



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Autumn Term Edition 9

## Dear Parents

Welcome back from the half-term break! Hopefully, everyone has come back to school well rested and ready to face the challenges and exciting activities that have been planned for this final half of the Autumn Term and the run up to the magical 'C' word!

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to attend Parent Evenings this week. The partnership between parents and school is very important; it primarily ensures your child(ren) are happy at school and also presents an opportunity for 'us' to talk to you about how well your child is progressing at school with their learning. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to join us. I know the supply of tea and coffee was much appreciated...I will add biscuits next time! Thank you also for taking the time to fill out our parent questionnaire. An important role of the governing body is to monitor the school and as parents, you have a significant voice! It was wonderful last night sitting down and reading through the feedback. It was overwhelmingly positive. It is wonderful that not only do we have happy children in school but that we also have happy parents. This is your community school and we strive to always do our best; the feedback you have given us is much appreciated.

I hope you have been able to see our wonderful Poppy display outside school. Every child in school has contributed towards this and we are proud to support the community in remembering this important Remembrance Anniversary year. Please do join the community on Sunday at the War Memorial, details below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** This year, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, we would like to invite parents, families and children to join representatives from the school, who will be laying a Memorial Wreath at the Cenotaph on School Hill as part of a community Remembrance Service which will

be taking place at 10.45am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will be an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the First World War generation, who helped to shape our world as we know it today. It will also be an opportunity to thank and commemorate all those service men and women who have been involved in combat and active service. We look forward to seeing you.

Children in all classes have been busy creating memorial poppies which commemorate military personnel who have died at war. If you do get the opportunity, please walk or drive past the school this weekend to see our lovely Remembrance display which has been created by children. Thank you to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust who supported and assisted children with a willow weaving workshop enabling the creation of the two magnificent willow poppies. Thank you.

**Anti-Bullying Week** The week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November sees the start of 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Here at the school we have a ZERO-TOLERANCE approach to bullying and children are encouraged to talk to an adult if they are being bullied, believe another child is being bullied or have any concerns whatsoever about bullying. Mrs Pearson will be delivering an Anti-Bullying Assembly to remind children what bullying is and what we can ALL do to ensure that bullying does not take place at our school. In addition, children in Years 2 to 6 will be taking part in an Anti-Bullying Singing Workshop with Brian Beresford on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 10.30am. **Parents of children are invited to come along, join in and show their support with this workshop.**

**Basketball Lessons** This half term, children in classes 3 and 4 will be given the opportunity to take part in Basketball lessons on Tuesday afternoons with Coach Mark Gunn as part of PE. Can parents please ensure that children have their PE kit in school. Class 4 will also continue with their PE lessons every other Monday taught by Miss Farrar a PE Teacher from Settle College.

**Football with Jordan** Football sessions for children in years 1 to 6 will continue this half term every Tuesday lunch-time. If your child would like to join in with this activity, please remember to bring PE kits to school! Thank you.

**Afterschool Basketball Club** with Coach Mark Gunn for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 started again this

week from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Sessions will take place every Tuesday afterschool, term-time only. There will be seven sessions in total - there is still time to join this After School activity which is priced at only £20.00 per child. For more information, and an enrolment form please see Sally in the School Office.

**WORLD DIABETES DAY** On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November children in Years 2 to 6 will be getting involved with World Diabetes Day which helps to raise awareness about Diabetes. Did you know that someone is diagnosed with Diabetes every two minutes? To help raise all important funds for Diabetes UK children in Classes 3,4 and 5 are invited to come to school dressed in something blue for a voluntary donation of £1.00 on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. There will also be an informative assembly about this life-changing condition. As I am sure you are all aware, Taylor in Year 4 has diabetes and we are very proud of the way in which he faces this daily in such a positive way. No matter how he is feeling, the hospital appointments he attends or the medication that he has to take, he always has a smile on his face and we are in awe of his positive attitude to diabetes. We want to celebrate this and support Taylor by taking part in this special day. Thank you for your support. **Please note this is for children in Year 2 – 6.**

**CHILDREN IN NEED** On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** will be helping to raise all important funds for Children in Need. This year, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, children in Classes 1 and 2 are invited to come into school 'wearing something SPOTTY' for a voluntary donation of £1.00. All funds raised go to Children in Need. Thank you for your support.

**FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am the FOBS will be meeting at school to finalise their plans for this year's Christmas Fair, which will be taking place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in the planning for this Christmas extravaganza and show their support. We look forward to seeing you!

