



Friday 22nd November 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 10

Dear Parents/Carers

Some parents have spoken to me about the news that Clapham School will be entering consultation to close at the end of this academic year. A few Clapham families have looked around our school and a number of new children will be starting here in the coming weeks and months. We look forward to welcoming these children and their parents to our school family.

Mrs McGregor was back in school this week in preparation for her return to school on the 4th December. Mrs McGregor will be teaching all day on Thursdays and Fridays in Class 4 – Mrs McGregor will also teach a little bit in other classes to cover teachers non-contact time when they are out of class preparing for lessons. Mrs Chapman will continue to fill the role of SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) until Christmas whilst Mrs McGregor settles back into teaching and getting to know Class 4.

This means that Mr Lockett will be leaving us next week...but not completely. Mr Lockett is a great addition to our teaching team and we don't want to lose him so you will still see him in school, in all classes covering teachers when they are out on courses or attending meetings. This will provide great continuity for the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Lockett for all that he has done in school in a very short amount of time and the support that he has provided to Class 4.

This week saw a sudden and drastic drop in temperature, which I think took everyone by surprise! Even though it is now turning colder, we do still encourage children to get outside during break times, enjoy the fresh air and get active. With this in mind, can parents/carers please ensure that children come to school with a warm winter coat, a hat and some gloves.

On Wednesday 20th, I was given the opportunity to go along with our Year 5/6 football team to the Craven Football Finals at South Craven. The boys represented our school very well. Can I just say a huge thank you to children's parents for transporting them to and from the fixture. It was a very chilly evening and the team are to be commended for their perseverance.

This year, our Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 6th December from 3.30pm in the school hall. There will be lots of stalls and festive treats on offer. To help promote donations for the cause, on **Friday 29th November**, we are inviting ALL children in ALL classes to join in with a 'non-uniform' day! In exchange for a prize donation, which could include non-perishable food items, toiletries, vouchers, chocolate etc. children can 'drop the uniform' for the day and wear what they want to school! Can I just thank everyone for their continued support with all of our fundraising efforts. Every penny raised supports ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

Finally, can I please remind parents/carers about our Maths and Reading Information Evening which will be taking place on Wednesday 27th November from 6.00pm here at school. If you have not already done so, then please remember to return the reply slip to the School Office if you will be attending this event.

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.

Yorkshire Burger Day! On Friday 29th November, we will be offering children an opportunity to join in with a promotional Yorkshire Burger Day lunch! On the menu, a 'Yorkshire' burger in a homemade bread roll with garnish accompanied by chipped potatoes and veggie sticks. For dessert a delicious Warm Chocolate Crinkle Cookie will be on offer. Also available on the day a vegetarian Chickpea and Coriander Burger or Jacket Potato together with fresh fruit and yoghurt.

There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered by children during registration. Meals are priced at £2.10 per child in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.55 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay. If you have any difficulty accessing this online payment platform, then please contact Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

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 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.

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.

PARENTPAY Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay account. At the time of writing there are **65** 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.

Festive Dates for your Dairy!

Rewind to Christmas On **Thursday 28th November**, children in year 5 have been given the opportunity to join children from other local schools at Ingleton Methodist Church at a 'Rewind to Christmas' event. Children will engage in a range of activities based on the Christmas Story. There is no charge for this event.

Non-Uniform Day (29/11/19) in exchange for donations for this year's Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair on 6th December from 3.30pm in the School Hall.

Christmas Crafts This annual event will be taking place after school on the 10th December. Please look out in children's book bags for more information.

Carol Singing at Low Bentham Institute On Wednesday 11th December, children in classes 3 and 5 will be carol singing to senior citizens at the Low Bentham Institute.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day ALL children in ALL classes are invited to join in with our annual Christmas Festive Feast on Friday 13th December! Also on this day children are invited to come into school wearing a 'Christmas Jumper' in return for a voluntary donation of £1.00 to help raise funds for 'Save the Children'. Rumour also has it that Mrs Nelson will be organising an 'Elf Run' for all Santa's little helpers in aid of St John's Hospice, Lancaster. More information about this fundraising activity to follow.

Nativity Performance On Monday 16th December at 9.30am children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will perform their Nativity to an audience of Senior Citizens and Key Stage 2 children.

Nativity Performance On Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will perform their Nativity to parents/carers.

Auction Mart Carol Service On Wednesday 18th December children in all classes will be taking part in the Auction Mart's Carol Service from 2.30pm. Parents/carers are asked to make arrangements to collect children from the Auction Mart at 3.30pm.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY On Thursday 19th December we will all be enjoying Christmas Party Celebrations! There have been whisperings that a certain Mr Claus may travel from the North Pole to join in with the fun!

What's on next week?

Monday 25th November 2019

Lunchtime Knitting Club

Lunchtime Board Games Club

1.45pm Class 2 visiting Library

2.00pm Reading to Dogs

Tuesday 26th November 2019

Jordan's Lunchtime Football Club

Lunchtime Book Club

Afterschool Jigsaw Club (invited children)

Wednesday 27th November 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

6.00pm Support your child with Maths

Support your child with Reading

Thursday 28th November 2019

9.00am Bag2 School Collection

Rewind to Christmas (Year 5)

3.30pm Afterschool Pilates Club

Friday 29th November 2019

Non-Uniform Day : Please bring items for the Christmas Fair

School Council Meeting

Burger Day Special Lunch

3.00pm Praise Assembly

Attendance for week commencing 11/11/19 : **96.83%**

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.