



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday 8th March 2019

Spring Term : Edition 7

Dear Parents

What a busy week! Many thanks to all those parents who came to school for their meetings with teachers. We almost had 100% of parents arriving back in school which is great, we really do appreciate you taking the time to come to school to hear how well your child is doing and discuss any targets for the future. Working together in 'partnership' is key to a child's all round success at school.

Thank you also for everyone's efforts in supporting their child with costumes for World Book Day – it was wonderful to see a huge variety of costumes and characters.

There are lots of letters this week and lots of information in this newsletter so please read on...

Mrs Pearson

World Book Day Thank you to all those children who rose to the challenge of Mrs Pearson's 'Book in a Jar' competition. There were some wonderful entries and the winning jars will be announced next week in Assembly as a few children have asked to bring their finished creations in on Monday.

Facebook Thank you also to those parents/carers who completed a 'Facebook' Consent Form at Parents Evening. As we are sure everyone will be aware, the school recently launched its very own Facebook Page. By using this page, school hopes to celebrate the achievements and successes of the school. However, in order to include pictures of children on Facebook, there is a requirement for parental consent. If you have not had the opportunity to complete a consent form, a copy of the same will be sent home via children's book bags over the next couple of weeks. Can parents/carers please complete and return this consent to school ASAP. Thank you. Please do share our Facebook with members of the local community who are not necessarily parents, we want to spread the wonderful news about our school!

Reading Information Session On Tuesday 19th March 19 from 3.30pm to 4.15pm Mrs Pearson will be holding a further 'Reading Information Session' for parents/carers. This is an ideal opportunity to find

out more about how reading is taught in school. Please be reassured that parents/carers will not be asked to read aloud, take part in a test or do anything that will make them feel uncomfortable at the session. Parents/carers are also welcome to bring children along, as supervised activities will be provided whilst the session takes place. **We are asking that parents/carers confirm their attendance at this event by completing and returning a reply slip which has been sent home in children's book bags.** Thank you.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Thank you to everyone who joined in the Fairtrade Breakfast event on Tuesday 5th March. We hope everyone enjoyed their yummy breakfast and hot chocolate treat! What a lovely start to the day. Thank you to Miss Thwaite for organising this event.

COMMONWEALTH DAY On Tuesday 12th March 2019 children from Clapham Primary School will be joining children at Bentham celebrating Commonwealth Day.

RED NOSE DAY On Friday 15th March 19 children will be helping to raise even more money for 'Comic Relief'.....

There will be a 'House Quiz' taking part in the School Hall after lunch, followed by a Talent Show at 2.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their talents in front of a captive audience, whilst raising all important funds for Red Nose Day! **Parents are invited to join the audience from 2.30pm** and see for themselves what amazing children we have at Bentham Community Primary School. On Friday 15th children should come to school wearing their school uniform, however they are welcome to wear their red noses! Following the Talent Show there will be an opportunity for everyone to make a voluntary contribution to a 'Red Nose Day Donation Bucket'. All monies raised will go to Comic Relief. We look forward to seeing you. Please note there will be no Praise Assembly on 15th March 19. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for all her hard work organising the day's activities.

School Lunches Remember, children who have a school dinner on Tuesday will be treated to a home-made Fruit Smoothie! If your child does not currently have a school lunch but would like the opportunity to sample a delicious meal, then why not join in with either 'Smoothie Tuesday' or 'Fun-Day-Friday'? For a limited period, every Tuesday and/or Friday children can order a school meal during registration; there is no need to pre-order. As a further treat, on Fun Day

Friday children will also be offered a flavoured juice with their meal. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.00 per day for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and £2.45 per day for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay and accounts kept in **CREDIT**. If you have any difficulties accessing this service, then please speak to Sally in the School Office.

The Friends of Bentham School are busy organising lots of fundraising events for the school, there will be something for everyone to look forward to! Please remember that all monies raised helps ALL children in ALL classes.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

D.I.S.C.O

Children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive are invited to D.I.S.C.O in the School Hall from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. Tickets are £4.00 per child and include food and drink. Tickets can be bought on the door.

Friday 5th April 2019

Non-uniform day! Come to school wearing your own clothes in return for a donation of Chocolate! This can be in any form, an Easter Egg, Bar, non-perishable or Sweets! These will be used as prizes at our Easter Bingo!

Thursday 11th April 2019

Fun for all the family at the FOB's Easter Bingo Event! Tickets are priced at £3.50 each to include a Bingo Book and Supper. Additional books are available for purchase on the night. Tickets available from the School Office. Please invite friends and family.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL FOBS!

ODD SOCKS DAY The 21st March 2019 is World Down Syndrome Day. At school we will be encouraging and supporting this world awareness day by inviting EVERYONE to come to school WEARING ODD SOCKS in return for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. There is no need to purchase new 'odd socks', any old mis-matched toe warmers will do the job! However, if you would like to further support the Down's Syndrome Association, you can purchase a pair of odd socks from their very own 'Lots of Socks Socks 2019' campaign! An odd pair of socks, exclusively designed by Sam Asaad, is priced at £3.85. For more information, please visit : <https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/product/lots-of-socks-socks-2019> All monies raised at the school will be donated to

The Down's Syndrome Association. Thank you for your support.

Proposal to close Clapham C of E (VC) Primary School

For more information, please see the letter sent home via children's book bags. Thank you.

Clubs and Activities at School By way of information, please find attached to this newsletter details about Clubs and Activities that will be taking place before, during and after school over the coming weeks. We are also in the process of finalising arrangements for an Afterschool Tennis and Cricket Club in Summer Term..... look out for more information.....

What's on Next Week?

Monday 11th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Year 6 Visiting the Houses of Parliament
Parents please get children to Lancaster Train Station for **no later than 0815**.

Knitting Club at Lunchtime

1.00pm Class 4 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

Tuesday 12th March 2019

World Commonwealth Day Event
Lunchtime Football with Jordan

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Pedal and Scoot Session Children in Reception and Year 1
3.30pm – 4.30pm Jammie Dodgers (invited children)

Thursday 14th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)
Police visiting children in Classes 1 and 2
Class 3 at Godly Play
Orienteering (in school) : Class 4
3.30pm-4.30pm Jigsaw Club (invited children)
3.30-4.45pm KS2 Netball Club with Mrs Pearson and Miss Thwaite

Friday 15th March 2019

Red Nose Day! Wear your noses to school.
2.30pm Talent Contest in School Hall – parents welcome.

NO PRAISE ASSEMBLY