



Friday 27th September 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Compared to last week – what can I say about the weather?! With this in mind, can I please remind parents/carers that as the autumnal season gets well underway, can children please have waterproof coats with them at school at all times? With younger children, and some older children, it might also be an idea to have wellies at school so that puddles on the playground do not result in soggy socks!

This week children in Year 6 have started to work towards their John Muir Award. On the evening of Wednesday 25th September, Mrs Cadman and Mrs Barlow accompanied children on an over-night, somewhat damp, camp out at Keasden Head Farm! Despite the odd downpour children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we are incredibly grateful to Sheila Mason at the farm and Anthea from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for providing this wonderful opportunity.

Many thanks to all those parents who joined me at our first Parent Coffee Afternoon the week before last. It was lovely to see so many parents in this very informal and relaxed meeting, talking about school and all the wonderful things that are happening with our children.

Please join us on Friday 4th October at 4pm where each class will be performing a class poem in Praise Assembly in celebration of National Poetry Day.

Mrs Pearson

Bikeability Training Children in Year 5 will be taking part in a two day 'Bikeability Training' Course on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. Can parents please ensure that children come to school with their bikes and cycle helmets. During training children will be supervised at all times by fully qualified and experienced instructors. If you have not already done so, please remember to return Consent Forms for this activity to the School Office. Thank you.

SEND Coffee and Cake Meeting On Friday 4th October, Mrs Chapman will be hosting a 'Coffee and Cake Meeting' for those parents/carers of children who have been identified with special educational

needs. This will be a lovely opportunity for parents/carers to meet with Mrs Chapman on an informal basis, have a chat, raise any questions they may have and enjoy a 'brew' in a relaxed atmosphere. Mrs Chapman looks forward to seeing you.

Celebratory Lunch Remember that all children in all classes are invited to join the school's Celebratory Lunch on **Thursday 3rd October!** There will be Hot Dogs in Buns, Curly Fries, Homemade Coleslaw, Mixed Salad or Jacket Potato on the menu.... Followed by Wobbly Wobbly Fruit Jelly, fresh fruit or yoghurt! Meals are priced at £2.10 per child for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, years 1 and 2 and £2.55 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Payment should be made via Parentpay.

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.

The Friends of Bentham School Annual General Meeting On Wednesday 2nd October at 2.30pm the FOBs will be holding their AGM at school. All parents/carers are invited to come along and join this informal, friendly, fund-raising group. Please do come along and show your support. On the day of the meeting please enter school via the main entrance. All monies raised by the FOBs go towards helping ALL children in ALL classes.

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.

Road Safety Can we once again, remind parents/carers to show consideration and consider safety implications when both dropping children off and collecting them from school. As we are sure everyone will be more than aware, the school car park gets very chaotic at certain peak times during the day! Unfortunately, the school have continued to receive

reports 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. As reported in last week's Friday News, there have been occasions when some drivers have not obeyed the school crossing patrol officer and have even driven around children as they cross the road! Thank you to North Yorkshire Police who kindly sent an officer to observe traffic around the school on Thursday 27th September.

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 : Pasta Bolognese/Falafel Burger/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Tuesday : Salmon Nibbles/5-a-day Vegetable Pasta/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Wednesday : Roast Beef and Yorkshire Puddings/Vegetable Roast/Jacket Potato/Grab Bag

Thursday : Celebratory Lunch

Friday : Margherita Pizza/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 happening next week:

Monday 30th September

Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 1st October

Year 5 Bikeability

Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

Jordan's Lunchtime Football

Afterschool Gardening and Jigsaw Clubs

Wednesday 2nd October

Year 5 Bikeability

2.30pm FOBS AGM

Thursday 3rd October

National Poetry Day

Special Lunch

Individual School Photos

Afterschool KS1 Multiskills Club

Cross Country Finals (letter sent home)

Friday 4th October

Baby and Toddler Group

2.15pm SEND Coffee and Cake Meeting

3pm Praise Assembly

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.