



Friday 12th October 2018

Autumn Term Edition 6

Dear Parents

Reading is the key to success in primary school and sometimes we can forget how complex learning to read is. It is such an important skill and, as a child, I can fondly remember my Dad reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' to my brother and I at bedtime, my dad laughing more than we did at the story! I also remember my Mum listening to me read during the evening whilst she was busy juggling cooking tea and washing our school uniforms!

These days, I love reading and always look forward to school holidays when I can sit down with a book and lose myself in a story. To be the enthusiastic reader that I am today, required daily practice as a child. For many of our children reading English is as tricky as it would be for adults to read a foreign language. In school, we teach children how to decode and later to infer meaning from what they have read. Learning must be reinforced at home if good progress is to be made.

Unfortunately, some of our children, including our youngest children, are not being given enough opportunities at home to practise their reading. We understand time is precious but as part of school homework we ask that ALL families ensure that their child/ren read at least three times per week at home. Currently, in some classes, less than 50% of children are reading at home. It will be no surprise to note that the 50% of children who are reading are making better progress than those who are not given the opportunity. Please read with your child at least three times per week – it is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning. This September, we stopped the 'Reading Challenge' this was because, unfortunately, it was evident that a number of parents were signing children's diaries to say they had read three times, even when children hadn't – this was not sending the correct message to children.

Instead, we are now rewarding children with Star Reader Certificates in Praise Assembly. I am also currently monitoring closely the number of quizzes that children in year 2 upwards are completing on Accelerated Reader. The school now have some very special books to give out to children that have practised their reading at the end of term.

If you require any further information about how to support your child at school, then please contact your child's class teacher.

Why not sit down and enjoy a book together this weekend?

Mrs Pearson

Headteacher

Celebration BONFIRE Lunch Children are invited to join the school's special 'Bonfire Lunch' which will be taking place on, (remember, remember) Monday 5th November 18! On the menu:-

Sausages in Buns

Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn

or a Jacket Potato

Ginger Biscuits, apple or yoghurt

There is no need to pre-order. Children can order their celebratory Bonfire Banquet during registration on the 5th November. Meals are charged at £1.80 per meal per Nursery child. FREE OF CHARGE to children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and £2.30 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 (excluding those with Free School Meal entitlement). Payment should be made via Parentpay. If you have any difficulties in accessing Parentpay please contact the School Office.

WILLOW WEAVING This week children in Year 1 - 6 have enjoyed and learnt about willow weaving. During workshops children have created some absolutely beautiful poppy sculptures made entirely out of willow, this will form part of Remembrance display in November. Thank you to Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for coming into school and providing this opportunity for children.

STAY AND LEARN

Classes 1 and 2

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 6th December 18 from 9.00am – 10.00am

Class 3

Wednesday 21st November from 10.50am-12.00m/d

Class 4

Friday 19th October 18 from 1.30pm-3.00pm

Class 5

Tuesday 16th October 18 from 2.30pm -3.30pm

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

HALLOWEEN DISCO..... The Friends of Bentham School will be holding a Halloween Disco for children in Reception to Year 6 inclusive on Thursday 25th October from 5.00pm until 6.30pm in the School Hall. Entry is £4.00 on the door and includes food and refreshments. There will also be refreshments

available for parents on the evening in Class 5. We look forward to seeing you all at the Disco!

HELVELLYN CLIMB On Saturday 3rd November 2018 Chris (Thomas, Georgina and Lily's Dad) will be climbing Helvellyn to help raise funds for Cumbria Down's Syndrome Support Group. Everyone can help to raise funds by sponsoring Chris as he takes up this enormous personal challenge. A sponsorship form is in School Reception. Thank you.

FINAL REMINDER PARENT EVENINGS There are still a number of parents who have not returned a reply slip indicating that they would like to see their child's class teacher on either Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th September. There are still a limited number of appointments available and we would encourage parents to return reply slips as quickly as possible in order to secure an appointment. Thank you.

EXTENDED 30 HOUR PROVISION We have a limited number of places available for Nursery children both during the afternoon and morning sessions. For more information about the school's Nursery provision, including 30 hour childcare please contact Sally in the School Office.

Future Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm : 'All About Reading for Parents'. Miss Richardson and the Early Years Foundation Stage team would like to welcome parents to come along and find out more about reading and phonics in **EYFS and Year 1**. At the same time, Mrs Hodgson and the **Key Stage 2** team would like to invite parents to find out more about reading in **Years 2 to Year 6**. Sessions will include how reading is taught in school, school reading books and how best parents can support children with reading at home. Please be reassured that parents will not be asked to read anything, complete any questionnaires or be tested! To help parents/carers to come along to these sessions, there will be FREE childcare provided at school, so both mums and dads can come along, also meaning there is no need to find a babysitter!

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

Wednesday 31st October 2018 Deadline for parents of children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 to apply for a secondary school place. For more info visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions.

SETTLE STORIES are hosting a Storytelling Performance by Dominic Kelly on Saturday 24th November from 2.00pm at The Joinery, Settle. Audiences will be treated to a tale of 'The Invisibility Hat'. Prices are £9.00 per adult, £6.00 per individual under the age of 18 and £22.00 per family.

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB with Coach Mark Gunn will be starting again for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 from 6th November 2018. Once again, school will be subsidising the cost of the activity meaning that the cost per child will be only £20.00 for seven sessions. For more information, or a booking form to secure your child's place, please contact Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

FLU VACCINATION If your child is in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4, or 5 and missed the opportunity to have their flu vaccination at school, then there will be a second opportunity to be vaccinated on 16th October. Consent Forms are available from the School Office.

What's on next week in school?

Monday 15th October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Lunchtime Knitting Club
1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

Tuesday 16th October 2018

Lunchtime Football with Jordan
2.30pm-3.30pm Stay and Learn : Class 5
Flu Vaccinations (2nd opportunity)

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
3.30pm to 4.30pm : Jammie Dodgers

Thursday 18th October 2018

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable
12.00 midday : Brain Builders Homework Club
Jigsaw After School Club for invited children
Afterschool Tag Rugby

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1.30pm – 3.00pm Stay and Learn : Class 4
3.00pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)