



20th October 2017

Autumn Term Edition 7

Dear Parents.....

Half term is here and the last 7 weeks have flown by. Children in Nursery and Reception have settled in well and towards the end of this week have been exploring their newly revamped outdoor area. On Wednesday the teachers worked with Miss Richardson to freshen up and reorganise the outdoor learning area. When you are next in school, have a look over the fence and see what you think. We are going to keep adding to this area so keep having a look.

I am also very pleased to let you know that the closure of the car park at the beginning and end of the school day has been reviewed and that parents are once again able to access the car park at the beginning and end of the school day. However, I must stress a few points. Please can all parents ensure they drive sensibly into and out of the car park. Equally, please can parents ensure they closely supervise their children when walking to their cars. Parents MUST NOT climb over the gate between the car park and the playground nor must they open this gate using the electronic button. This gate is for emergency access only. I am going to investigate having a pedestrian gate put in so that access can be gained from the car park to the playground and vice versa but for now, please walk around. Furthermore, the school bus will park in one of the disabled bays at the beginning and end of the school day. Please ensure that this bay is not blocked. Obviously, there is not room in the car park for all parents to park in it and I ask that you please consider our neighbours and park respectfully and appropriately so as not to create hazards outside of the school grounds either. The safety of our children, parents and staff is paramount and we hope all parents will both appreciate the above news but also respond positively and proactively to the above points.

I hope you all have a lovely half term, enjoy any bonfires but please keep safe! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Pearson and all the staff at Bentham CP School

Influenza Vaccination The School's Health Team will be carrying out their Influenza Vaccination Programme at the school this Winter on 15th November 2017. Children in Reception, Years 1,2,3 and 4 are eligible for a FREE vaccination. To register your consent please visit www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent. Alternatively, please call 01423 542360.

Football On Tuesday 17th November children from years 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament at Settle College. All our children played absolutely brilliantly and were once again fabulous ambassadors for our school. Well done Asher, Dan, Joseph, Ethan, Billy, Charlie and Charlie.

Spotlight on Spellings Thank you to all those parents who came along to the 'Spotlight on Spellings' event that was hosted by Mrs Hodgson on the evening of Wednesday 18th October 2017. We hope that parents found both this session and the previous 'Finding out About Phonics' session both informative and helpful.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever about any aspect of school life, then please either speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Pearson.

E-Mail Communication Final reminder – if you have not already done so, can parents please return details of their e-mail addresses to the School Office. If you have returned the reply slip check your 'inbox' for the Friday News! (Also check your Junk Mail)

Parent Coffee Afternoon Thank you to all those parents, friends and families who came along to the Coffee Afternoon which was held in the Community Room on the afternoon of the 19th October. It was absolutely lovely to see so many faces. We will be holding more Coffee Afternoons in the new term – look out for details on the Friday News!

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Please remember to help our fund raising efforts by supporting our Wildlife Project at local Tesco Stores.

Governors' Ballot Thank you to all those parents who returned a ballot paper supporting the recent Parent Governor Election. Following the official counting of votes, we are pleased to announce that Leanne Buckley will be appointed as a new Parent Governor. Thank you to both Gemma Knapp and Holly Hulme for registering an interest in the position and putting themselves forward for the election. Thank you also

to everyone involved for showing such an active interest in the future Leadership and Management of the school. We had a great response from parents and it is very much appreciated.

Peter Pan – A Musical Adventure Remember to return Consent Forms and make payment for this visit to The Winter Gardens, Blackpool where children will be given the opportunity to experience a live musical theatre performance in the company of their friends.

Nell Bank – Year 3 and 4 Residential Don't forget about the meeting for parents on Monday 30th October at 6pm in Class 4. This will be a short meeting to inform parents about what children will be doing whilst away on their one night residential. Childcare can be provided during the meeting, if needed.

The Friends of Bentham School's Halloween Disco will be taking place from 5.00pm until 6.30pm in the School Hall on **1st November 2017**. Entry is £4.00 per child, to include hot dogs, snacks and refreshments. Payment should be made via Parentpay by no later than **30th October 2017**. Please note this is a child-only event, so mums and dads, please drop your child off at the main door and then enjoy a little bit of peace and quiet! Unfortunately, the school will be unable to accept payment 'on the door' on the night of the disco. If parents cannot access the internet or have any difficulty with Parentpay then please contact Sally in the School Office. 015242 61412.

Children in Need School will be helping raise funds for this important children's charity on Monday 6th November and Monday 13th November. Please look out in children's book for more details about how you can help raise all important funds.

The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling various items, including poppies, from the School Office from **1st November 2017**.

Parentpay We are not nagging, we are simply reminding parents to please ensure that their children's Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. We still have 69 accounts showing as having money outstanding. If parents have any difficulty in making payments, or if they wish to discuss outstanding debts, then please contact the school. All discussions will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Class 2 Outdoor Provision Can we just ask that parents do not let younger siblings play with any school equipment, particularly the outdoor provision set up outside Class 2, when collecting older brothers and sisters at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Lancaster Guardian : New Starters Every year the Lancaster Guardian publishes pictures of Reception Children who have recently started Primary School. Please look out over the next few weeks, for the wonderful picture of our Class 1 children. Can we just remind parents of children in the photograph that if they wish to order a copy, then they need to return the order form to the school office by no later than **Friday 3rd November**. Any orders returned after this date will not be processed. Thank you.

Reminder : The Friends of Bentham School Christmas Market will be taking place in the School Hall from 6.00pm until 8.30pm on **Friday 24th November 2017**. Entry is **FREE**, there will be lots of stalls and activities. Why not use this as an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping? There is also a rumour that a certain someone from the North Pole will be at the event! If you are interested in reserving a stall at the event then please contact the school on 015242 61412.

University of Cumbria Teaching Students This year we are renewing our partnership with the University of Cumbria and we will be accommodating student teachers as they embark on their teaching career. This term Class 3 and Class 4 will have Miss Banks and Miss Allen in their classes who will be teaching lessons under the close supervision and guidance of Mrs Hodgson and Miss Thwaite.

Shadowman Rugby Camp will be taking place on the 25th and 26th October from 9.00am until 3.30pm at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club. This is a Coaching Camp aimed at children aged 8 -11. The cost is £30 per day, per child. Players will receive Team Building and Leadership Development Skills Training that can be used both on and off the pitch. All training will be led by professional coaches and players who have either played or coached at national or international level. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 0151 326 2253 or e-mail bookings@afyasportstrg.com.

Good Luck Can we just wish Miss Hope Boocock the very best of luck. Hope starts her maternity leave today.