



Friday 8th February 2019

Spring Term : Edition 5

Dear Parents

I have just returned from a Swimming Gala which took place at Settle Swimming Pool. Our Key Stage 2 team were wonderful, a real credit to themselves, their parents and our school. Children looked professional wearing our green school hoodies, they cheered each other on, and congratulated each other when medals were awarded. There really were some outstanding swimming performances! Photos will follow on the school's website.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Stay and Learn We would like to invite parents/carers to join their children in class to take part in a 'Stay and Learn' session. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a lesson alongside your child – we promise not to ask any questions! Sessions will take place, as follows:-

Classes 1 and 2

Monday 11th February 2019 from 9.00am to 10.30am

Class 5

Tuesday 12th February 2019 from 9.00am to 10.30am

Class 4

Friday 15th February 2019 from 9.00am to 10.30am.

Class 3

Details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you.

Attendance Matters This week we have sent to parents/carers information about the importance of good attendance at school. If you have any questions, or would like some advice about attendance, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Pearson. Please remember, Miss Angela Tierney is our Home School Link Worker and is also available to talk through any concerns you may have.

Parent Evenings This term, parent evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March. Information has been sent home about appointments via children's book bags. To secure an appointment with your child's class teacher, can parents/carers please ensure that they return reply

slips to the School Office by no later than 15th February 2018. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY..... Fundraising for Comic Relief! This year we will once again be selling 'Red Noses' at school. Children from Year 6 will be selling these in the library at morning playtime.

Each nose comes disguised in its very own keep-sake box..... who will you choose? Will it be Snufflekins, Honkus Ponkus, The Gnose, Hairy Nostroll, Nosediva, Conk Jester, Wolfnose, Schnoz III, The Abominable Snoseman or the rare Hoppy Hooter? Maybe you might even get your hands on an ultra-rare Transforminos?! This year noses are priced at **£1.25 each**. Look out for more information about what other fundraising activities Mrs Chapman has planned for the 15th March! All monies raised goes to Comic Relief.

The Friends of Bentham School would like to say a massive thank you to all those parents, carers, staff and family members who helped, supported and donated to their Coffee Morning which took place at the Town Hall on Saturday 2nd February. An amazing £444.02 was raised for the School. These funds will go on to support 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.

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 7th 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 7th 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 15th February 2019.

UNIFORM SUPPLY 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 27th 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 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 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, or hard copies are available at the school office.

What's on next week?

Monday 11th February 2019

9.00am-10.30am Classes 1 and 2 'Stay and Learn'.
Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Class 4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 12th February 2019

9.00am – 10.30am Class 5 'Stay and Learn'
Lunch-time Football with Jordan

Wednesday 13th February 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 14th February 2019

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

Friday 15th February 2019

9.00am to 10.30am Class 4 'Stay and Learn'
3.00pm Praise Assembly