



Friday 15th March 2019

Spring Term : Edition 8

Dear Parents

We have had another very busy week in school following on from a very busy week last week! I think all staff and possibly a few children are ready for a quiet weekend at home? Many thanks for all your support with the various events that we have had in school this week. Monday began with a trip to London for Year 6 where our children represented our school impeccably, Tuesday was our Commonwealth Day where we invited friends from Clapham Primary School to Bentham for the day. It was wonderful to see how well the children worked together and made new friendships so quickly. Wednesday was Pedal and Scoot for Classes 1 and 2 - our youngest children braved the wind and rain – on bikes! A wonderful initiative to help support children to ride a bike. On Thursday children in Year 4, supported by staff from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, enjoyed orienteering and this afternoon (Friday), is our Red Nose Day 'House Quiz' and Talent Show. Phew!

Please can I say a huge thank you to those parents who came to help with the Pedal and Scoot sessions. It was very cold and very windy - the cups of tea at playtime were well earned. A huge thank you from us and the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING** Can we please remind parents/carers that if they visit the school during the day then they should use the MAIN ENTRANCE and not the car park entrance into school. Parents/Carers should not walk down corridors to classrooms without being accompanied by a member of staff **AT ANY TIME**. This is to safeguard our children and to ensure we know who is in the school building at all times. Can we please also remind parents/carers that at the beginning of the school day they should drop their child off at the classroom doors and exit from the playground. No Parents should be walking through school, unless accompanied by a member of staff. I am sure everyone will appreciate that these rules are in place to protect the interests of children and to ensure their safety whilst at school. Unfortunately, parents/carers wondering around school unsupervised is a serious safeguarding

concern. Please remember, if you forget a PE Kit, musical instrument, are running late with your children, collecting a child for an appointment etc., then please report your arrival to the School Office. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

**World Book Day** Thank you to all those children who rose to the challenge of Mrs Pearson's 'Book in a Jar' competition. Following very difficult deliberation, the winners have been selected, names will be announced this afternoon before the Talent Show.

**URGENT REMINDER : Reading Information Session**

Can we please remind parents to confirm if they will be attending the Reading Information Session on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 3.30pm to 4.15pm? The aim of this session is to help parents/carers to understand our reading scheme in school and to find out more about how we teach reading to children. Childcare will be provided, and parents/carers should be reassured that they will not be asked to read aloud, answers questions or take any tests! Thank you.

**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 has now been sent home via your child's book bag. Can parents/carers please complete and return this consent to the school office 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!

**COLLECTING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY** In an attempt to make the process easier for parents/carers to arrange for an alternative adult to collect their child from school, we have sent home in children's book bags information about how to consent authorised friends and family members to collect their child at the end of the school day. Can parents/carers please complete and return the permission slip to the school office by no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Hopefully, this will save parents/carers from having to make numerous duplicated telephone calls to the school. Thank you.

**DRUMZ ALLOWED** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March children will be taking part in a 'Drumz Allowed' Workshop. This wonderful experience is being organised by Miss Richardson. At the end of the day, children will be performing their newly learnt skills in the School Hall and parents/carers are invited from 3.00pm to join children and see for themselves children's newly acquired skills. **Please note there will be no Praise Assembly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Thank you.

**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.

**Stay and Learn** Parents/Carers of children in Class 3 are invited to join children in class for a 'Stay and Learn' session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 19 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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! All monies raised at the school will be donated to The Down's Syndrome Association. Thank you for your support.

**REMINDER** Can we please remind parents/carers to return Consent Forms for the following activities/visits :-

Gill Garth Farm, Selside : Reception/Year 1

Crucial Crew : Year 6

Swimming : Class 3

Facebook Consent : All Classes

Consent to Collect Children : All Classes

#### **What's on Next Week?**

##### Monday 18th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
1.00pm Class 4 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

##### Tuesday 19th March 2019

3.30pm to 4.15pm : Reading Information Session  
5.00pm Governors' Meeting

##### Wednesday 20th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)  
Godly Play : Class 4  
Pedal and Scoot Session Children in Reception and Year 1  
3.30pm to 5.30pm : Film Club

##### Thursday 21st March 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)  
ODD SOCKS DAY

2.30-3.30pm Class 3 Stay and Learn – Parents welcome

##### Friday 22nd March 2019

**Drumz Allowed Workshops** : Parents are invited to school to watch children perform at 3.00pm.

**NO PRAISE ASSEMBLY**

**Please see the letter last week for lunchtime and afterschool clubs.**

