



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Autumn Term Edition 12

Dear Parents

Please can I ask that parents do not drop their children off at school and leave them unsupervised before 8.50am. The school doors open at 8.50am and no earlier. A number of children have been arriving earlier and earlier, particularly older children. It is great that children are keen to be in school but we must ensure that children are supervised. If any parent wishes to make use of our Breakfast Club, then please do.

School is looking and sounding very Christmassy. It is lovely to hear the children singing songs for the Nativity and Performance, a few costumes are even starting to find their way out of our boxes! Lots to look forward to!

I am keeping my part of this newsletter short this week to leave room for a wonderful letter from Macy Bentham in Class 4. Please do take the time to read this and contribute if you can. Such a lovely idea and very thoughtful.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**Christmas Fair** Thank you to everyone who came along to the school's Christmas Fair on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It was absolutely lovely to see so many families visiting the school. Our special guest, who arrived earlier in the day from the North Pole, was kept busy all evening! Thank you to the Friends of Bentham School and to all those staff who stayed, helped and supported this school fundraiser. We raised around £976.91 – what an amazing achievement.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Thank you to all those parents who completed and returned the Breakfast Club questionnaire. Responses to the same will be analysed at a Governors' Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**The Selfish Giant** On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December children in Reception and Year 1 went to The Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal to watch 'The Selfish Giant'. Everyone had a lovely time. Children were an absolute credit to the school and the community. Once again, thank you to all those parents who

supported this trip by making payment.

**Beauty and the Beast** (2,3,4,5 and 6) As I am sure parents will be aware, the deadline for payment for this trip has now passed. Therefore, if you have not already done so, can you please ensure that payment for this visit is made via Parentpay as soon as possible. As is always the case, if you are having any difficulty making payment, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you.

**Cross Country : Giggleswick Junior School** As I am sure everyone will be aware, the weather turned a little damp earlier in the week, particularly on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, when Teddy, George, William, Ellie, Ellie, Charlie, Augustas, Caitlin, Toby, Emily, Aime, Eddie and Aniesha kindly offered to represent Bentham Community Primary School at a cross-country event! Consideration was made as to whether children should run in flippers, but eventually it was unanimously agreed that trainers should perhaps be the footwear of choice! Thank you to everyone for braving the rain, (including Mrs Pearson and Miss Tierney), trying their very best and being excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done.

**FILM CLUB** will be taking place afterschool on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. To help get even more into the festive spirit, members will be watching 'The Polar Express'. Can parents please make arrangements to collect children from school at 5.30pm, unless prior permission has been granted for children to walk home unsupervised. Thank you.

**Jammie Dodgers** We have been advised that there will be no more 'Jammie' Dodgers until January 2019.

**Sport Relief** This week we have received confirmation that the school raised an astounding £662.41 for Sport Relief 2018. What an absolutely amazing achievement. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

**Winter Weather** Can we just remind parents to ensure that they send children to school with a coat, hat and gloves. Children thoroughly enjoy being outdoors, but this time of year heads and hands can quickly become chilly! Thank you.

**INGLETON CLIMBING WALL** Can parents of children in Year 5 please ensure that they have returned Consent Forms for the visit to Ingleton Climbing Wall scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you.

**KS2 Christmas Performance for Senior Citizens** Can we just remind parents/carers to let friends and family know about our exclusive 'Senior Citizens' KS2 Christmas Performance which will be taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Admission is FREE of charge. Refreshments, including mince pies will be served to members of the audience following the show. Let's help make Christmas just as magical for the older generation in our community

**New Year Soccer School (GT7 Football Academy)** On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the QES Sports Hall, GT7 Football Academy will be running a New Year Soccer School aimed at children aged between 5 and 13. Admission is £16.00 per day or £45.00 for three days. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Shaun Gardner on 07929373564 or, alternatively, e-mail [gt7academy@yahoo.com](mailto:gt7academy@yahoo.com).

**PARKING** The recent bad weather has once again highlighted how difficult it is to park at the school during peak times of the day! Can we just remind parents to please park sensibly and, if possible, avoid blocking other vehicles and the main entrance to the school? By way of a reminder, the allocated Disabled spaces should only be used by Blue Badge holders. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be taking place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. By way of information, there will be some small menu changes next week, (Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit will be available every day), as follows:-

Monday : Meatballs, Chips and Gravy  
Cauliflower & Broccoli Gratin  
Banana Brownie and Choc Sauce

Tuesday : Chicken and Tomato Pasta  
Cowboy Bake  
Autumn Berry Sponge/Custard

Wednesday: Pork, Gravy and Stuffing  
Jacket Potato  
Raspberry Bun and Apple

Thursday : Fish Fingers and Chips  
Cheese Potato Croquette  
Pineapple Upside Down and Custard

Friday : Turkey Christmas Dinner  
Vegetable Roast  
Christmas Pudding/Cornetto

**Save the Children** Help to raise money for 'Save the Children' by 'Guessing Who's Under the Mistletoe'! Take your guess on the quiz sheet in school's

Reception - £1.00 per go, all monies raised to Save the Children. There will be a festive prize for the winning guess! Thank you.

#### **FESTIVE CALENDER**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance for Senior Citizens ONLY.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 3pm Christmas Carol Service at Bentham Auction Mart and at 6.00pm Nursery – Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00pm Nursery-Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 : Beauty and the Beast (years 2,3,4,5 and 6)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 : Christmas Party Day

#### **What's on next week?**

Monday 10th December 2018

School 'House' Event with a focus on British Values

Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Knitting Club @ Lunchtime

Class 4 : Godly Play

4.30 Basketball Competition at Giggleswick

Tuesday 11th December 2018

Jordan's Football @ Lunchtime

Years 3 and 4 : Basketball (PE)

Afterschool Basketball Club with Mark Gunn

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

3.30pm Film Club : The Polar Express

**NO JAMMIE DODGERS**

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Brainbuilder Club @ Lunchtime

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable

3.30pm **JIGSAW CLUB**

Friday 14th December 2018

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

*(Christmas Dinner can be ordered by children, in class, at Registration. Please ensure that payment is made via Parentpay. Thank you).*

Baby and Toddler Group Christmas Party

3pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

**Baby Group will run from 9.00am to 10.30am.**