



Friday 9th March 2018

Spring Term Edition 8

This week I have had the pleasure of joining Year 6 for part of an afternoon as they began their John Muir Award. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme that anyone can take part in. Through our partnership with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), the children in Year 6 will be completing the 4 aspects of the award – Discover – Explore – Conserve and Share – whilst exploring different locations and activities in the Yorkshire Dales. Usually the award is completed after primary school but we feel that our Year 6 children are mature enough and ready for the challenge. An added bonus is that taking part will be completely free as any additional activities will be fully funded by YDMT who we are extremely grateful to for their support. The next challenge is a walk up (and down!) Ingleborough...more details to follow.

Please take some time to read the information in this week's Friday news as there are some important dates for upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**Parents' Evenings** Thank you to those parents who completed a questionnaire based on 'Communication' at the recent Parents' Evenings. Answers are now being analysed and responses will be shared with parents shortly.

**After School Clubs : Can you help?** As a school we are continually striving to improve our 'service' to parents, carers and children. Recently, a number of after-school club activities have been offered to children, whilst some of the provision provided has been free of charge, there has been a cost involved in others, with the school heavily subsidising the cost per child for parents. After School Clubs have included Film Club, Basketball, Jammie Dodgers, Spanish Club and Judo. We are dedicated to enhancing a child's overall learning experience at school and are keen to promote after school club activities. However, historically there has been a very poor up-take in attendance at some clubs, meaning that they have been cancelled. As a parent, we are

interested to find out how you feel about after school clubs? We are also interested in finding out what type of clubs you would like to see offered to children after school in the future? Finally, we would like parents to consider what would prevent them/their children attending an afterschool club – this could be due to other commitments or financial implications – please be honest. Replies and comments can be e-mailed to the following address [admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk), alternatively, leave a message with Sally in the School Office. All responses will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Hopefully by continuing to work together as a school community we can deliver even bigger and better things. Thank you.

**NISCU** : Thank you to all those parents who consented to their child taking part in the NISCU 'Sunday Video' project. Children were very honest in answering their questions. Filming took place in the Library on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Rumour has it that Sally, Mrs Yardy and Mrs Chapman (who, on the day, temporarily relocated to the Reception area), were kept very entertained by some of the responses throughout the morning.

**Friday News** Please remember if you want to continue receiving a paper copy of the Friday News, then please let Sally in the School Office know. Thank you.

**LAST CALL!! Parent Governor Vacancy** Please submit all nominations in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Pearson to the School Office by no later than 9.00am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**London Trip** Thank you to all those parents who successfully negotiated the early morning traffic in Lancaster and got children to the station in time to depart to London. Everyone had an absolutely wonderful time, experiencing the London Eye and a visit to The Houses of Parliament. Thank you also Mr White and Mrs Barlow who organised and accompanied the children.

**Crucial Crew 2018** Children in Year 6 have once again been given the opportunity to take part in the Crucial Crew event organised and hosted by North Yorkshire Police on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Can parents please ensure that they return Consent Forms and make payment via Parentpay. The return date has now passed and there are still a number of replies/payments outstanding..

**Trips....** can we please, once again, remind parents about the importance of making contributions towards the costs of trips and visits. All excursions from school are heavily subsidised and/or supported by external sources of funding, for example The Friends of Settle Pool, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Visits are an essential part of the curriculum and support learning in classrooms. Unfortunately, despite an earlier plea, there are still 11 parents who have not made payment for the recent trip to the Interfaith Centre and Science and Media Museum. Unless payment is made the school will have to further subsidise this trip, meaning an additional expenditure from the school budget of £143.00. The knock-on effect of the school having to meet this extra subsidy will, potentially, mean that ALL children in ALL classes will now miss out on additional resources and experiences that have been previously planned due to the funds no longer being available.

#### **Growing up in North Yorkshire : 2018 Pupil Survey**

We have agreed to take part in the 2018 Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. This will involve children from Year 2 to Year 6. Information gained from this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the lifestyles and learning of children and young people in North Yorkshire. For more information please see the letter sent home with children via book-bags.

**The Friends of Bentham School** have recently announced that they will be holding an 'Easter Bake-Off' competition.... This eggciting event will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and children are encouraged to bring to school home baked cakes, biscuits, buns, sponges, tray bakes, cup-cakes, gateaux, home-made Easter Eggs etc...

Entries will be judged after registration, with one lucky winner per class winning an Easter Egg prize. Goodies will then be sold at playtimes for 30p each and afterschool (if there are any left!). This really is a fundraising eggstravaganza for eggeryone to enjoy!

**On the last day of term, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, the FOBS will once again be selling bags of sweets at their now infamous 'Tuck Shop' event.

Please remember that proceeds of sale from ALL FOBS events help EVERY CHILD in EVERY CLASS. Thank you.

**'Wacky Walk' for Sport Relief 2018** This year school will be supporting 'Sport Relief' by encouraging children (and parents) to take part in a 'Wacky Walk' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. This sponsored walk will involve children walking through Bentham and along the river dressed in attire that is as wild and wacky as

possible! For more information, please see the letter previously sent home via children's book bags. For a further copy of the letter, or another Sponsorship Form please see Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

**Dates for your Diary** As you will see we have lots of exciting opportunities and experiences planned for children over the coming months. Some of the planned visits will incur a small charge to parents; by giving parents plenty of prior warning, we are hoping we will provide an opportunity for parents to both save and plan for future expenditure – we hope this helps.

- 12/03/18 SALT (Speech and Language Therapy) drop-in Session (Community Room)**
- 13/03/18 Rewind to Easter (Year 5)**
- 14/03/18 Crucial Crew (Year 6)**
- 16/03/18 Parent Governor Nomination deadline**
- 21/03/28 Basketball Afternoon with Giggleswick School (Class 4 and Class 5)**
- 31/03/18 Governors' Meeting**
- 22/03/18 Music Assembly (Classes 3 and 4).  
2.45pm : Parents welcome.**
- 22/03/18 Film Club : More info to follow (Year 2 – 6)**
- 23/03/18 Sports Relief 'Wacky Walk' (Year 1 – 6)**
- 26/03/18 Easter Bake-Off Event**
- 27/03/18 Visit to Gillgarth Farm (Class 2)**
- 29/03/18 Tuck Shop (FOBS)**
- 29/03/18 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 16/04/18 SCHOOL OPENS**
- 07/05/18 School Closed : May Day**
- 08/05/18 Bewerley Park Residential (Year 5)**
- 24/05/18 Class Photos (Provisional booking)**
- 25/05/18 SCHOOL CLOSSES**
- 04/06/18 SCHOOL OPENS**
- 04/06/18 St John Ambulance First Aid Day (Year 6)**
- 05/06/18 Countryside Day at Yorkshire Showground (Years 3,4,5 and 6)**
- 11/06/18 Whitby Residential (Year 6)**
- 28/06/18 Big Sing Event (Year 3 – 6)**
- 03/07/18 Ingleborough Hall Transition Day (Year 6)**
- 20/07/18 See you in September!**

**Nursery** Do you know a child who might be wanting to start in our Nursery from September 2018? If so, please encourage their parents to contact school and place their names on the waiting list. We are currently in the process of planning our classes and provision for the next academic year; it would be really useful to know how many 3 year old children there are currently living in Bentham and surrounding catchment areas, whose parents are intending to send them to our Nursery. Thank you.