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Summer Term Edition 5

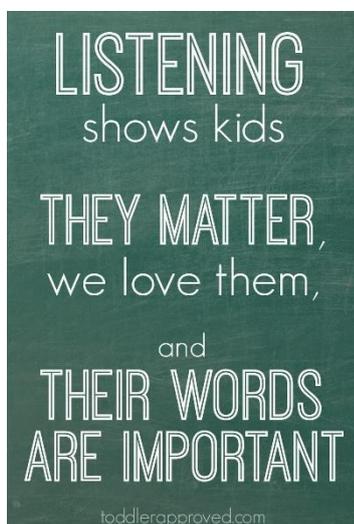
Bentham CP School

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This week has been an incredibly busy week in school with lots of visitors, events and meetings.

First of all, thank you to all those children in classes 3,4 and 5 who took part in the school's Victorian Day. The garments adorned on this social occasion were characteristic of the era (a few staff included)! KS2 was quite literally transported back in time. The Victorian Day was an amazing opportunity for children to explore the life and times of the Victorians. However, it did not escape my attention that during registration time, Ms Johnson in the school office, was concerned about Miss Thwaite's raised level of speech (shouting?), which was further exasperated by a croaky voice Upon further investigation, it was almost a relief to find Miss Thwaite pacing the corridors, cane in hand, taking on the role of a Victorian School Mistress much to the children's mixed horror and excitement!!

Miss Thwaite and I have also been joined this week by a representative from Food4Life and our County Caterers. Our school cook, Mrs Leak and Mr Touhy, our chair of governors also joined our meeting which was led by our SNAG group. The children in this group shared their ideas for lunchtime improvements and as a result we will have a new lunchtime option. A **Grab Bag....** In support of the school's involvement with the Food for Life project, the school will be launching 'Grab Bags' for a three week trial period as from **Monday 5th June**. Grab Bags will replace the jacket potato choice on the school's daily menu, and will be made up of Ham or Cheese Sandwiches, carrot and cucumber sticks, a slice of tray bake and a fruit bag. Please note that where jacket potatoes are listed as the 'vegetarian option' these will still be available. This is a clear example of child led school improvement and we hope that it will be successful.



I promised news of our end of year performance in a previous newsletter and this year the children will be performing 'Cinderella Rockafella'! Already it promises to be a production not to be missed! Auditions have taken place this week and both children and staff are looking forward to putting on a show.

On Tuesday we held a special assembly, led by Reverend Anne Russell, where the whole school took a moment to think about all those involved in the very sad events in Manchester. The children took time to think about those involved and joined hands to say a prayer.

Half term has arrived and I hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, fully refreshed and ready to enjoy the final half-term of the academic year, on Monday 5th June 2017.

Mrs Pearson

Parent Coffee Afternoon Following on from the Parents' Coffee Afternoon which the school hosted earlier this term, a new e-mail address has been set up specifically for parents to use if they wish to communicate with the school via e-mail. parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk. Please note that this e-mail is for NON-EMERGENCY information and requests, for example, if you would like to communicate something with your child's class teacher, such as a quick question, or perhaps if it is easier for you to e-mail rather than telephone and request to speak with any member of staff. Please note that due to its non-emergency nature, this e-mail account will only be checked once per day, so please continue to contact Sally in the School Office if you need to get a message to anyone quickly. The next Parents' Coffee Morning will be taking place on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 09.00am. Please come along and join Mrs Pearson to discuss plans for the school and make any suggestions you may have about the school. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reminder : First Aid in a Day On Thursday 8th June children in Class 5 will be taking part in St John Ambulance first aid training.

Wildlife Garden As our project moves forward, we are looking at future developments. We are hoping to create a 'Bug Hotel' for children to enjoy, observe and maintain. If you, or anyone you know, have any old bits of drainpipe, small pieces of carpet, twigs, old bamboos, broken stone, broken pottery, pine cones or air bricks that they would like to donate to this project, it would be very much appreciated.

KS2 Summer Sleepover Mrs Pearson and Miss Thwaite have once again signed up to host a sleepover here at the school..... This will hopefully be a 'camping' (no Glamping involved) experience taking place on the school field during the evening of Friday 16th June. Both Mrs Pearson and Miss Thwaite are eagerly anticipating this adventure and hoping that the weather shows willingness and is amenable on the evening in question! Thank you to all those children who have expressed an interest in taking part and thank you also to all those parents who have been able to kindly offer the loan of a tent, this is really appreciated.

REMINDER : Half-Term As we reach the half-way point of our Summer Term, can we just remind parents to check that they do not have any school sports kit at home. We are STILL missing a number of t-shirts and hoodies, which means that when our children take part in cluster events and represent their school we are struggling to find kit! **By way of a reminder** Parentpay accounts should also be at **ZERO** when we close for Summer on Friday 21st July. This is particularly important for accounts belonging to children in YEAR 6. Please be assured that any 'credits' will be either refunded (leavers' only), transferred to sibling accounts or carried forward into the next academic year. Unfortunately, this year, any outstanding debts will be referred to North Yorkshire County Council with a view to them filing the same at County Court and a Judgment reached.

Planning for the future.....

Oh yes, we have!!!! On **Tuesday 19th December 2017** we are planning to take all children from Reception through to Year 6 along to the Blackpool Opera House to experience a sprinkling of fairy dust and a magical journey to Netherland in a sensational, swashbuckling adventure of Peter Pan. Early calculations indicate that this trip will cost approximately £15.00 per child, and we would like to give parents the opportunity to budget for this expenditure at what can be a very financially straining time of the year! Hopefully this advance notice will also enable parents (and

grandparents!) to choose other shows to book tickets for and prevent any double booking!

Sainsbury's Active Kids Please check pockets and bags to see if any Active Kids Vouchers are hiding! These are being counted after half-term and exchanged for items that are available from the Sainsbury's scheme. Thank you.

Countryside Day Children in classes 3,4 and 5 will be taking part in the Yorkshire Agricultural Society's Countryside Day being held at the Great Yorkshire Showground on Wednesday 14th June 2017. Further details about this educational excursion have been sent home via book bags. In order for your child to take part please ensure that consent forms have been returned to school and payment for the trip has been made via Parentpay.

Craven Accordion Orchestra on Saturday 24th June from 7.30pm Saint James' Church in Clapham will be hosting the Craven Accordion Orchestra. Tickets are £5.00 each and include refreshments. Children under the age of 14 can enter FREE of charge but must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Liz Mason 015242 51319 or Sue Mann on 015242 51792.

A Journey of Faith Bentham Methodist Church will be hosting an interactive and creative journey from creation to Pentecost at the Church on Tuesday 23rd May from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, Friday 26th May from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and Saturday 27th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Sue Yardy on 015242 61257.

Congratulations to our new parents. This week our resident Oyster Catchers successfully hatched three healthy chicks.... Now for the sleepless nights.....



Queen Elizabeth School Transfer Information

Parents of children who are transferring to QES in September 2017 are invited to a Welcome Evening on Wednesday 14th June at 6.30pm. The New Entrants Morning is being held on Tuesday 27th June from 9.00am until 1.00pm. Parents have been sent information about this morning via QES.