



Friday 22nd February 2019

Spring Term : Edition 7

Dear Parents

Wow, what a busy week! Everyone is definitely ready for half term and I think a few children are looking forward to some time at home.

This week children in Class 1 have been exploring the film La Luna, children in Class 2 have been using beads, pipe cleaners and any other moveable objects to support their maths learning, children in Class 3 have been doing some performance poetry. Class 4 have been reading a lovely book linked to their topic learning called 'A journey to the Sea' and are producing a lovely display whilst Class 5 have been enjoying a DT project using recycled materials.

I am also pleased to tell you that we have lots of lunchtime and afterschool clubs arranged for after half term with an exciting tennis afterschool club organised for after the Easter holidays. More details to follow but these opportunities really do rely on staff volunteering their time so I am very grateful for the time that they are giving.

Our children in Nursery and Reception really do enjoy playing with toy cars but we are a little short of them...if you have any toy car, lorries or vans that would like a new home, please send them into school.

I hope you all have a lovely half term. Enjoy the week off and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Pearson

**QUICK REMINDER!** The Friends of Bentham School will be running a 'Tuck Shop' at 3.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please remember that any monies raised by the FOBS helps ALL children in ALL classes – thank you for your continued support.

**School Lunches** When we return to school after half-term, (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March), children who have a school dinner will be treated to a Fruit Smoothie on Tuesday lunchtimes! All smoothies are prepared from scratch using locally sourced fruit and contain no artificial additives – we would like to thank our Relief Cook, Belinda, for coming up with this lovely idea. If your child does not currently have a school lunch and would like the opportunity to sample a delicious meal,

then why not join in with the school's 'Fun-Day-Friday'. Every Friday children can order a school meal during registration; there is no need to pre-order. As a further treat, on Fridays, children will be offered a flavoured juice with their meals. 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 should be deposited via Parentpay. If you have any difficulties accessing this service, then please speak to Sally in the School Office.

**PE Kits** Following on from last week's mention.... Can we please remind parents/carers to take their child's PE kit home for a wash over half-term? PE Kits should be back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**CAN YOU HELP?** At school, children love to get creative. As you can imagine at times this can get messy! To help protect uniforms from inevitable spillages and splashes, **we are seeking donations of any unwanted adult sized shirts! Thank you.**

**Book Donations** We are still collecting books for our new Adult Section in the School Library. If you have any suitable books that you would like to donate these would be very much appreciated.

**REMINDER 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 directly to Rev Anne Russell.

**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. **To help parents/carers plan any breaks over the Easter period**, school closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 19.

**Parent Evenings** This term, parent evenings will be

taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Parents/carers should have received confirmation of appointment times and dates. 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 from **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March**. 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**. All monies raised go to Comic Relief. Mrs Chapman has announced that she will be organising a '**Comic Relief Talent Show**' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their talents, entertain their friends and help support Comic Relief. Auditions will be taking place in the Spare Classroom during lunch-time on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Chapman is looking forward to seeing as many children auditioning as possible.

**FINAL CALL! 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).

Uniform is now ALSO available from Mike's Sports World, 15 Common Garden Street, Lancaster. LA1 1XD. Alternatively, please visit [www.ualonline.com](http://www.ualonline.com) and search for Bentham Community Primary School.

**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**

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 the first week back?**

##### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

##### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Lunch-time Football with Jordan  
3.40pm-6.20pm Parent's Evening (Part 1)

##### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)  
3.40pm-6.20pm Parent's Evening (Part 2)

##### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable

##### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Class 2 : Godly Play  
Jigsaw Club afterschool for invited children  
3.30pm – 4.45pm Keep Fit with Friends in the School Hall (years 3 to 6).

##### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

3.00pm Praise Assembly