



Friday 20th September 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely week we have had with glorious sunshine. Children in all classes have enjoyed getting outside and have taken part in cross country at Ingleton, PE on the field, exploring in the wildlife garden and even taking part in a Viking raid... ask the children about this one - rumour has it that Mr Lockett really got into the acting and role play!

On Tuesday, Mrs Cadman assisted by other members of staff accompanied the whole of Key Stage 2 to Ingleton so children could take part in a Cross Country competition. ALL of our children represented our school incredibly well and we are all very proud of their behaviour and attitude at this event. Well done boys and girls!

All of our Nursery children are now settled into school life and it is great to have some new families joining our school. Please do keep spreading the good news about our wonderful school and encouraging new families in the area to join us.

This week teachers used our weekly staff meeting to discuss our whole curriculum and considering what skills and knowledge we would like our children to learn as they progress through school. We know that we already offer a very broad and balanced curriculum but we are keen to continually review this to make sure we are meeting the needs of all our children in the modern world. If any parents/carers have any suggestions or ideas, please get in touch.

Our parents e-mail inbox has been filling up with photographs of children from Class 2 this week as they complete their brainbuilder homework! Keep sending pictures in as it is great to see children learning at home.

Can I also please provide a gentle reminder and a plea for parents/carers to show consideration and consider safety implications when both dropping children off and collecting them from school. As I am sure everyone will be more than aware, the school car park gets very chaotic at certain peak times during the day! Recently, it has been reported to me on numerous occasions that vehicles are parking on pathways, blocking road entrances and, in some cases, blocking the gateway to the school. Whilst it is appreciated that parking is limited, can parents/carers please

ensure that they park sensibly and ensure that they are not blocking the carriageway, parking illegally, or blocking a clear view of the road. I am also aware of some drivers not obeying the school crossing patrol officer and driving around children as they cross the road! I will be contacting the Police today to make them aware of this issue and asking for their assistance with this.

As a reminder, there is a meeting for parents of children in years 2 and 3 at 6.00pm on Monday 23rd September about this year's residential to Halton Gill. This will be an informal meeting, and an opportunity for parents to raise any questions they may have. If you haven't paid the deposit for your child, please do so by Monday 23rd. Thank you.

On Thursday 26th September at 3.30pm there will be a 'Welcome to Class 1 and 2' event for parents of children in these classes. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible popping into their child's classroom and having a look around. The meeting will be for 15-20 minutes maximum.

Next Friday we will be walking to St John's Church in Low Bentham to join Reverend Anne for a Harvest Festival. Children will leave school at 1.45pm to walk to church. **Parent helpers are welcome and very much needed.** Please speak to your child's class teacher! Parents can also join us at church for a 2.30pm start. **Please can ALL parents collect children at 3.30pm from church.** The car park and field opposite will be open to assist with parking and the school bus will collect children from the church instead of from school. Please send your child with a food donation to contribute during the service. Please do join us in church, there is lots of space and it would be great to see lots of people there. Nursery children will remain in school with Mrs Chapman and Mrs Johnson.

On the morning of Tuesday 24th September children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been invited to Settle College to an Open Day Event. Children will be collected from school by mini-bus and returned to school in time for lunch!

Lots happening and lots to look forward to!

Finally, and again just to remind parents/carers, 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 it – remember a problem shared is a problem solved!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Pearson

National Poetry Day On Thursday 3rd October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day by hosting a very special 'Celebratory Lunch' which every child in every class is welcome to join in!

On the Menu:

Hot Dogs in Buns or Jacket Potato

Curly Fries

Homemade Coleslaw

Mixed Salad

Wobbly, Wobbly, or Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt
Fruit Jelly

Macmillan World's BIGGEST Coffee Morning On Friday 27th September from 9.00am until 11.00am Mrs Reid will be joining in with 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' and hosting a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support in the School Hall. Everyone is invited to come along and join Mrs Reid, have a cuppa, enjoy a slice of calorific cake, or create crumbs with a biscuit! Whilst we appreciate that it must seem like we are always asking for some kind of donation or other, can parents, carers and families, please consider donating a cake, bake, biscuit or tray-bake to be sold at this event? Every penny raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support who are ALWAYS there for those people living with Cancer. Thank you.

School Photographs This year school have commissioned a company called 'Tiny Pixels' to visit school on the 3rd October and take individual/family group school photographs. Orders for any photos can be placed on-line. In addition to photographs it is anticipated that there will be other merchandise available to purchase, e.g. canvas prints and photo-mugs! This is a new venture with a new company so please bear with us if there are any hiccups! For more information, please see the letter sent home in children's book bags. Please remember, if you would like a family group photograph of SCHOOL AGE children then return the reply slip provided on the letter to the School Office by no later than Friday 27th September 2019. Thank you.

FINAL REMINDER : Data Capture Sheet Can parents/carers please ensure that amended Data Capture Sheets are returned to the School Office by no later than **Monday 23rd September 2019**. There are still a number of Data Capture sheets, First Aid Forms and Consent Preference Forms that have not yet been returned to school. Thank you.

Music Lessons Did you know that there are

opportunities at school for children to have individual music lessons and learn to play instruments such as the accordion, fife, flute, keyboard, guitar, piano and much more? For more information, please see Sally in the School Office.

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!

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 'signed' their children 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 Thank you to Miss Richardson for organising a school Gardening Club. The first session took place this week on the evening of Tuesday 17th September. Children all got 'stuck' into weeding and tidying around the garden. There was even some produce harvested from our vegetable patch.

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.

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

Giggleswick School Scholarships and Entrance Assessments Giggleswick School are offering parents/carers an opportunity to apply for

Scholarships for children in Years 7,9 and Sixth Form next academic year. For more information, and assessment dates please contact Giggleswick School on 01729 893000. Thank you.

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 : Meatballs in Tomato Sauce/Cheese Potato and Leek Bake/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Tuesday : Chicken Korma/Shepherdess Pie/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Wednesday : Crispy Battered Fish/Vegetable Pasty/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Thursday : Cottage Pie/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Friday : Sausage and Mash/Vegetable Lasagne/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

School Immunisation Team We have now received information about this year's Influenza (Flu) vaccination programme. All children from reception through to Year 6 are being offered a vaccination FREE of charge at school on Tuesday 5th November. If you would like your child to receive this vaccination, then please complete the on-line consent form at www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent. The School Code is 121380. All consents need to be completed by no later than 18th October 2019.

What's on this week?

Monday 23rd September 2019

1.00pm Class 5 Swimming
2.00pm Dogs as Therapy
6.00pm Halton Gill Residential Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2019

Book People Book Bus
Jordan's Lunchtime Football Club
Settle College Open Day (Years 5/6)
3.30pm : Jigsaw Club (invited children) and
Gardening Club

Wednesday 25th September 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
11.00am children in Year 6 leave for over-night
stay at Keasden Head Farm

Thursday 26th September 2019

Children return from residential
School Council Meeting
3.30pm Welcome to Class 1 and 2 Meeting
Settle College Open Evening for Parents/Carers

Friday 27th September 2019

9.00am Macmillan Coffee Morning in the
School Hall
9.30am Health Screening (Year 1)
Harvest Festival : No 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.