



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Spring Term : Edition 4

Dear Parents

This week Miss Richardson has been talking to the children about Reading in school. Improving children's reading is a priority on our school development plan this year and it has been great to hear from the children how much they like the changes we have made in school. Did you know that children in Year 2 – 6 now read quietly to themselves for 20-30 minutes three times a week in class? The teachers even join in to show that reading for pleasure is important. Did you know that we have recently been reorganising and sorting our school library out? Books are now easy to find (and put away!) and old, tatty books have been recycled to be replaced with some lovely new shiny books. Each class has a time in the week to visit the library and perhaps read a story book, listen to an audio story or find a non-fiction book. We hope to develop our library area further over the next few months.

Please read on for a few reminders and some important information.

Have a lovely weekend, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Town Hall on Saturday morning.

Mrs Pearson

**URGENT REMINDER PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?** The FOBs Coffee Morning is taking place tomorrow, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Bentham Town Hall. There will be lots of fundraising stalls, including a Tombola, Cake, Jumble and Raffle. Any donations would be really appreciated. Help is also needed to serve tea, coffee and refreshments, so if you have some free time, please go along to the Town Hall and support the FOBS.

Also on offer will be a prize Hamper which has been kindly donated by the Spar, Bentham.

Remember ALL money raised helps ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

**BOOKS WANTED! CAN YOU HELP?** Have you got any suitable adult fiction and non-fiction books at home that you would like to donate to school? If so, we are currently looking for good quality books to put in our 'new' parent section of the School Library. Ultimately, we would like to have a library that enables parents to

'borrow' books alongside their children. Thank you.

**WINTER WEATHER** There is no need to mention that this week has been extremely cold! At times pavements and roads have been treacherous. Can we please remind parents to bring children to school with hats, gloves, scarves and appropriate coats so that they can enjoy outside breaks. Also, please ensure that children have either a pair of wellies or trainers at school, so that when conditions are icy on the playground, children can enjoy their breaks on the school field.

**WORLD BOOK DAY** This year, to help celebrate World Book Day, Mrs Pearson is inviting ALL children to take part in an exciting and exclusive 'Headteacher's Competition'.....

*'Using a jar of any material, size or shape, children are being asked to let their imagination run wild, capture a story and 'create a book in a jar'.* Entries should be brought into school by no later than 9.00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Rumour has it that there are lots of lovely prizes up for grabs. Good Luck.

Also, on World Book Day, children are being given the opportunity to come into school disguised as their favourite book character! We look forward to seeing what magical characters turn up for registration on the 7<sup>th</sup> March!

**MSA Vacancy** We currently have a vacancy for a 'Relief MSA'. If you are interested in this position, the duties of which include the supervision of children over the lunch-time period and assisting with the development of all important life skills in a dining room environment, then please contact Sally in the School Office for an application form. The role is currently graded at Band 3 SCP 7, but will be subject to revision as from April 2019 due to an NYCC grading re-structure. Please note appointment to the role is subject to satisfactory medical, reference and enhanced DBS check clearances. This relief role will provide MSA cover at lunchtime when an existing member of staff is not available.

**COMMUNITY YOUTH** are looking for a Youth and Development Worker. The position involves planning, preparing and running two sessions of 'youth club' per week (term-time only). There will also be room to develop this role to support children and families in Bentham and the surrounding areas. The position is for 8 hours per week, and

qualifications are not necessary – just the willing commitment to see young people flourish. The role is subject to an enhanced DBS check. For more information, please contact Anne Russell, Secretary of the Youth Café on 07528 572072. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**CAR PARK** Can we please remind parents/carers when dropping their child(ren) off at school to park sensibly in the car park. It has been reported that, on occasions, vehicles have been blocking the entrance to school by parking in the gateway. As I am sure everyone will agree, drop off and collection times are extremely busy times at school but life can be made both a lot easier, and safer for EVERYBODY if consideration for other users is made. Thank you.

**LITTLE ITCHY PROBLEMS** Can we remind parents to check their child's hair regularly for any signs of head-lice? For more information about prevention and treatment, please speak to a Health Care Professional. **ALSO** please can parents be vigilant for any signs of **threadworms (pinworms)**. Whilst these are common in children, particularly those under the age of 10, they unfortunately spread very easily. Usually, parents/carers can spot worms in faeces – they look like pieces of white thread. If you have any concerns, or questions about worms, again please contact a Health Care Professional. Thank you.

**UNIFORM SUPPLY** [www.myclothingdirect.co.uk](http://www.myclothingdirect.co.uk).

**SNOW CLOSURE** In the event of school having to close due to adverse weather conditions, then a text will be sent to parents by no later than 8.00am. We would also, in the case of bad weather, encourage parents to check the school's website for regular up-dates. As is usually the case, the school will endeavour to keep open.... Whatever the weather!

**Parentpay** Did you know that arrangements can now be made for more than one parent or carer to have access to a Parentpay account? For more information, please contact the School.

**BENTHAM THEATRE GROUP** will be performing their annual pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves', during the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets will be on sale at Temptations on the Main Street. The Group are now looking for volunteers who are available to go along to The Looking Well from

11.00am until 1.00pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February to help make all the wonderful props and paint scenery for the production.

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 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 (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 website, [www.benthamcpschool.org.uk](http://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk), or hard copies are available at the school office.

**BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISING PAGE** Thank you to Mrs Helen Mortimer, who children know at the school as an MSA and cleaner, for setting up a 'Birthday Page' on Facebook. Helen has made the decision, that instead of receiving a gift from friends and family for her birthday, she would like fundraising donations to be made to Bentham C P School. Thank you very much for this extremely kind gesture. If you would like to donate, please visit Helen's Facebook Page.

#### **What's on next week?**

##### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Class 4 Swimming Lessons

##### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Safer Internet Day  
Lunch-time Football with Jordan

##### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

##### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable  
3.30pm – 4.45pm Keep Fit with Friends in the School Hall (years 3 to 6).

##### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Years 3,4,5 and 6 Swimming Gala at Settle Swimming Pool  
3.00pm Praise Assembly