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Summer Term Edition 9

A short message from me this week. Please ask your children about all the exciting new things happening on the playground to improve playtimes and lunchtimes. The children have enjoyed opening up boxes to find den building materials, bug hunting equipment and strange plastic things called Octoplay! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Countryside Festival Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Countryside Festival. Despite a bleak weather forecast, the event managed to dodge the predicted showers and it stayed dry throughout, meaning that the event went ahead as scheduled. This year was, as promised, even bigger and better than the previous festival. I am sure everyone who supported the event will agree that it was a wonderful family afternoon. Early estimates are suggesting that the event raised an absolutely amazing £1,200 for the school, these funds will go towards projects such as the new Gazebo, which as parents will have no doubt noticed, has been under construction this week. Thank you once again to the Friends of Bentham School for all their very much appreciated fund raising efforts – every child from every class benefits from the FOBS fundraising activities.

GET INVOLVED Would you like to get involved with The Friends of Bentham School – then please go along to their Annual General Meeting, which will be taking place on **Tuesday 11th July** at 9.00am. All support is very much appreciated.

Cinderella Rockafella.... As the excitement builds children are all very busy practising for this year's end of year production, Cinderella Rockafella. As is usually the case this promises to be a fabulous production. Performances will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 11th July and Thursday 13th July at 6.00pm.

Sports Day By way of a reminder, this year we are anticipating that Sports Day will take place from 10.00am on Wednesday 12th July 2017 (dependant on the weather!).

ITV's Little Big Shots – Series 2 We have been reliably informed that ITV are now casting for their new

series 'Little Big Shots'. The programme simply celebrates young talent and funny, entertaining children. It is not a competition, nor a game show it's simply a chance to showcase awe-inspiring skills. For more information please visit <http://www.walltowall.co.uk/castings.aspx> or ask for a promotional leaflet from the School Office.

NYCC Music Service : Instrumental Tuition For more information about Instrumental and Vocal Tuition provided by NYCC in schools, then please visit www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk. (01609 532783). Alternatively please contact Sally in the School Office for an Instrumental Lessons application form.

Parentpay.... It may seem like we are nagging, but can parents **PLEASE** ensure that their Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. This is especially important for children in Year 6, who need to have a ZERO balance on the last day of term. Thank you.

Courses in the Craven Area We have been contacted by the Adult Learning and Skills Service who are offering and Induction to Early Years Settings Level 1 Award from 26th September 2017 on a weekly basis from 9.30am until 2.30pm at Skipton Youth and Community Centre. For more information, or to secure a place please contact Janice Marlow on 01609 533936 (Janice.marlow@northyorks.gov.uk).

Schools Nutrition and Action Group The SNAG have this week taken part in a Summer Celebration Event at Harlow Carr, Harrogate. Accompanying the group were also representatives from the school's **Eco Group**. Children were given the opportunity to take part in a number of workshops, including Smoothie Making, Waste Not, Want Not cookery demonstrations, food tasting and much more. Over the course of the day, children were also given an opportunity to take part in an Awards Ceremony where, representatives of Bentham Community Primary School collected their well-deserved Bronze Food for Life Award. Well done to everyone for supporting this initiative. Keep up the good work SNAG and Eco!

Springboard at Bentham Methodist Chapel will be hosting a Domino Drive on Monday 3rd July 2017 from 6.15pm until 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to go along and join in the fun! Entry is £1.00 per person. Proceeds will help support the groups sponsored Ugandan child.