



Friday 17th January 2020

Spring Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our Year 3 children have adapted to their new morning class amazingly well. Thank you to parents and carers for their support. Mrs Hunter, who teaches this class during the morning has settled in really well at the school and is thoroughly enjoying teaching our children.

This week, for parents of children in Nursery, I was delighted to be able to offer additional places during our afternoon sessions. Both funded and 'paid for' places are available for children who currently attend our Nursery during the morning. A letter has been sent home to parents of Nursery children providing more information about our Nursery provision.

Also this week I have had the opportunity to venture outside during a couple of lunchtimes. It has been lovely to see all the children getting along so well, helping each other and enjoying our new stage and musical instruments. Can I just remind parents to ensure that children have a suitable coat, hats and gloves at school so that they can enjoy their outdoor playtimes. As mentioned in previous newsletters it might even be an idea to leave a pair of wellies at school for when it has been raining – if only to prevent soggy socks and saturated shoes!!

Our new 'Music Club' on a Friday lunchtime is a resounding success with a number of children from years 1,2 and 3 expressing an interest in learning more about music, or showing an interest in learning a new musical instrument. We look forward to hearing and seeing performances later in the year.

Last week a number of letters were sent home to parents about sporting events that will be taking place over the coming weeks. Can I just take this opportunity to remind parents that if their child has expressed an interest in representing our school at a fixture, then they return the consent form as quickly as possible, or inform school that their child will not be taking part? Unfortunately, on a number of occasions, decisions not to take part have been made last minute, meaning that other children who would have liked the opportunity to represent the school have missed out.

Next week, children in Class 5 have been invited to take part in a 'conservation' activity and plant some trees at Keasden Head Farm. For children in year 6, this activity will support their John Muir award. I would just like to take this opportunity to once again thank the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for all their support with local outdoor educational visits.

Our first Parent Coffee Meeting of the term will be taking place next Tuesday, 21st January, from 2.45pm. Please do try and get along to this informal gathering, there will be a free cuppa and slice of cake on offer!

Please can parents note that Jammy Dodgers is for children in Year 1 and 2 only and will now take place in the Community Room.

Finally, can I just remind parents of children in years 4 and 5 that there is a Bewerley Park meeting at 6.00pm on Monday 20th January. This will be an ideal opportunity to find out about what children will be getting up to at Bewerley and to raise any questions you may have about this exciting residential.

Have a lovely weekend – see you next week.

Mrs Pearson

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.

Year 2 Indoor Athletics at Settle College Can parents please make sure children in Year 2 have their PE kits at school on Wednesday 22nd January. Children will be taking part in an Indoor Athletics Event at Settle College Sports Hall. Children will be collected, by coach, from school at 1.30pm and return to school for approximately 4.00pm. Can parents please make arrangements to collect children in Year 2 from school at this slightly later time. Thank you.

Headbanz Plea! Mrs Harrison would like to know if any families have the game 'Headbanz' that they no longer need or want! If so, would they please

consider donating the game to Class 3 to help them with their learning? The game does not have to be complete to be of benefit to the children. Thank you.

Class 2 On Wednesday 29th January Class 2 will now be visiting St John's Church in Low Bentham instead of taking part in Godly Play. For children in Class 2 Godly Play has been re-scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th February at 10.30/10.45am.

Birthday Treat Can we just remind parents that children are welcome to come to school, on their birthday, wearing their own clothes and not their school uniform (but only if they want to)! If a birthday falls over the weekend, then children can wear their own clothes on the Friday. If a birthday falls during a school holiday, then children can choose to wear their own clothes on the day school closes.

School Library We are still looking for volunteers to help set up our new Integrated Library System – this will involve the labelling and indexing of books. If you have any spare time and would like to get involved with this project, please see Sally in the School Office. It is a really easy task and it will take minutes to learn what to do. Thank you so far to Ben and Sam's mum for volunteering and making a start this week.

Godly Play and Library Visits Over the coming weeks, children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be given an opportunity to visit Bentham Library and/or take part in Godly Play sessions at Bentham Methodist Chapel. As is always the case, we are looking for volunteers to help walk children into Bentham whilst they either enjoy the Library or take part in Godly Play Sessions. Please find below a list of dates/times when visits will be taking place. To help class teachers with their planning, if you are able to help with any of the below visits, then please let the school know – any help really is appreciated.

