



Bentham Community
Primary School

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BENTHAM SCHOOL BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT! On Wednesday 22nd March 2017 the school's Eco Group were invited to Broadrake, Chapel-le-Dale where the future King of England HRH The Prince of Wales would also be visiting.... It would be fair to say that the weather was absolutely hideous, with high winds and what can only be described as torrential rain sporting the odd snow flake! This did not put off Miss Thwaite or Miss Pearson who accompanied this enthusiastic, if not a little damp, group of Eco Warriors on their exciting and educational visit.

The Prince of Wales addressed our group of children and was extremely grateful for the gifts that Missy handed over prior to his departure, a Bentham Mug and a T-Towel. (Apparently, The Prince of Wales initially mistook the t-towel for a t-shirt, but upon correction by Joseph expressed his absolute delight that it was in fact a T-towel!) – no doubt these useful items will be put to good use in our Monarch's kitchen .

THE BIG DIG 2..... This will be taking place on Monday 27th March from 11.00am until 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along, join in, and help develop the school's new Wildlife Garden. This is a community project, which is helping the school create an exciting and engaging outdoor learning environment. Can we just take this opportunity to thank all those individuals, and businesses that have supported this project to date, thank you also to Frank from Atkinson Vos (UNIMOG) who has not only made a substantial financial donation towards the development but has also agreed to provide heavy lifting equipment to assist with the movement of materials.

MEET THE HEADTEACHER Thank you to all those parents who came along to our 'Meet the Headteacher' Event on Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

BACON BUTTY WEDNESDAY.... Mrs Leak has kindly agreed to make 'Bacon Butties' for breakfast on Wednesday 29th March. These will be priced at £1.50 each and will be available from 08.45am in the School Hall. Parents are also welcome to join in and purchase a Butty for Breakfast!

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? ARE YOU MISSING OUT? Did you know that there are lots of families that are eligible for Free School Meals who have not yet applied? Even if your child is in KS1 and in receipt of Universal Free School Meals, you are still eligible for a percentage of Free School Meal and Residential Visit assistance, which in turn helps the school with Pupil Premium Funding, meaning that support with school trips and visits can be passed onto parents. If you fit any of the below criteria, then please call into the School Office and speak to Sally who will be able to provide you with a CONFIDENTIAL application form and deal with the process for you.

Are you in receipt of any of the following:-

Income Support Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance Universal Credit
Income Related Employment and Support Allowance Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (provided not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have annual income that does not

exceed £16,190

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. A run-on of Working Tax Credit

If you are eligible then do not miss out on this assistance.

SPELLING ACTIVITY CARDS..... Can we just remind parents about the importance of using the 'spelling activity cards' that were sent home with children in September. Every child from years 2 to 6 inclusive were provided with a laminated pack of activity cards, each giving practical suggestions about how to help children learn their spellings. Please help us to help you to help your child learn their spellings!

At our recent Governors' Meeting the School's Parent Carers and other Adults Behaviour Policy and Access Restriction Policy was revised, discussed and agreed. The Governing Body of the School are keen that this Policy is made known to the adult community. Please find below the adopted Policy for your reference and retention:-

We believe that our school is a friendly and welcoming place where our children and staff can feel safe. Unfortunately experience, here and in schools around the County, shows that instances of aggressive and inappropriate behaviour by Parents, Carers and other Adults are increasing. Because of this, for the wellbeing of our children and staff, we have adopted this Parent and Carers Behaviour Policy so that everyone is clear what and is and is not acceptable behaviour and what action school will take to protect its children and staff if the policy is not observed.

This is the Policy:

Parents, Carers and other Adults Behaviour Policy and Access Restriction Policy.

We, the Governing Body and Headteacher, strongly believe that our school should be a welcoming and safe place for our children, staff, parents and visitors alike. We also know our parents share that belief. We have legal responsibilities for the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and staff, and a duty of care to all users of our school.

All adults who enter our school site at any time set examples of behaviour and conduct which influence children and young people and we believe that they should therefore demonstrate high standards of conduct in order to encourage our pupils to do the same. Parents, Carers and other Adults must show respect to all other Parents, Carers and other Adults, children and staff.

Adults who do not behave in an acceptable manner will be asked to leave the site and the Headteacher has the right to further restrict their access. The process for restriction of access in relation to Parents, Carers and other Adults who have reason to come on to the school site is set out in our Access Restriction Procedure. This procedure was adopted by the governors in March 2017.

Behaviour which is regarded as unacceptable includes:

Physical abuse, threatening, oppressive or aggressive behaviour or use of offensive language towards other adults, staff or children

Entering the school site under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Smoking anywhere on the school site

Bringing dogs, with the exception of Assistance Dogs, on to the school site is forbidden.

School-related issues which parents or carers have concerning school, pupils or their families must be brought to the attention of a member of staff. Parents or carers must not try to resolve any issues themselves by direct action. If issues cannot be successfully resolved by speaking to a staff member, parents' and carers' correct course of action is to use our Complaints Procedure as appropriate

We expect all communication between parents and school to be conducted in a polite and respectful manner. Communication may be similarly restricted if it becomes unacceptable

Thank you for your cooperation.

Adopted by the Governing Body March 2017

As a parent or carer of a child at our school we would be very pleased to hear from you if you have any comments about the above policy. Please send them to 'The Clerk to the Governors', via the school office.