



Friday 11th January 2019

Spring Term : Edition 1

Dear Parents

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

I would just like to clarify the start time of school with parents as there appears to be a little confusion. School officially starts at 9.00am. However, as a school we have always opened the doors a little earlier at 8.50am to try to ease the pressure of parking for parents. This means that children can arrive at school at 8.50am and be supervised by school staff in the classrooms. Earlier in the school year I handed out stickers rewarding children for being at school early and on time, from 8.50-9.00am. I have recently asked that children do not arrive at school before 8.50am and are left unsupervised in the playground. This is because some children were arriving much earlier than 8.50am. It is great that children are so keen to come to school but we need to ensure children are safe. If you want to arrive a little earlier with your child so they can have a run around the playground, talk to friends etc. that is absolutely fine, but please do not leave your child unsupervised before 8.50am when school staff open classroom doors. I hope that clarifies the morning routine.

I would also like to take this opportunity as we start the Spring term to remind parents that all school staff are a friendly bunch, and all want to work in partnership with parents to ensure the very best for all children. If something isn't working, if you have a concern or a question, or even a suggestion, please do come and see your child's class teacher or myself. The end of the day is the best time to talk to class teachers and I will always try to make myself available to parents any time during the day but appointments can always be made. Please just ring Sally in the school office. We are here to help, listen and support you as parents so please do not hesitate to pop in and see us. A cup of tea or coffee can always be provided too!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Spring Term : Staffing Arrangements Earlier this week a letter was sent home to all parents via children's book bags outlining some staffing changes

that will be taking place over the Spring Term. A further copy of this letter is available on the school's website. By way of a reminder, if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life, then please do not hesitate to call into school to discuss these with either your child's class teacher or Mrs Pearson. Thank you.

SAVE THE CHILDREN Thank you to everyone who helped support the school's Christmas Jumper Day which was organised by Mrs Nelson. We managed to raise an amazing £110.39 for Save the Children. Well Done everyone.

Motor Neurone Disease You may recall in the last edition of the Friday News, we reported that Teddy in Class 3 was running a minimum of one mile per day during December to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. We are pleased to announce that Teddy completed his challenge, even running on Christmas Day! In total Teddy managed to run over 100km during December 2018 and to date has raised an amazing £1022 for the charity. If you would like to make a donation, then please contact Laura Davy via Facebook. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEALS The new 'Spring Menu' is now available on the school's website www.benthamcpschool.org.uk. For a paper copy please see Sally in the School Office; There are some old familiar favourites, including Margherita Pizza, Fish Fingers and Chicken Korma together with some welcome warming winter dishes, including Cottage Pie, Vegetable Stew and Dumplings and Taffy's Pie. Please remember that as from January 2019 meal prices increased to £2.00 per meal for a child in Nursery, and £2.45 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Children in reception, years 1 and 2 will continue to be provided with a meal FREE of charge. As I am sure everyone will agree, school meals continue to be excellent value for money, and not only encourage social meal-times, but also offer a warm, freshly prepared meal and dessert during the lunch-time period. We are mindful that a lot of parents may be missing out on Free School Meals. If you think you may meet the new criteria, then please request an Application for Free School Meals from the School Office. Please be reassured that all applications and enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Bewerley Park Residential : Year 5 Can we remind parents that the £50.00 deposit for this residential visit needs to be paid, via Parentpay, by no later than 31st January 2019. Payment in full needs to be made by 25th February 2019. Thank you.

Whitby Residential : Year 6 Can we remind parents that a deposit of £50.00 for this year 6 residential visit to Whitby needs to be made, via Parentpay, by no later than 31st January 2019. Payment in full should be made by no later than 30th April 2019. Thank you.

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.

SNOW CLOSURE In the event of school having to close due to adverse weather conditions, then a text will be sent to parents by no later than 8.00am. We would also, in the case of bad weather, encourage parents to check the school's website for regular up-dates. As is usually the case, the school will endeavour to keep open.... Whatever the weather!

FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL The FOBS will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at The Town Hall. There will be lots of fundraising stalls, including a Tombola, Cake, Jumble and Raffle. Any donations to any of the sales tables would be very much appreciated. If you are available on the 2nd February and would like to help serve tea, coffee and refreshments, then please contact a member of the FOBS. Please remember that any support no matter how great or small is really appreciated and that all monies raised go to help ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

Crossing Patrol We have been advised that there will be no Crossing Patrol service on Tuesday 15th January 2019. Can parents and children please take extra care when crossing the road. Thank you.

Swimming Lessons Children in Class 4 will start their weekly swimming lessons on Monday 14th January 2019. Can we just remind parents, that if they have not already done so, can they please make a contribution towards the cost of lessons via Parentpay. Finally, please ensure that children have their swimming kit at school on Monday. Thank you.

Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at this indoor Athletics Event which is being held at Giggleswick School's Sports Hall on Wednesday 16th January from 4.30pm to 6.00pm can parents please ensure that reply slips confirming attendance are returned to the School Office by no later than Monday 14th January 2019. Thank you.

Year 2 Indoor Athletics Children in Year 2 will all be taking part in an Indoor Athletics event being held at Giggleswick School's Sports Hall on Friday 25th January 2019. Can parents please ensure that children arrive at school, in their PE Kits for no later than 8.50am. Thank you.

What's on next week?

Monday 14th January 2019

Music Lessons: Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Class 4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Lunch-time Football with Jordan

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
4.30pm Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics at Giggleswick Sports Hall

Thursday 17th January 2019

Guitar Lessons : Matthew Annable

Friday 18th January 2019

3.00pm Praise Assembly