



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Autumn Term Edition 5

### Dear Parents

This afternoon I have been looking at the attendance of our children since we have returned to school at the start of September. Whilst I am aware that chicken pox has been doing the rounds, it is quite alarming how many children are currently deemed to be 'persistent absentees' due to their attendance being below 90%. Here are a few facts and figures for you:

- good attendance (96% or above) and punctuality best support all aspects of a child's progress and attainment at school and promote a positive work ethic;
- an attendance rate of 94% - 95% is considered a minimum level to support a child's progress and attainment at school;
- poor attendance (90% – 93%) can affect a child's learning, attainment and progress at school;
- attendance below 90% is considered unacceptable because it disrupts a child's learning, attainment and progress at school.

A total of 28 children in school currently have attendance that is below 90% with a further 16 having attendance between 90-96%. This is really concerning. A number of parents will be receiving letters informing them of their child's poor attendance and I would really appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school every day. I realise that we all, at times, are unwell and need some TLC but I also know that sometimes we all feel a bit groggy on a morning but feel better as the day progresses. I would encourage you to bring your child to school on these days and if they do not get better, we would not hesitate to ring you.

So far, Class 5 are in the lead with the attendance trophy but Class 2 are not far behind. Let's see which class will win it this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**Celebration BONFIRE Lunch** Children are invited to join the school's special 'Bonfire Lunch' which will be

taking place on, (remember, remember) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 18! On the menu:-

**Sausages in Buns**

**Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn**

**or a Jacket Potato**

**Ginger Biscuits, apple or yoghurt**

There is no need to pre-order. Children can order their celebratory Bonfire Banquet during registration on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Meals are charged at £1.80 per meal per Nursery child. FREE OF CHARGE to children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and £2.30 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 (excluding those with Free School Meal entitlement). Payment should be made via Parentpay. If you have any difficulties in accessing Parentpay please contact the School Office.

**Film Club** Please remember to return reply slips for Film Club. Film Club is for children in years 3 to 6 inclusive. The first 'Film Club' will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018** from 3.30-5.30pm

### **STAY AND LEARN**

Classes 1 and 2

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 18 from 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 18 from 9.00am – 10.00am

Class 3

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10.50am-12.00m/d

Class 4

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 18 from 1.30pm-3.00pm

Class 5

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 18 from 2.30pm -3.30pm

**We would love to see as many parents as possible joining their children on these dates in their classes.**

**REMINDER PARENT EVENINGS** This year parent evenings will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. In order to secure an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please complete and return appointment request forms which have been sent home in children's book bags. Thank you.

**EXTENDED 30 HOUR PROVISION** We have a limited number of places available for Nursery children both during the afternoon and morning sessions. For more information about the school's Nursery provision, including 30 hour childcare please contact Sally in the School Office.

**BRAIN BUILDERS CLUB REMINDER :** Brain Builders Club takes place EVERY Thursday from 12.00 midday with Mrs Hodgson. Everyone Welcome.

## Future Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm : 'All About Reading for Parents'. Miss Richardson and the Early Years Foundation Stage team would like to welcome parents to come along and find out more about reading and phonics in **EYFS and Year 1**. At the same time, Mrs Hodgson and the **Key Stage 2** team would like to invite parents to find out more about reading in **Years 2 to Year 6**. Sessions will include how reading is taught in school, school reading books and how best parents can support children with reading at home. Please be reassured that parents will not be asked to read anything, complete any questionnaires or be tested! To help parents/carers to come along to these sessions, there will be FREE childcare provided at school, so both mums and dads can come along, also meaning there is no need to find a babysitter!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 18 from 9.00am until 10.00am : informal coffee morning with Mrs Pearson and Miss Richardson. This time, the focus will be on Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) together with further updates about what is happening at school.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 Deadline for parents of children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 to apply for a secondary school place. For more info visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions).

**SETTLE STORIES** are hosting a Storytelling Performance by Dominic Kelly on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm at The Joinery, Settle. Audiences will be treated to a tale of 'The Invisibility Hat'. Prices are £9.00 per adult, £6.00 per individual under the age of 18 and £22.00 per family.

**Skipton Autumn Half Term 2018 Basketball and Multi-Sport Camp** Coach Mark Gunn will be organising sporting activities over the Autumn Half-Term for children aged between 4–13. For more information, or to secure a place at a Multi Sport Camp please request a brochure and/or booking form from the School Office.

**JOB VACANCY : Bentham Youth Café are looking for a Youth and Development Worker.** The role will involve running two Youth Club sessions per week (term-time only) at Bentham Community Youth Café. There will also be room to develop this role to support children and families in Bentham and surrounding areas. The vacancy is for 8 hours per week and

qualifications are not necessary – just a willing commitment to see young people flourish. For more information, please contact the Secretary of the Youth Café, Rev Anne Russell on 07528 572072.

**KIRKBY LONSDALE RUGBY CLUB** are running a two day training camp at the club aimed at children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6. No previous rugby experience is required. Through a range of fun rugby based activities children will build a range of skills both on and off the pitch. For more information please visit <http://www.klruvc.co.uk/october-training-camps/>

**AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB** with Coach Mark Gunn will be starting again for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Once again, school will be subsidising the cost of the activity meaning that the cost per child will be only £20.00 for seven sessions. For more information, or a booking form to secure your child's place, please contact Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

### What's on next week in school?

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Lunchtime Knitting Club

1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

Hearing Tests : Year 1 Children

Class 3 : Godly Play

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Lunchtime Football with Jordan

Afterschool Bentham Buzz

Willow Weaving Workshop – School Council

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

2.30pm to 3.30pm Coffee Afternoon – Everyone Welcome

3.30pm to 4.30pm : Jammie Dodgers

3.30pm – 5.30pm Film Club

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable

Afterschool Tag Rugby

Jigsaw After School Club for invited children

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)