



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Spring Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents

This week I had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 5 and 6 children to an Indoor Athletics competition at Giggleswick. Our team was made up of Emily, Toby, Reuben, Robyn, Ewan, Eddie, Ellie-May, Aime and Aniesha. At the event, children competed against children from other primary schools across North Craven. All our children were excellent ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed the events they took part in. The individual teams made up of boys and girls all supported each other, cheering each other on and being great team players. When the results were announced, the children were thrilled to receive Silver medals for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, building on our previous sporting success at the Basketball competition last term. The children looked great in our new sporting team kits and really stood out. Look out on the website for photographs. Thank you to parents for providing transport to and from the event and also to Miss Thwaite for joining myself and the children for the evening. I am really pleased that we are being able to compete in more sporting events than ever before - we are having some wonderful successes! Let's see what Year 2 can do next week!

Please look out in children's book bags for more important information about attendance. Please be reassured that staff at school are all here to support parents/carers with any difficulties they might be experiencing with issues relating to school.

As I write this, there are various lovely cooking smells wafting up and down the corridor. Classes 3, 4 and 5 are launching their topic today with an 'Americas Cooking day'. It is great to see the children so enthusiastic about cooking and keen to learn important life skills. So far (yet) we haven't set the fire alarm off!

Have a lovely weekend, I wonder if we will see any snow?!

Mrs Pearson

**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!

**GODLY PLAY** This year children will once again be taking part in Godly Play activities at Bentham Methodist Chapel. Dates that this will take place are:  
07/03/19 : Class 2  
14/03/19 : Class 3  
20/03/19 : Class 4  
27/03/19 : Class 5

If any parents are available to help walk children to Godly Play any help would be very much appreciated. Please let Sally know in the School Office if you are able to help. Thank you.

**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.

**UNIFORM SUPPLY** Parents may have heard whispers that Tesco will soon be closing their School Uniform Embroidery Service! We can now confirm that this is the case. As from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the uniform service will now be provided by 'My Clothing'. Can parents please be reassured that very little will alter with the service and that any orders already made via Tesco will be honoured. The same range of uniform will still be available to purchase on-line at the same price. For more information, or to purchase any school uniform please now visit [www.myclothingdirect.co.uk](http://www.myclothingdirect.co.uk). If you have any difficulties in accessing the website/service, please contact Sally in the School Office.

**School Meals** Please remember that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 school meals increased in price, as follows:-

Nursery : £2.00 per day per child

Yrs 3,4,5,6 : £2.45 per day per child

Yrs R,1,2 : FREE of Charge

**Can we just remind parents** to regularly check their Parentpay accounts to ensure that these are in credit. Thank you.

**Bewerley Park Residential : Year 5** Can we remind parents that the £50.00 deposit for this residential visit needs to be paid, via Parentpay, by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Payment in full needs to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Thank you.

**Whitby Residential : Year 6** Can we remind parents that a deposit of £50.00 for this year 6 residential visit to Whitby needs to be made, via Parentpay, by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Payment in full should be made by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Thank you.

**Swimming Lessons** Children in Class 4 started their weekly swimming lessons on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Can we just remind parents, that if they have not already done so, can they please make a contribution towards the cost of lessons via Parentpay.

**Get Fit with Friends** As from 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 on every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.45pm Miss Thwaite will be running a Keep Fit with Friends afterschool activity for children in years 3 to 6. This is a wonderful opportunity to get fit whilst having fun with friends! If you would like to take part in this activity, please complete and return the reply slip that has been sent home in children's book bags earlier this week. Thank you.

**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!

**FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL** The FOBS will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at The Town Hall. There will be lots of fundraising stalls, including a Tombola, Cake, Jumble and Raffle. Any donations to any of the sales tables would be very much appreciated. If you are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February and would like to help serve tea,

coffee and refreshments, then please contact a member of the FOBS. Please remember that any support no matter how great or small is really appreciated and that all monies raised go to help ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

**Year 2 Indoor Athletics** Children in Year 2 will all be taking part in an Indoor Athletics event being held at Giggleswick School's Sports Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Can parents please ensure that children arrive at school, in their PE Kits for no later than 8.50am. Thank you.

**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.

**Finally, can we just wish Miss Wendy Dowbiggin a belated HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** As we are sure everyone will be aware, Wendy was not only a Governor at the school for a number of years, but has also in the past helped on School Trips, joined children in class and listened to readers here at the school. We all hope that Wendy had a lovely birthday and enjoyed celebrating this very special day.

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

##### Monday 21st January 2019

Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Class 4 Swimming Lessons

##### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

Lunch-time Football with Jordan

##### Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

##### Thursday 24th January 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable  
3.30pm – 4.45pm Keep Fit with Friends in the School Hall (years 3 to 6). Please return consent forms to Miss Thwaite by 23/01/19.  
5.00pm Governors' Meeting

##### Friday 25th January 2019

8.50am Year 2 Athletics Event at Giggleswick School Sports Hall.  
3.00pm Praise Assembly