



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Spring Term : Edition 6

Dear Parents

On Thursday I was joined by two headteachers from schools in Skipton, as part of a peer review project where headteachers work together to review an aspect of school life in each other's schools. It is the second year we have taken part in this project and I am delighted to share with you how fantastic the children were. The theme for the review this week was PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) which has been a focus in school this academic year and part of our school development plan. Groups of children from all classes spoke to our two visiting headteachers, as well as the school council. The feedback given to myself and Miss Thwaite, alongside two of our governors, made us very proud of our children and our school. Our children were articulate, positive and very mature. They spoke confidently about their learning and about our school and represented our school very well. They reported that although bullying has happened in school, that school staff deal with this quickly and thoroughly, children explained that they felt safe in school and wanted to come to school every day to learn. Children displayed lovely friendships at lunchtime whilst playing outside and the caring relationships between younger and older children was praised. Celebrating and accepting differences in school was also highlighted; children are understanding of each other's individual needs and ensure all children are included in learning and playtimes. The review also highlighted the fantastic teaching that is happening in all classes around keeping safe, staying healthy and understanding drugs, the internet and people from different faiths and cultures. It was a wonderful opportunity to 'show off' our school and we are very proud of our children.

A small request...we have had a growing number of reports of nits. Please can we remind all parents that any child with long hair needs to have this tied up during the school day. This is part of our school uniform policy. Spare bobbles are available in school for any child who forgets them. Thank you for your support with this.

And one more small request...please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt with a dark coloured hoodie or jumper. A number of children are

not bringing a change of t-shirt and therefore their school polo shirt could get very smelly if they wear it for PE and then the rest of the day. Please can children bring a PE kit into school at the start of half term and it will be sent home at the end of half term, or earlier if it needs a wash!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sunshine continues.

Mrs Pearson

**BENTHAM YOUTH CAFÉ** will be holding their fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Can parents, carers and families please help to support this community initiative by going along and showing their support, or donating a tombola and/or raffle prize. Donations can be handed in at the School Office ready for collection by Rev Anne Russell.

**Stay and Learn** Thank you to all those parents/carers who managed to come along and join this week's 'Stay and Learn' sessions at school. We hope that everyone enjoyed being back at school!

**Attendance Matters** Recently, we 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. **Holidays in Term-Time** - Can parents/carers please also take into consideration the implications of taking children on holiday during term-time. This not only affects attendance but can also influence learning. Thank you.

**Parent Evenings** This term, parent evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all those parents/carers who requested an appointment. If you have forgot to request an appointment and would like to secure one, then please contact Sally in the School Office by no later than 9.30am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February. By way of information, confirmation of appointment times and dates will be sent home with children during the week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup>. We have tried extremely hard to accommodate all requests for dates and times. However, if you cannot attend the time slot allocated then please do not hesitate to contact the school in order that the possibility of an alternative appointment can be looked into. 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 during 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 15<sup>th</sup> March! All monies raised goes to Comic Relief.

**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!

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

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February to help make all the wonderful props and paint scenery for the production. This week some of the cast from Bentham Theatre Group's Pantomime cast visited the school and took a whole school assembly which was very much enjoyed by all the children – Oh Yes it WAS!

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.

**Good Luck** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February was Mrs McGregor's last day before starting maternity leave. We would like to wish Mr and Mrs McGregor the very best of luck and we eagerly await the announcement of the birth of baby McGregor Number 2!

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

The Local Authority have confirmed a proposal to close Clapham School with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 19. Details about the proposal can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/current-consultations>. There will be public meeting about the proposed closure on 7<sup>th</sup> March 19 from 6.00pm at Clapham CE (VC) Primary School.

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

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Class 4 Swimming Lessons  
1.30pm Governors' Meeting

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Building Site Safety Assembly  
Lunch-time Football with Jordan  
2.30pm FOBS Meeting : All welcome

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable

Jigsaw Club afterschool for invited children  
3.30pm – 4.45pm Keep Fit with Friends in the School Hall (years 3 to 6).

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

3.00pm Praise Assembly  
3.30pm FOBS Tuck Shop after school

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM**

**Back to School : Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**