



29th September 2017

Autumn Term Edition 4

It has been great to hear the children speak so positively about their Brain Builders Homework! Thank you to parents/carers for their support with this initiative. Remember there is a Brain Builders Club, open to all ages, on Tuesday at 12.00 mid-day. This session lasts for 30 minutes and takes place in Class 3, this is if children would prefer to complete their chosen task in school.

Class 4 had a great trip to Ingleton Quarry on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Thursday morning visit to Settle College.

We hope to see lots of families joining us at the Community Harvest Festival on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Hodgson/Miss S Richardson

**Congratulations and Well Done** to all those children who represented and took part in the recent Cross Country event held at Ingleton Primary School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. All our children did exceptionally well and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Congratulations go to Dan, Abbie, Emily, Aime, Rio, Tom and Freya who have all qualified to take part in the Craven School Games Cross Country Finals on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Giggleswick School – we wish you all the very best of luck.

**Johnny Walker Rugby Festival** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Oliver, William, Tom, Amber, Molly, Tom, Rio, Freya, Robyn, Reuben, Charlie, Asher, Dan, Charlie, Joe, Ellie, Freyja, Abbie, Alma and Tom, (all children from Key Stage 2) took part in the Johnny Walker Rugby Festival which was held at Giggleswick School. Once again children were excellent ambassadors for the school, all enjoying themselves and learning new skills.

**REMEMBER : COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE** Come along to the School Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 6.00pm and help celebrate our farmers, shops, food, schools and local businesses. A special guest will be at the Service, star of TV Show 'The Yorkshire Dales', John Dawson. There will also be an opportunity to win a Leg of Lamb. All donations of food (tinned and dried preferred) are very gratefully received and will be distributed to local Food Banks.

**The Friends of Bentham School** will once again be hosting a fund-raising Christmas Market in the School Hall from 6.30pm until 8.00pm on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There are currently spaces available for craft stalls. There is a small charge of £5.00 per stallholder (plus the donation of a Raffle Prize). If you are interested in securing a stall, or if you know anyone who would be interested then please contact the School Office on 015242 61412.

**Eco-Ramble for Children in Need** The Rev'd Timothy Fox has organised a sponsored Eco-Ramble in Greta Wood, Burton in Lonsdale for Children in Need on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone is welcome to take part and help raise all important funds for this well known charity. Participants should meet at the car park opposite the play-park at Burton-in-Lonsdale at 11.00am. If you are able to help with the ramble on the day, or if you require a sponsorship form, then please contact Rev'd Timothy Fox on 015242 62575.

**Tesco Uniform** School uniform can be ordered directly online via Tesco. This is a new initiative, so please be patient with school if there are 'little snags' at first! We have added some additional garments to the range available, including items that can be used exclusively for PE, these include T-Shirts, Reversible Zip Fleece and a Zip-Up Fleece Hoody. For every purchase made, the school will receive a small donation from Tesco.... Every little helps! For more details, or to see the full range on offer please visit [www.ff-ues.com](http://www.ff-ues.com).

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please remember that you are entitled to a one-off £50.00 uniform voucher. **AS FROM MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, THIS VOUCHER CAN ONLY BE REDEEMED BY PLACING AN ORDER FOR UNIFORM THAT IS LISTED ON THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNT and via SALLY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. (Please note : uniform can only be purchased via the Tesco Embroidery Uniform provider)** Thank you.

**Parent Coffee Afternoon** We would like to invite parents, grandparents and families of children at the school to our Parent Coffee Afternoon which will be taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm. Please come along to hear about developments in school and put forward any ideas or suggestions.

**School Photos** Last chance! Photos are being collected from school by secure courier on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. If you have missed the deadline and have not already handed orders into the school office, then please ensure you do so prior to 09.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you.

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

**Praise Assembly** We would like to once again invite parents along to our weekly praise assemblies which take place every Friday in the School Hall at 3.00pm.

**FREE English and Maths Classes** We have been contacted by Lancashire Adult Learning (formally based at The Adult College, Lancaster) about FREE fast track English and Maths courses (up to and including Level 2 City and Guilds). There are a number of course dates and times available. For more information, please contact Andrea Cowton, Head of Curriculum on 01282 508239 (a.cowton@lal.ac.uk).

**Messy Church** It's fun, it's free and it's for ALL ages! On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 4.00pm until 6.00pm High Bentham Methodist Chapel will once again be hosting 'Messy Church'. Messy Church is a time when families can get together and enjoy being together, making things together, eating a meal together and celebrating together. There is no charge for Messy Church, however there will be an opportunity to give a donation towards craft resources and catering costs.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION : ACTION REQUIRED :**

**Primary School Starters : Reception 2018**

Are you a parent of a child born between 01/09/13 and 31/08/14? If so, then you will need to apply for a primary school place for September 2018.

The information needed to apply for a place is available at:

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications can be made online. If you do not have access to the internet then paper applications can be made. For a copy of the application form please contact the Schools Admissions Team on 01609 533679. Alternatively please speak to Sally in the School Office. **Please note : all applications need to be made by no later than 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. ACT NOW.**

**Hornby Swimming Pool** We have been contacted by the Lune Valley Community Society in connection with the possibility of re-opening and running Hornby Swimming Pool. In order for this local campaign to be a success the group need more help and volunteers. For more information, or to help support this worthy campaign then please contact the Lune Valley Community Society on 01524 805666. Thank you.

**PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING** Unfortunately, there are still families at the school missing out on all important financial assistance. If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals, or Key Stage 1 Pupil Premium then please request an application form from the School Office. All applications will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Successful applicants will be eligible for £50.00 of school uniform, assistance towards the cost of school visits and, subject to eligibility, free group music lessons provided by NYCC. Qualifying criteria include :-

Parents in receipt of Income Support/Income-based Jobseekers. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance. Child Tax Credit. Have an annual household income that does not exceed £16,190. The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit and Universal Credit.

**School PE Kit** Can we request that parents of children who take part in sporting events representing the school please wash and return School PE Kit as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, at a recent event, the school were unable to provide all children with hoodies and t-shirts as many of these have not yet been returned. Thanking everyone for their understanding and continued support.

**REMINDER** Can we just remind parents that if their child will not be attending school for any reason, then please contact the School Office on 015242 61412 as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, if the school does not receive a call notifying them of a child's absence, and the reason for the same, then this will be marked down as 'unauthorised' on registers. Thank you.

**Parentpay** Can parents please ensure that Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. This week we have 67 accounts showing as being in debt. Many of these balances are still outstanding from the previous academic year. Failure to settle outstanding debts may result in accounts being referred to NYCC Debt Collection Services and a County Court Judgement. If you have any concerns, or difficulties with settling an outstanding account, then please do not hesitate to contact the school in order that a mutually satisfactory settlement arrangement can be made. Thank you.

**Reminder :** Please return reply slips for the 'Finding out about Phonics' and 'Spotlight on Spellings' sessions ASAP. Thank you.

**Bewerley Park Parents' Meeting :** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 6.00pm. (Year 5 parents).