



Friday 12th July 2019

Summer Term : Edition 10

Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday, children took part in a 'transition' morning at school, and were given the opportunity to join their new classes! Transition can sometimes be a scary thought for children but I am pleased to say that there were lots of happy children, excited to be in their new class. On the day, we also welcomed some new children to the school who will be joining us from September.

As we approach the final week of the Summer term and the end of the current academic year, please can I remind parents that school will be closing early at **1.30pm on Friday 19th July 2019**. This will mean that parents will need to make arrangements to collect their children at this time – including those parents whose children usually have access to the School Transport service. School will be re-open on **THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019**. Our Leavers Assembly will be taking place at 9.30am on Friday 19th July and parents of children in year 6 are invited to come along to celebrate the end of their child's primary school journey.

There will also be an opportunity to celebrate those children who have achieved 100% attendance this academic year. Please remember, that September is the start of a new academic year and a new attendance record – this is an ideal opportunity for parents/carers to encourage and support their child to achieve good attendance data and perhaps even join the 100% Club!?

Finally, this will be the last Friday News of the 2018/2019 academic year. On behalf of all the staff and Governors here at the school, have a super Summer Holiday, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all ready to start a new school year in September 2019!

Mrs Pearson

FINAL REMINDER : AUTUMN TERM MENU CHOICES

If your child will be taking a school lunch from September 2019, can parents/carers please return to school their completed Menu Choices form by no later than **Monday 15th July 2019**? Can

parents/carers also please ensure that they complete BOTH sides of the form, and write their child's name clearly on the top. Unfortunately, a number of forms have been returned without names.

Swimming Lessons 2019/2020 Academic Year As from September 2019 we will, once again, be providing swimming lessons for children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 (Classes 3,4 and 5). Each class will have eight weekly lessons at the beginning of either the Autumn, Spring or Summer terms. This year Class 5 will be the first class to start swimming lessons on a weekly basis, with their first lesson scheduled to take place on Monday 9th September 2019 and the final lesson on Monday 4th November. At the start of the Spring term (13th January 2020) it will be turn of children in Class 4, with children in Class 3 starting their lessons at the start of the Summer term (27th April 2020). As we are sure every parent/carer will agree swimming is not only a healthy activity for children, but also an extremely important life-skill. The cost of providing weekly swimming lessons is extensive and is always very heavily subsidised by the School. Due to the high transport costs, we do request that parents/carers consider making a voluntary contribution of £35.00 per child towards the cost of lessons (this works out at less than £4.50 per lesson, including transport). In order to help parents budget for swimming lessons, the 2019/2020 payment service has already been activated allowing parents/carers to deposit smaller balance reducing payments towards the full cost of lessons, the minimum instalment accepted being £5.00. If you have any difficulty with making payment, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If you are unable to access the internet and/or Parentpay please contact Sally in the School Office who will be able to take a card payment from you either in person, or over the telephone. Thank you to everyone for their continued support. Finally, if your child is in Class 5 next academic year, please ensure that you complete and return a Swimming Consent Form to the School Office by no later than **Friday 19th July AT THE VERY LATEST!**

Keasden Head Farm Visit on Monday 15th July children from Class 4 will be taking part in a visit to Keasden Head Farm. Can parents/carers please ensure that the Stories in Stone Consent Form has been returned to the School Office. On the day, children should wear their school jumpers, outdoor trousers or jogging bottoms (no jeans) and a T-shirt. Children should also bring a waterproof jacket, a

spare pair of trousers, wellies a water bottle, a bag/ruck-sack that can be carried over the shoulders leaving both hands free, a sun-hat and sun cream (weather depending!). There will be a requirement for a packed lunch – which should be as environmentally friendly as possible. There will be a prize for the most eco-friendly lunch!

Climbing and Abseiling On Thursday 18th July children in Year 5 have been given the opportunity to take part in a climbing and abseiling activity at Twistleton under the supervision of qualified, experienced instructors. In order for children to take part completed Consent Forms should be returned to the School Office by no later than Monday 15th July (this is an extension on the original deadline of the 8th July). Failure to return consent will mean you child will not be able to take part in this exciting and FREE opportunity.

Residential Visit 2019/20 If you have not already done so, can parents/carers of children who will be in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 next academic year please return the reply slip about residential visits to the school office. Thank you.

Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) Vacancy

Children at the school are eagerly looking for a new MSA for lunchtimes as from September 2019. The appointment will initially be on a 'temporary contract' for five hours per week but if you can only commit to 1 or 2 lunchtimes a week, then that can also be accommodated. If you are enthusiastic, motivated, approachable and would like to join the school's Midday Supervisory Team then please see Sally in the School Office who can provide you with more information and an application form. We look forward to hearing from you.

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD'S PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE EITHER AT A ZERO BALANCE OR IN CREDIT BY 9.00am FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2019. For those children in Year 6 who have 'credit' balances, these will either be refunded or transferred to sibling accounts on the last day of term. Thank you.

Governor Vacancies We are currently seeking TWO new co-opted Governors to join our friendly

dedicated governing body. Governors can come from a range of different backgrounds, all bringing a variety of skills, experience and expertise to our Board; our governing body do all share one common interest - striving to achieve the best possible educational experience for children at Bentham Community Primary School. Whilst the role of a Governor is, at times, challenging it is also a rewarding and fulfilling role. It can give individuals an opportunity to develop personal skills, whilst at the same time helping to 'make a difference' to local children at their community school in reaching their potential. In looking to fill our current vacancies, we are encouraging applications from people who have experience with finance, marketing or public relations, although please do not be put off if you do not have any of these skills, what is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn. If you, or someone you know in the community, might be interested in becoming a Governor at the school, or if you would like an opportunity to discuss any aspects of the role, prior to committing please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 015242 61412.

Some other information, including community events...

Summer Reading Challenge NYCC Library Service will, once again, be running a Summer Reading Challenge at all of its libraries. This year the theme will be 'Space Race' in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Children aged between 4 and 11 are invited to read SIX library books during the summer holidays, collecting special stickers and rewards along the way. If children complete the 'Space Race' challenge they will be further rewarded with a Prize Certificate and Medal. Children can sign up to the challenge, FREE OF CHARGE at any local library from Saturday 13th July 2019..... Get Reading.

Sports Reach Soccer and Netball On Tuesday 25th June children all took part in a Sports Reach assembly. Information was shared with children about sporting activities that have been organised to take place in both Austwick and Clapham during the Summer holidays. For more information, or to secure a place at any of the organised activities, please see the information leaflet that has been sent home in children's book bags. Alternatively, contact Mark Hutchinson on 07968 182 866 or via e-mail at : mark_hutchinson_171@yahoo.com.

MOVING ON UP! The Children and Families' Service will be offering a one-off fun session for those children moving to secondary school in September to meet with other children and talk about any worries, tips or thoughts about moving schools. Sessions will take place at the South Craven Children and Families' Hub (22/07/19), the Skipton Children and Families' Hub (22/07/19) and the North Craven Children and Families' Hub (23/07/19). For more information, or to secure a place please call 01609 798094.

What's on this week?

Monday 15th July 2019

Keasden Farm Visit : Class 4

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming : FINAL SESSION

Tuesday 16th July 2019

Year 6 v Staff Rounders Match

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Wednesday 17th July 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 18th July 2019

Climbing at Twistleton : Year 5

CHECK PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Friday 19th July 2019

9.30am Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents welcome to join us

1.30pm School Closes for Summer re-opens

Thursday 5th September 2019