



Friday 3rd May 2019

Summer Term : Edition 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays. Hopefully, everybody had a lovely relaxing break and took full advantage of the unseasonal glorious weather!?

As we start the Summer term, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nursery children who started their educational journey at Bentham Community Primary School earlier this week. It is always a pleasure to welcome our very youngest children and their families into our school community. Can we just remind parents/carers if they have any questions or concerns, no matter how small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact their child's Class Teacher or myself.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have taken photographs of their children enjoying various activities over the Easter break and sent them into school via the admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk e-mail. It has been a treat to see so many pictures of children with big smiles on their faces adventuring in the great outdoors! If you have forgotten to send your photos, please do not worry, there is still time to forward them to the above address over the weekend.

This week, I am writing the Friday News in between joining children in organised outdoor adventure activities at Bewerley Park! I am hoping that, with any luck, whilst I am busy writing, I will avoid another thorough soaking by the children as I experienced this morning. As will have been seen on previous publications, on Tuesday 30th April, myself, Miss Thwaite, Miss Mulligan and Olly set off to Bewerley Park Outdoor Activity Centre for a week-long action packed residential with children from Year 5. It has been an amazing week, and children have been an absolute pleasure to be with. Not surprisingly, children have all slept extremely well, having taken part in numerous outdoor activities over the duration of the day! Over the last 12 years of teaching I have taken part in many residential visits with many different children. The group I am currently away with have been by far the best group. They have taken part in all activities with enthusiasm and positivity, they have been kind and supportive of each

other and their behaviour and manners have been impeccable. Other school staff also at the centre have commented on their wonderful behaviour and the children should be very proud of themselves. These trips don't happen without willing staff who give up their own time and families to take our children away. Thank you to Miss Mulligan, Miss Thwaite and my husband Olly for coming along to make sure the children were safe, well looked after and supported in all the activities. I very much appreciate them volunteering to come along, without them trips of this nature could not happen.

Finally, can we remind parents/carers that school will be closed for May Day Bank Holiday Monday on 6th May 2019. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 7th May! Have a lovely long-weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Sporting Success Following on from our High 5's Netball victory, we are also proud to announce that a team of year 4 children, made up of Joe, Charlie, Tommy and Dan recently came FIRST in their group at a Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament. This successful team will now go on to represent our cluster at a Quick Sticks Hockey Final being held at South Craven School. Well done chaps!

Sporting Events If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at one or all of the following events, then a letter will have been sent home containing information. Can parents/carers please ensure that they complete and return reply slips to school ASAP? Thank you.

North Craven Football Tournament (09/05/19) : Years 5/6

Tri Golf (08/05/19) : Years 3/4/5/6

North Craven Kwik Cricket Festival (20/05/19) : Years 5/6

Visit to Austwick Hall Woods On Friday 10th May 2019 children from Class 3 will be visiting Austwick Hall Woods. Can we once again thank the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for both providing and financing this opportunity for children. Please look out in children's book bags for more information about this visit.

Sponsored Run for St John's Hospice Firstly, well done to all those children in Class 5 who took part in a sponsored run, helping to raise all important funds for St John's Hospice in Lancaster. Thank you also to everyone who sponsored children. We managed to raise an amazing £326.25 for this local charity. Finally, a MASSIVE thank you to Miss Allen for organising this event, as I am sure everyone will agree, St John's Hospice is an amazing place which provides palliative care and support to local families and friends who are suffering from terminal illnesses. We are very much looking forward giving the monies raised to a representative of St John's Hospice when they visit Class 5 on Tuesday 21st May 2019. If any parents/carers would like to make a further contribution towards class 5's fundraising efforts, then please hand monies into the School Office. Thank you.

Basketballs/Footballs Can we please remind parents/carers that children are NOT to bring their own footballs and/or basketballs to school at any time. We do have our own supply of footballs/basketballs for use by children. Thank you.

SWIMMING Can parents/carers of children in Class 3 please ensure that children bring their swimming kit to school on Monday 13th May? By way of a reminder, can parents/carers also please ensure that any contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons has been made via Parentpay. Many thanks.

School Lunches As per our letter dated the 22nd March 2019 can parents/carers please ensure that their child's dinner account on Parentpay is at either a zero or credit balance? Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents/carers who have outstanding dinner monies on their children's account. I realise that this is a new system which will take a to get used to but please can all parents ensure that they have a zero or credit balance. Thank you.

Spring has Sprung.... Spring is well underway! With this in mind, what better time to have a Spring Clean and help raise all important funds for the school? Bag2School will be making a collection of unwanted good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels on **Tuesday 14th May 2019**. Look out in children's book bags for collection bags! Please note Bag2School do not collect school or work uniforms, duvets, pillows or cushions. Thank you.
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL FOBS!

Carnival Bentham This year, Carnival Bentham will take place on Saturday 1st June 2019 from 1.00pm. This year's theme is 'Pirates and Fairies'. In the run-up to Carnival Bentham there will be a series of 'Making Workshops' being held at The Looking Well. These will take place every Saturday from 11.00am to 1.00pm. For more information, please visit carnivalbentham.co.uk and/or look out for the information leaflet which has been sent home via children's book bags. Thank you.

Archaeology Fun Day On Saturday 25th May 2019 from 10.00am until 3.00pm Stories in Stone, the Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust will be running a FREE Archaeology Fund Day at Horton-in-Ribblesdale for anyone who would like to take part, including parents/carers. There will be activities, refreshments and demonstrations, including gravestone photography. Booking for this activity is essential. For more information, please contact info@storiesinstone.org.uk or call 015242 51002.

What's on this week?

Monday 6th May 2019

SCHOOL CLOSED : MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Tuesday 7th May 2019

School Re-opens

Tennis Coaching in PE lessons : Classes 4 and 5

2.30pm : FOBS Meeting : Everyone welcome

3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

Wednesday 8th May 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Rugby Sessions in PE : Classes 3 and 4

9.30am : Tri Golf at Settle Cricket Club

3.30pm-4.30pm Rugby After School Club

Thursday 9th May 2019

Fire and Rescue Service in School delivering

Fire Safety Education to all children in all classes.

Orienteering Lesson for all classes

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 10th May 2018

9.00am Children in Class 3 visiting Austwick Hall Woods

3.00pm : Praise Assembly