrians should be thinking about 'Be Bright – Be Seen'.

Christmas Performances Following a recent review of our Christmas Performance plans, we have had to make some slight changes to scheduled dates. **Can parents/carers please make a note of the following amendments :**

Monday 16th December 2019 at 9.30am

Invitation to **Senior Citizens** (including Grandparents and members of the community) to watch a **Nativity Performance** by children in *Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2*.

Children in Key Stage 2 will also be joining the audience to watch children perform. Unfortunately, due to number restrictions in the School Hall, **parents/carers will not be able to join the audience** on this occasion to watch this performance.

Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 6.00pm

Invitation to **parents/carers** to watch a **Nativity Performance** by children in *Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2*

KS2 Christmas Performance This production will now **NOT BE TAKING PLACE**. Instead, children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will be putting on a spectacular show during the Summer Term.

Finally, we are hoping to arrange to take part in a Christmas Carol Service with the Auction Mart. More details about the date and time to follow.

Toast Café To help school raise funds towards trips and residential visits, entrepreneurs, Abbie and Ella from year 6 will be selling toast every **MONDAY** break time from the Music Room. Toast will be priced at 10p per slice.

Bag2School As we reluctantly put away our summer clothes until next year, what better opportunity could there be to have a wardrobe refresh! If you, or anyone you know, has any unwanted items of clothing that they would like to donate to help raise funds for the school these would be very much appreciated! Please look out for Bag2School collection bags in children's book bags. Collection bags should be dropped off at the school's Main Reception on the morning of Thursday 28th November 2019. Thank you.

Ofsted Parent View Following on from parent evening questionnaires, we are encouraging parents/carers to go on-line and complete a short Parent View Questionnaire. Parent View gives parents/carers an opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school, including how happy children are and how the school supports children. For more information, and to complete a Parent View questionnaire, please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Youth Club Bentham Youth Club are holding a fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th November 2019 at the Town Hall. The youth club is accessible to children of all ages, with lots of children from the school now regularly going along to the club and enjoying the wide range of activities on offer. To help support fundraising efforts for this important community provision, Bentham Youth Club are asking for donations for their prize raffle at the Coffee Morning. **Any donations would be gratefully received and can be handed into Sally at the School Office.** Thank you.

MSA Vacancy We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor at the school, working on a Thursday and

Friday between 12 and 1pm. For more information please see Sally in the School Office.

PARENTPAY Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay account. At the time of writing there are **68** accounts showing as having outstanding balances. 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.

What's on next week?

Monday 18th November 2019

Road Safety Week
Lunchtime Knitting Club
Lunchtime Board Games Club
2.00pm Reading to Dogs

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Jordan's Lunchtime Football Club
Lunchtime Book Club
Afterschool Jigsaw Club (invited children)

Wednesday 20th November 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Library Visit : Class 3
2.15pm Craven Football Final (letter already sent home)

Thursday 21st November 2019

School Council Meeting
3.30pm Afterschool Pilates Club

Friday 22nd November 2019

1.45pm Library Visit : Class 5
2.15pm SEND Coffee/Cake Afternoon
3.00pm Praise Assembly

Finally, at Bentham C P School learning does not 'just happen' in the classroom. Nor does it only 'happen' during the school day between the hours of 9.00am and 3.30pm! Here at the school we provide a range of additional activities and events that support your child's learning. Following on from recent discussions with parents/carers, it became apparent that not everyone was aware of what lunchtime and after school club activities are available to children. Hopefully, the below list will help:-

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Knitting Club in Whernside Room 12.30pm – 1.00pm Games Club (Board Games) in the Music Room	Year 6 Math's Club (invited children from Class 5)
Tuesday	Jordan's Football 12.00m/d – 12.30pm : Years 4,5,6 12.30pm to 1.00pm : Reception, Years 1,2 and 3 12.30pm – 1.00pm Book Club in the School Library	Jigsaw Club (invited children) Gardening club has now finished and will return in the Spring.
Wednesday	12.00m/d – 12.30pm KS2 Math's Games 12.00m/d – 12.30pm Brainbuilder Club	Jammie Dodgers for children in years 1 and 2
Thursday		3.30pm – 4.30pm KS2 Girls Pilates and Yoga After School Club KS1 Multiskills Club has now finished.

These 'Clubs' rely on either school staff volunteering their time or sourcing external providers who are willing to offer a club for a short period during the day. Club providers very often make a charge for their services. As a school we heavily subsidise the costs involved, we do, however, from time to time, request that parents/carers make a contribution towards the cost of any one activity. I am sure everyone will agree that the above selection offers a good choice for children. Over the duration of the school year, we will be widening opportunities further.

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.