



Friday 29th March 2019

Spring Term : Edition 10

Dear Parents

What a busy week!

This week children in Year 6 ticked off another part of their John Muir Award by going underground caving! Unsurprisingly, not many teachers were keen on accompanying them down a dark hole, so the job fell to me! I am not a fan of the dark or of small spaces but it was one of those occasions where I had to lead by example and try my best! The children had a wonderful time, many trying caving for the first time and all learning more about the limestone environment that we live in.

I have also realised that we have not shared the wonderful news that Mrs McGregor has had her baby! Aoife Elise McGregor was born on Monday 25th February at 11.56am weighing 7lb 3oz. Both baby and Mum are doing very well and have already visited us in school. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McGregor and proud big brother, Hamish.

It has been lovely to have some parents seek me out to comment on the wonderful opportunities we are giving children in school and feeding back on how happy their children are at school. This is great to hear. As a staff we always try to do our very best for children in school and it is lovely that is being recognised. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

On Tuesday 26th March 2019 Jack, Aniesha, Robyn, Reuben, Emily, Aime, Eddie, Macy, Caitlin, Ava, Charlie, Dan, Asher and Liam, accompanied by Mrs Pearson and Miss Thwaite, represented the school at a Cluster Netball 'High-5s' Competition that was held at Settle College. As is usually the case, all our children were excellent ambassadors for the school, and everyone tried their very best..... which resulted in Bentham Community Primary School coming **FIRST**, – What an AMAZING achievement. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

Gill Garth Farm On Wednesday 27th March 2019 children in Reception and Year 1 visited Gill Garth Farm, a working farm in Selside. This was a wonderful

opportunity for children to learn about day to day life on a farm. Children were also lucky enough to meet some newly born Spring Lambs. Thank you to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) for securing and funding this lovely activity for our younger children.

Rewind to Easter On Thursday 28th March 2019 children in Year 5 were invited to Bentham Methodist Church to take part in a 'Rewind to Easter' Event alongside children from other cluster schools. Children learnt all about the Easter story using multi-media presentations, work packs and practical activities. Thank you to Bee Scott from NISCU for organising this event.

Crucial Crew At the time of writing, children in Year 6 will be taking part in a Crucial Crew Event alongside children from other Cluster Schools. This is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police, supporting and encouraging good citizenship, together with aiming to reduce accidents, injury and crime. Crucial Crew aims to protect young individuals, make informed decisions when faced with danger, prevent crime and much more, all through education and awareness. We hope that everyone enjoyed their day.

SWIMMING Can we please remind parents/carers of children in Class 3 that swimming lessons will be starting on a weekly basis as from Monday 8th April 2019. By way of a reminder, can parents/carers please ensure that completed Swimming Consent forms have been returned to school, and that any contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons has been made via Parentpay. Many thanks.

Healthy Snacks at Break-Time We do encourage children to bring a snack to school to enjoy during morning break – this can help some children last until lunchtime without feeling over-hungry. Can we please remind parents/carers that snacks should be of a healthy nature, for example a **piece of fruit or a cereal bar**? During morning registration children should place snacks in their school trays, so that they are ready to collect and easy to access at break time. Can parents/carers please ensure that children do not leave their snacks in packed lunch boxes, as this results in lots of children wondering up and down corridors during break when they should be outside enjoying themselves and getting some fresh air! Teaching staff will be reminding children to put snacks in trays, but it would also help if parents/carers could

support this action by also reminding children. Thank you.

Consent Forms Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents/carers who have not completed and return various Consent Forms to school, these include Facebook, Permission to Collect from School, Photograph, First Aid and ICT. If you have not yet returned one or more of these forms, copies will have been put in your child's book bag earlier this week. Can parents/carers please ensure that completed forms are returned to the School Office by no later than **MONDAY 1st April 2019**. Thank you.

Facebook 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!

Quick Sticks Hockey (Years 3, 4,5 and 6) If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at a Quick Sticks Hockey event being held at Giggleswick School's Astro Turf on the 4th April 2019 then information will have been sent home in book bags. Please note, it is a requirement that children wear both shin pads and gum shields whilst on the pitch AT ALL TIMES. **Junior Gum Shields are available to purchase from the school office priced at £1.00 each.**

School Lunches Please look out in children's book bags for important information about some changes that will be taking place with School Meals over the Summer Term.

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 3rd 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 5th 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, drink, non-perishable or Sweets! All chocolate donations will be used as prizes at our **Easter Bingo!**

Thursday 11th 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!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF Could your child be the next Mary Berry an aspiring Prue Leith, or potential Paul Hollywood? If so, then please encourage them to enter a Junior Bake-Off competition being hosted by Country Harvest, Ingleton? The competition is open to ALL children aged 11 years and under. Children are invited to:-

Decorate two biscuits or/and

Make or/and Decorate Two Cupcakes or/and

Make or/and decorate a Victoria Sponge

All entries need to be taken to County Harvest for Mid-day (no later) on **Sunday 9th June 2019**. We have been reliably informed that there will be prizes, rosettes, goodie bags and trophies on offer! For more information, please e-mail:

suecountryharvest@gmail.com.

PARENTPAY Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay accounts. At the time of writing there are 56 accounts showing as being in debt – this is more than the previous week! Thank you.

What's on Next Week?

Monday 1st April 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

5.30pm to 6.30pm The FOB's D.I.S.C.O.

Thursday 4th April 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Quick Sticks Hockey at Giggleswick

Friday 5th April 2019

Non-Uniform Day : Come to school wearing non-uniform in return for a Chocolate Donation!

3.00pm Praise Assembly

Please see the school's website for more information about lunchtime and afterschool activities.

