



Friday 7th June 2019

Summer Term : Edition 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the half-term break.

Unfortunately, the weather was a little disappointing, but hopefully it did not stop everyone from enjoying themselves!

After the half term holidays I returned to school to a lengthy list of phone calls and meetings with parents. Unfortunately, all of these conversations were due to incidents that had taken place outside of school during the holidays or at the end of the previous half term, and the expectation of some parents for the school to deal with these incidents. I have, this week, explained to the children in school that although our behaviour policy does not apply to incidents that take place beyond the school gates, if a child is wearing their school uniform then they are representing our school, themselves and their families. I would like to ask all parents to consider whether their child walking home, unsupervised, is safe and appropriate. I realise that children need to develop independence, but the road from school to High and Low Bentham is a very busy one and we seem to have a greater proportion of children walking home without their parents. This is leading to a number of unfortunate incidents. As teachers, we cannot be responsible for your child when walking to and from school. I would ask parents to consider this when making decisions about children walking to and from school unsupervised.

I would also like to ask parents to consider the safety of all children, parents and staff in the school car park at the beginning and end of the day. As a school, we always try to avoid school trips involving the arrival or departure of a bus at the busy times. This week the girl's rugby trip arrived back at 3.30pm and I was astounded at the driving actions of some parents when leaving the car park. It takes less than 5 minutes to empty a bus of children and waiting a few minutes to allow this to happen means that everyone gets home safely. Driving around the bus, pulling out of the car park aggressively, squeezing through gaps in the traffic and generally driving at excessive speeds is not acceptable. I would not like anyone to be injured in the school car park and ask that all parents consider their driving and patience whilst entering

and exiting the school grounds so that the closure of the school car park to parents does not happen.

To end on a positive, this week we have had a number of new families contact the school wanting to register their child for a place, starting in September. This is great news and we are very pleased that new families are choosing our school and recognising all the fantastic things that we do. As a result of an increase in numbers, we are having to do a little more planning around class structures for September. I am aware that some parents are keen to know who their child's teacher will be from September; this will be communicated to parents in July.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Pearson

Summer Fair This year our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 21st June 2019. As usual, there will be lots of exciting stalls, activities and fundraising for everyone to get involved with. We are asking that parents/carers consider donating prizes for our tombola and raffle. This year there will be a cake stall, and any cake, bun or biscuit donations to this stall would be very much appreciated! Mrs Reid will be hosting a '**sweetie tombola**' and is already busy seeking donations of jars full of sweets.... Look out for more information shortly. Finally, please remember that all monies raised helps ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

Rugby Festival On Wednesday 19th June 2019 children in years 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in a Rugby Festival at the Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Union Football Club. On the day, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits bringing with them a packed lunch, suitable clothing for the day, e.g. waterproof jacket/sun-hat, jogging bottoms and a water bottle. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other children from local schools and learn new skills. Parents/carers of children are invited to join children at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club from 1.30pm onwards if they would like to watch their children participate in organised games. By way of information children will be transported both to and from the event and all children will return to school on the school bus.

The Friends of Bentham School (aka The FOBS)! Can we take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank you to the FOBs, not only for their continued dedication and fundraising efforts, but for more recently, providing the finances to purchase Small World toys,

including cars, small people, fairies and wooden figures to support learning in Classes 1 and 2, fire gloves, kettles, a fire bucket, and various outdoor cooking tools to support outdoor learning and two recycled outdoor picnic benches that children can use in the playground – THANK YOU.

Sports Day To help parents/carers with forward planning, this year we are hoping to hold Sports Day on the morning of Thursday 4th July (weather permitting)! Parents/carers are invited to come along to support and encourage children whilst they take part in various sporting activities! There will also be a parent's race, so please bring your trainers! Following on from the main event, parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to bring their own packed lunch and join children for a 'picnic' style lunch on the school field. Mrs Leak will be providing 'Grab Bags' for school children, priced at £2.00 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.45 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Grab Bags can be ordered in class on the day – payment to be made via Parentpay.

