



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday 10th May 2019

Summer Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from last week's adventurous residential, this week I find myself writing the Friday News in between joining children in orienteering lessons which were, unfortunately, for part in the school hall due to the uncooperative weather! Thank you to Mr Roberts, who children will know as my husband, for agreeing to set up an excellent orienteering course around the school grounds and for teaching children this wonderful new skill for life.

As I mentioned last week, and as some parents/carers will have seen from our school's Facebook page, our children were absolutely amazing at Bewerley Park and a credit to both the school and the local community. Upon my return from the trip, I received an e-mail from a member of staff based at the Springwater Special Needs School in Harrogate. This e-mail complimented how our children equally treated and respected the needs of those children from Springwater School. I hope everyone will agree this was a lovely e-mail to receive and should make 'us' all very proud.

As I am sure parents/carers will be aware, this week children in Year 2 sat their SATS tests - next week it is the turn of Year 6 children! At school, we try our very best to support children and to make SATs week as relaxed and non-stressful as possible. However, there are a few considerations that parents/carers might like to make at home? It important to ensure that children come to school ON TIME, having had a hearty breakfast, well rested from a good night's sleep, hydrated and reassured by a positive 'send-off' to the day. Whilst SATs are important, they are not that important that children cannot still enjoy 'having a laugh' and 'family time' !

I am aware of some negative comments that have been made on Facebook regarding the Class 3 trip to Austwick Woods. I would never expect any parent to buy walking boots for one day and I am fully aware that children grow out of shoes quite quickly. Borrowing a pair from friends or family, wearing wellies or other strong shoes with laces would be fine. I would appreciate it if parents could pick up the

phone or pop into school to speak to us if you are unsure on aspects of school life such as this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Fire Safety On Thursday 9th May, Craig Lyons a Community Safety Officer visited the school and held a number of 'Fire Safety Workshops' with children in years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. Children learnt about testing smoke alarms, fire safety plans in the home and much more.

Sporting Success On Wednesday 8th May 2019 Alfie, Oliver, Alma, Augustas, Chloe, Ethan, Charlie, Tommy, Liam, Dan, Joe and Asher all took part in a Cluster Tri Golf Festival which was held at Settle Cricket Club. Despite the weather being what can only be described as miserable (and extremely cold), all our children were once again a credit to the school. Our Year 3/4 team came back to school proudly showing off their Silver medals, whilst our Year 5/6 team boasted Bronze medals. Well done lads and lasses for your fabulous efforts and for getting on with the job in the awful cold, wet and windy weather! It must be said, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their hot chocolate upon their return to school including (rumour has it) Mrs Pearson!

North Craven Football Tournament Thank you to those children who represented the school at a North Craven Football Tournament on Thursday 9th May 2019. There were lots of great matches and enthusiasm from all children. Thank you to those parents who came along to support the children also.

Sporting Events If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at a North Craven Kwik Cricket Festival on the 20th May 2019, can parents/carers please ensure that completed Consent Forms are sent back to school ASAP? **By way of a reminder** if you have any of the school's PE kit at home, can this please be returned, laundered, as quickly as possible. Many thanks.

Visit to Austwick Hall Woods Earlier today, children in Class 3 went on a school visit to Austwick Hall Woods – we are very much looking forward to hearing what adventures they got up to on their day out! Thank you once again to the Yorkshire Dales

Millennium Trust for both providing and financing this wonderful opportunity for children.

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 Allan 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. Who knows what you might discover.....

What's on this week?

Monday 13th May 2019

SATS week for children in Year 6

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming

Tuesday 14th May 2019

Tennis Coaching in PE lessons : Classes 4 and 5

3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

Wednesday 15th May 2019

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 16th May 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 17th^t May 2018

3.00pm : Praise Assembly