



Friday 19th January 2018

Spring Term Edition 2

What busy week! The main event this week has been the Year 3 and 4 residential to Nell Bank Outdoor Centre in Ilkley. I thoroughly enjoyed my night away and I would like to say thank you to Miss Thwaite, who did an excellent job of organising the whole visit. Also thank you to Miss Mulligan, Mrs Barlow, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Yardy who accompanied the children. Thank you also to Mrs Horton who joined us on Wednesday. Without the support and commitment from school staff, events such as these cannot happen so it is much appreciated. The children were enthusiastic and embraced the whole visit. Despite it being a little chilly at times the children never complained. Exploring the woods, building dens, team challenges and some orienteering were the activities enjoyed by all and it is fair to say that we all came back a little muddier than when we left Bentham. Photos will be on the school website soon. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Reminder : Parents' Evening Please return your reply slip to your child's class teacher by no later than Friday 9th February 2018.

Job Opportunities We still have two vacancies at the school; both vacancies are on a temporary contract, to cover maternity leave. We are seeking enthusiastic, well-motivated and approachable individuals. If you think you would like to apply for either the Teaching Assistant Vacancy or Mid-day Supervisory post then either please speak to Sally in the School Office or visit North Yorkshire County Council's recruitment page at : <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs>.

The Friends of Bentham School Thank you to everyone who got involved with last week's fundraising Coffee Morning at the Town Hall. It was lovely to see so many parents, families, children and members of the community at this event. There is a rumour that plans are currently in hand for a Disco which will take place on the evening of Wednesday 7th February and a Friday night Tuck Shop on the 9th February.....more information to follow. Thank you.

JAMMIE DODGERS Reminder the next session of Jammie Dodgers will take place on 24th January 2018.

Parentpay Just a quick reminder to parents to ensure that their child's Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. In line with the school's Arrears Policy, failure to make payment could result in outstanding balances being referred to North Yorkshire County Council's Welfare Team. If you think you might be eligible for financial support towards the cost of School Meals and/or trips, then please see Sally in the School Office. Applications will be made in the STRICTEST of confidence. Please remember that if your application for Free School Meals is approved then you will receive a one-off £50.00 uniform voucher (redeemable at the School Office via the Tesco Uniform Service).... What is there to lose?

Parentpay LIVE Services (excluding Dinner Money and Breakfast Club) with monies still outstanding include:-
Class 3 Swimming **DUE 24/04/2017**
Class 5 Swimming **DUE 11/09/2017**
Skipton Castle **DUE 10/11/2017**
Canal and River Explorers **DUE 19/09/2017**
Peter Pan **DUE 11/12/2017**
Class 4 Swimming **DUE 31/01/2018**
Places of Worship **DUE 01/02/2018**
Can parents please ensure, that where due dates are highlighted in red and monies are outstanding on their child's account, that they make payment **AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**. Thank you.

PE Kits A number of children have not had the correct PE kit in school this week and this has delayed the start of PE lessons whilst teachers try to source a PE kit or has meant that some children have not taken part in their PE lesson. The school PE Kit is as follows:

- Plain **dark** shorts (black or blue)
- Plain **White** T-Shirt or Polo Shirt
- Black Pumps (indoor PE)
- Trainers (outdoor PE)
- Plain, warm jumper
- Plain, **dark coloured** jogging bottoms

PE Kits should be brought to school at the start of each half term and left in school until the end of half term when teachers will send them home to be washed. If a PE kit needs a wash before the end of half term, teachers will send them home earlier.

We have a very limited supply of spare PE kits in school and we have very few PE pumps and trainers so we cannot always lend children a PE kit, it is much better for them to have their own. Thank you for your support with this.