We are asking that parents/carers provide a top for their child representing the colour of their 'house group', by way of a reminder these are as follows:-

Hodgson's Heroes : Yellow

Winning Whites : RED (not green as earlier published)

Thwaite's Greats : Blue

Richardson's Rockets : GREEN (not red)

North Craven Cross County Race : If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at the North Craven Cross Country Race on Tuesday 18th June, can parents/carers please ensure that consent forms are returned to the School Office ASAP?

Year 2 Mini-Olympics Children in Year 2 will be taking part in a Mini-Olympics event being held on the Settle College Sports Field on Tuesday 11th June 2019. Children should come to school in their PE kits bringing with them appropriate clothing for the weather on the day and a water bottle. Children should also bring their school uniforms to school to change back into when they return to school.

First Aid in a Day On Tuesday 4th June children in Year 6 all took part in First Aid training. We are asking that parents consider making a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per child towards the cost of this training. Payment should be made via Parentpay. Thank you.

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.

Home to School Transport We have been advised that North Yorkshire County Council are currently undertaking a review of home to home transport in the Ryedale, Easingwold and Craven areas. As a result of this review it may mean that there will be a change in operator, route and timings with transport as from April 2020. Should you wish to make any comments concerning this review, please e-mail Nicky Moseley at

schooltransport.services@northyorks.gov.uk.

What's on this week?

Monday 10th June 2019

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming
Phonics Screening Week for children in Year 1
Wendy Strickland from Pets as Therapy in School

Tuesday 11th June 2019

9.30am – Singing Workshop
10.00am Mini Olympics : Year 2
Tennis Coaching in PE lessons : Classes 4 and 5

2.30pm FOBS Meeting – all welcome
3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

Wednesday 12th June 2019

1.00pm Settle College visiting Yr 6
Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Rugby Sessions in PE : Classes 3 and 4
3.30pm-4.30pm Rugby After School Club

Thursday 13th June 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)
1.30pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 14th June 2019

3.00pm : Praise Assembly

Some other information, including community events...

FamilyLine by Family Action Family pressures can sometimes be difficult to manage without emotional support and guidance to turn to. Many individuals feel confused by what information is available, or simply struggle to access services close to home. FamilyLine is a service that tackles many issues in a new and innovative way by using a network of volunteers across the country to support family members over the age of 18 through telephone calls, e-mails and text messages. Opening times for this FREE service are:

Monday-Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm
 6.00pm to 10.00pm.

Saturday-Sunday 10.00am to 1.00pm

Telephone : 0808 802 6666

Text Message : 07537 404 282

E-mail : familyline@family-action.org.uk

Lune Valley Swimming Pool There are now a number of activities and clubs being introduced into the time-tabling at Lune Valley Swimming Pool. For more information please visit www.lunevalleypool.com.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR ST JOHNS HOSPICE Sunny the Sunflower This year, to help raise all important funds for St Johns Hospice we are supporting their 'Schools Summer Fundraiser' project – Sunny the Sunflower. Children, parents, friends and families, are invited to collect some FREE Sunflower Seeds and a 'Magic Money Box' from the School Office, plant their seeds at home and help them grow! Sunny Seeds are not ordinary seeds, they need water, sunlight and pennies in the 'magic money box' to help them grow! Children are encouraged to take photos of their Sunflowers, and to measure how tall they grow! Full 'Magic Money Boxes' can be returned to the School Office, in readiness for a representative of St Johns Hospice to collect. As I am sure everyone will agree, St Johns Hospice is a wonderful local charity caring for patients with life-shortening conditions, supporting families at a time when it is often needed the most. **ALSO on sale** at the School Office are a selection of fundraising items including keyrings and Sunflower badges – these are priced at £1.00 each.

Bubble Rush On the 14th July at Rylands Park in Lancaster, St Johns Hospice are holding a 'Bubble Rush'. This is a Family Fun Run. For more information please visit www.sjhospice.org.uk/bubblerrush.

First Clapham and Austwick Brownies Recently, a new Brownie Unit has been opened in Clapham. Girls aged between 7 and 10 years of age are invited to join this lovely new group which takes place on Monday evenings between 5.00pm and 6.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. There is also a Guide Group which is aimed at girls aged between 10 and 14. Guides meet from 6.30pm and 8.00pm on the same evening. For more information, please contact Karen Fielding, Leader in Charge on 07748 164409 or alternatively, to register your daughter, please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>