**Bag2School** There will be a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Bag2School is a company specialising in second hand clothing that can be re-used. All collections are weighed and paid for – meaning that the more we collect, the bigger the benefit for our school. Bag2School collect adult and

children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They DO NOT accept duvets, pillows, cushions school or work uniforms. Why not have a pre-Christmas clear out and help raise all important funds for the school at the same time? Collection bags have been sent home via children's book bags. Additional bags are available from the School Office. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

**BEWERLEY PARK RESIDENTIAL** On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm there will be a meeting for parents of children in **Year 5** who will be taking part in next year's residential to Bewerley Park. The meeting will be full of information about the trip and there will be an opportunity for parents to raise any questions they might have.

#### **STAY AND LEARN**

Classes 1 and 2

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

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 18** 9.00am until 10.00am : informal coffee morning with Mrs Pearson and Miss Richardson with an Early Years focus.

**WANTED : CAN YOU HELP....** Mrs Reid is collecting jam jars full of sweets and treats for her Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. Any donations would be most appreciated jars can be handed to Mrs Reid or Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

**Beauty and the Beast** Children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 are all off to the Pantomime (oh yes they are) at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Can we please remind parents to complete and return Consent Forms for this visit and to also deposit payment for the visit on Parentpay. Unfortunately, if not enough parents are willing to pay then this visit will be CANCELLED.

**The Selfish Giant** Children in Reception and Year 1 have all been given the opportunity to watch the wonderful 'Selfish Giant' at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. As a reminder, can parents please ensure that they have completed and returned Consent Forms for this visit and made payment on Parentpay. Again, if not enough parents are willing to pay this lovely opportunity for children

will be CANCELLED. Thank you.

### **Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale, Christmas**

**Fair** On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November QES will be holding their Christmas Fair from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Admission is £1.00 each per adult and children are free.

**SNOW WHITE Auditions** This year Bentham Theatre group will be performing 'Snow White' between the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Auditions for roles will take place at Bentham Methodist Church Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Any aspiring thespians are encouraged to go along an audition, as are any musicians and back-stage staff, together with anyone who would like an opportunity to become a member of this year's Chorus.

**INGLETON CRICKET CLUB** This year Ingleton Cricket Club have secured a place in the Old Sports Hall at QES on a number of Friday evenings so that they can continue with winter cricket training sessions for their young players. Sessions will cost £2.00 each, the cost of which goes towards hall hire fees. Training dates are, as follows:

09/11/18

07/12/18

18/01/19

16/02/19

16/03/19

29/03/19

Ingleton Cricket Club would love to welcome some new players. For more information, please contact John Hughes, the Under 12 Team Manager on 07814 107952 or e-mail [john.hughes@cumbriacricket.co.uk](mailto:john.hughes@cumbriacricket.co.uk)

**Run, Bike, Run – Off Road Fun** On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 1.00pm at Giggleswick Junior School there will be a Run, Bike, Run event taking place. Registration is from 1.00pm with a 2.00pm start. Please note, it is compulsory to walk the course at 1.30pm. The event includes a choice of distances for each category. For more information, please contact Jill Eccleston on 07955 342 344 or visit [info@runbikefun.co.uk](mailto:info@runbikefun.co.uk)

**REMINDER :** During the winter months, light fades at both the beginning and end of the school day, making visibility an issue for ALL road users and pedestrians. Please remember to **'Be Bright, Be Seen'**. For more information, please visit [www.think.gov.uk](http://www.think.gov.uk). The week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> November is Road Safety Week –

more information about this important issue in next week's Friday News.

Keeping children safe : Remember, even if you are worried about a child, you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or e-mail [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk). The helpline is available 24/7 and calls can be made anonymously.

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

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

10.45am : Remembrance Service at School Hill, Bentham. Everyone welcome.

#### **Anti-Bullying Week**

##### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Lunchtime Knitting Club

1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

Class 3 : Library Visit

##### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Lunchtime Football with Jordan

Years 3 and 4 : Basketball (PE)

Afterschool Basketball Club with Mark Gunn

9.00am : FOB's Meeting : Everyone welcome

9.30-10.30 Anti-Bullying Singing Workshop – Parents Welcome

##### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

World Diabetes Day : Years 2,3,4,5 and 6

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

3.30pm to 4.30pm : Jammie Dodgers

Class 2 : Library Visit

##### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Years 3 and 4 Residential to Ingleborough Hall

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable

Jigsaw After School Club for invited children

##### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Children in Need Fundraising for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

3.00pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)

**Reminder : Please check that Parentpay Accounts are up-to-date. Currently there are 58 accounts showing as being in debt. Can we also remind parents to consider making a contribution towards the cost of their child's swimming lessons? Thank you.**