



Friday 25th January 2019

Spring Term : Edition 3

Dear Parents

I begin with a plea for help! The Friends of Bentham School will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at The Town Hall during the morning. 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.

We really need additional people to help serve tea, coffee and refreshments. As you will have seen in the news, school budgets are increasingly tight and we are no different here at Bentham C P School! The money raised by FOBS at events like these is vital in enabling our school to keep learning interesting, fun and engaging for the children. Our school budget is simply not big enough to buy all the resources that we need. 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. Even if you can only help for part of the morning, maybe setting up, clearing away or volunteering for an hour, all help is much appreciated. Please get in touch if you are able to help. Thank you.

Earlier this week flurries of the 'white stuff' started to fall and adults and children alike were excited. A few very sensible children brought wellies to school, which not only enabled them to keep dry feet but also enabled them to go on the grass and build snowmen. We are more than happy for children to play out in the snow but please remember to send them with the right footwear and warm clothing.

As I type, a large group of children are enjoying an aerobics afterschool club, a huge thank you to Miss Thwaite for organising this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

BOOKS WANTED! CAN YOU HELP? Have you got any suitable adult fiction and non-fiction books at home that you would like to donate to school? If so, we are currently looking for good quality books to put in our 'new' parent section of the School Library. Ultimately, we would like to have a library that enables parents to

'borrow' books alongside their children. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY We currently have a lot of lost property, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, gloves and items from PE kits. Children have been shown homeless items in assembly, but unfortunately we still have a lot of clothing seeking its original owner! If you have lost any uniform, then please do feel free to pop into school to look through the pile of clothing. To help prevent the loss of uniform, can we please remind parents about the importance of labelling clothing with their child's name – it really helps when attempting to return lost items to their original owner! Thank you.

UP FOR GRABS We have a couple of irreparable wooden items available for recycling/fire wood, including a picnic table and bench. These items are next to the bin store in the school's car park – please feel free to HELP YOURSELF.

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 7th 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 7th 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 12th 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. If you have any difficulties in accessing the website/service, please contact Sally in the School Office.

Stay and Learn This term, we will once again, be inviting parents into school to join their children in class. Sessions will be taking place as follows:
11/02/19 from 9.00am to 10.30am Classes 1 and 2
15/02/19 from 9.00am to 10.30am Class 4
12/02/19 from 9.00am to 10.30am Class 5
Class 3 to be confirmed shortly.
It would be lovely to welcome as many parents/carers as possible into classrooms.

School Meals Please remember that as from 1st 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.

Swimming Lessons Children in Class 4 started their weekly swimming lessons on Monday 14th 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?

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!

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.

COACH MARK GUNN During Spring half term, Coach Mark Gunn will be running a Basketball Camp at Greatwood Community Primary School on Wednesday 27th February 2019. The camp is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13 years of age. For more information, please contact Mark Gunn directly on 07912 178917.

LUNESDALE SPORTS CENTRE The Lunesdale Sports Centre at Kirkby Lonsdale will be hosting a number of events during February 2019, including:
- Yorkshire Dales National Park Dark Skies Festival on Sunday 17th February.
- England Netball Youth Camp for girls aged between 11 and 14 – Monday 18th February.
- BounceFest with Hardy Soft Play on Wednesday 20th and Saturday 23rd February.
For more information, please contact Kim Bradshaw on 07966 556944.

What's on next week?

Monday 28th January 2019

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

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Lunch-time Football with Jordan

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 31st January 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable
3.30pm – 4.45pm Keep Fit with Friends in the School Hall (years 3 to 6).

Friday 1st February 2019

Judo Competition in the School Hall – NO PRAISE ASSEMBLY

Saturday 2nd February 2019

Friends of Bentham School Coffee Morning in the Town Hall. Please go along and show your support.