



Friday 5th July 2019

Summer Term : Edition 9

Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately Class 2's trip on Monday had to be cancelled at the very last minute due to unforeseen circumstances, completely out of our control. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust have also asked to pass on their sincere apologies. Fortunately, children were still able to thoroughly enjoy a picnic style lunch - just in the School Hall! Thank you to all our parents for being so understanding and supportive.

This week I was involved in organising two days of outdoor activities at Ingleborough Hall for Year 6 children from across North Craven. The aim of each day was for children to get to know each other better prior to starting in their new school in September. Our children were, as always, impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their gorge scramble. Thank you also to Mr White and Miss Tierney for accompanying them.

The sun shone for our sports day and what a wonderful morning it was! Thank you to all who came along to watch, cheer on and celebrate all of our children's sporting achievements. Well done to Thwaite's Greats (Blue team) who won the trophy.

This week, information about next academic year's residential trips for children in Years 2 - 6 has been sent home in children's book bags. We are hoping that by giving parents plenty of notice, it will allow all parents to budget for these trips over the next few months so that no child misses out. I am very excited about our programme of residential events and passionately believe that they are such a valuable experience for all children.

Finally, Mrs Cryer leaves us today. When I first spoke to Mrs Cryer back in January, I expected to have her as part of our teaching team for 2 or 3 weeks. However, she has been with us much longer and has become a much valued and incredibly supportive member of staff. I am very pleased that Mrs Cryer will be starting at a new school in September - they are very lucky to have her. We will all miss her very much and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Pearson

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. Grab Bags will be available every day from 5th September 2019 through to half term, 25th October 2019. However, when we start back on the 4th November 2019 Grab Bags will no longer be an option on the menu as we head into winter. School meal prices will remain at £2.00 per child, per day for children in Nursery. FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and £2.45 per child per day for children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

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!

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day It's official, this week we received our Fundraising Certificate from Comic Relief. We managed to raise an amazing £126.54. Well done.

North Yorkshire School Games Finals On Sunday 7th July, our year 6 netball team, Aniesha, Robyn, Jack, Eddie, Emily, Aime and Reuben will be representing our school and 'Team Craven' at the North Yorkshire School Games Finals. A massive well done and congratulations to these children for their success as a team to date. I am sure everyone will join the school in wishing our team the very best of luck at the event being held on Sunday. Finally, thank you to parents for all their support during the qualifying rounds.

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 be accommodated also. 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.

CAR KEYS Have you, or anyone you know lost a set of car keys? If so, a set of keys have recently been handed into the School Office. Obviously we would like to reunite these with their owner!

CLASS PHOTOS If you placed an order for a Class/Group photo, these have now been received by school. Orders will be sent home in children's book bags. Thank you.

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD'S PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE EITHER AT A ZERO BALANCE OR IN CREDIT BY THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR? 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.

COLT PARK VISIT On Monday 8th July 2019 children in

Year 6 will be taking part in a visit to Colt Park as part of their John Muir Award. Can parents please ensure that children come to school wearing their school jumpers, outdoor trousers and sensible footwear. In addition, children should bring with them a waterproof coat, trousers, fleece, sun-hat and sun-cream (you can never tell with the weather!). Children will also need a packed lunch and a water bottle! There will be no charge for this event, which has been financed by The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust who we would like to thank for providing the opportunity.

Music Lessons If you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument, then please contact the School Office. At the present time, we have three music teachers visiting the school, teaching keyboard, flute, fife, accordion and guitar. By way of information, North Yorkshire County Council's Music Service are able to offer tuition with other musical instruments by request.

Sunshine after the Rain? Can we please remind parents/carers to bring children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather! Thank you.

Sun Hats We are currently looking for donations of sun-hats and caps. If you have either of these items that need re-homing, please consider donating them to school! 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.

What's on this week?

Monday 8th July 2019

9.50am Colt Park Visit (John Muir Award) Yr 6

Extra PE lesson for Year 4 and all of Year 5

12-1pm New Nursery and Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic

6.00pm New Nursery and Reception Parent's Meeting

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming

Tuesday 9th July 2019

SATs Results Day

No lunchtime football

3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club – Last one

Settle College Transfer Evening

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Settle College Transition Day

Morning – Transition morning for all children

Thursday 11th July 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 12th July 2019

3.00pm Praise Assembly

School Reports sent home

REMINDER : PLEASE CHECK PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS REGULARLY.