Library Visits

Monday 27th January 2020 : Class 2 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 29th January 2020 : Class 3 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 5th February 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm
Friday 28th February 2020 : Class 5 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 11th March 2020: Class 3 : 1.30pm
Monday 16th March 2020: Class 2 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th March 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm

Godly Play

Monday 20th January 2020 : Class 3 : 1.30pm
Wednesday 29th January 2020 : Class 4 : 1.30pm

Wednesday 5th February 2020 : Class 2 : 10.30am
(inc Reception)

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

Parents are always welcome at school Can we just remind parents/carers that they are welcome to informally visit children's class rooms whenever they want at the end of a school day (3.30pm), as long as entry is made via the main classroom door from the playground. This is not to make life difficult, it is simply to ensure that staff know who is in school at any one time. Whilst it would be lovely to have an 'open door policy', this would simply not keep children safe and could also potentially interrupt learning. As a school we provide many opportunities for parents/carers to get involved. This term we will once again be holding Parent Coffee Meetings, Stay and Learn Sessions and Parent Evenings.

Parent Coffee Meetings/SEND Parent Coffee

Meetings These informal meetings are a wonderful opportunity for parents/carers to meet with members of staff, including our SENCO, have a chat and natter with other parents over a cuppa and a slice of cake! Please do try and come along to one or all of our Coffee Meetings which are scheduled to take place :
Tuesday 21st January 2020 : 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th February 2020 : 2.45pm (focus SEND)
Friday 13th March 2020 : 2.15pm.

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.

Carnival Bentham The Bentham Carnival Team have started preparations to get ready for the 2020 Carnival, but they need children's help with choosing a theme! There are three themes to choose from:-
Space, Sea or Rain Forest

This week children will be given a 'voting' slip enabling them to vote for which theme they would like for the

2020 Carnival Bentham! Return slips should be handed into class teachers by no later than Monday 20th January 2020.

What's On in North Yorkshire We have received information from the Children and Young Families Service about activities, health clinics, speech and language drop in sessions, SEND support and much more that will be taking place across the Craven area during January to April 2020. For a copy of the booklet or more information please see Sally in the School Office.

Nasty Nits! Can we please remind parents to regularly check their child's hair for any signs of 'unwanted visitors'? For advice on treatment and prevention, please speak to a Pharmacist.

Message from Rev Anne about Youth Club

There will be no Youth Club on Tuesday evening (21st). This is due to staff and volunteers reviewing how the youth club runs, taking part in some training and considering plans for the future. There have been a few incidents at youth club recently and the management committee are taking these seriously to ensure the youth club is a safe and enjoyable place for all, at all times.

What's on Next Week?

Monday 20th January 2020

12.45pm Class 5 Tree Planting
1.00pm Class 4 Swimming (inc Ben, Tommy & Charlie)
1.30pm Class 3 Godly Play
6.00pm Bewerley Park Parent Meeting

Tuesday 21st January 2020

2.45pm Parent Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 22ⁿ January 2020

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Key-board/Flute)
1.30pm Year 2 Indoor Athletics at Settle College
5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Guitar Lessons
3.30pm Year 4-6 Fitness and Running Club (2nd session)

Friday 24th January 2020

Baby and Toddler Group : School Hall
3pm Praise Assembly

As we are sure parents are aware, learning does not just happen in the classroom, nor does it only happen between the hours of 9.00am and 3.30pm (our school day). School provides a wide range of other events and activities that support children's learning. Please find below a list of 'clubs' that will be taking place this term:

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	KS2 Knitting Club in Whernside Classroom Year 4-6 Starbooks Reading Club in Class 5 with Mrs Pearson (Reading Plus)	Maths Club (for invited year 6 children) with Mrs Cadman in Class 5
Tuesday	Jordan's Football 12.00-12.30pm Years 4,5 and 6 12.30-1.00pm R, Years 1,2 and 3	Jigsaw Club with Miss Tierney and Mrs Horton (for invited children)
Wednesday	12.00-12.30pm Brainbuilder Homework Club with Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Harrison	Jammie Dodgers with Rev Anne in the Community Room (KS1 – Year 1 and 2)
Thursday	12.30-1.00pm Book Club in the Library with Miss Richardson	<u>First Half of Spring Term</u> Yr 4-6 Fitness and Running Club <u>Second Half of Spring Term</u> Yr 1-3 Sports Club (more info to follow)
Friday	12.30-1.00pm Music Club for Years 1-3 in the Music Room	