



Friday 14th June 2019

Summer Term : Edition 6

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you to all those parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception, who sent e-mails and photographs to the parent@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk address of children actively engaging in out-of-school activities. It was absolutely wonderful to see what children get up to whilst at home – pictures will be added to children's Learning Journeys. Please do keep sending us pictures!

As I am sure children will have told parents/carers, on Monday 10th June 2019 children who usually order a school dinner were treated to an impromptu 'School Picnic' style lunch instead of 'Burgers in a Bun' – this was due to there being more than one 'Leak' in our school kitchen (one leak being our wonderful School Cook, Mrs Leak!). Can we just say a massive thank you to our kitchen staff, Mrs Leak and Helena, for acting so quickly and pulling together a wonderful 'picnic' lunch, for our children. Thank you also to parents/carers for being so accommodating with a short-notice menu amendment! Hopefully the roof will be fixed soon and the rain will not be too heavy in the meantime!

On Tuesday 4th June children in Year 6 all took part in First Aid training. We asked parents to consider making a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per child towards the cost of this training. Unfortunately, a number of parents did not make any payment which means that the school may not be able to provide this training in the future. Please do consider making the payment if you haven't done so already.

Some more staffing news. Mrs Carol Batty will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Mrs Batty has been at Bentham School a very long time and she is the lovely, warm welcoming face for our youngest children when they start their school life with us. You will all, at some point, have experienced Mrs Batty's smile, hug or words of support when leaving your young children in Nursery and Reception. We will all miss Mrs Batty very much, and wish her well for the future...but she's not going just yet so we have her for a few more weeks!

Next week, due to some identified maintenance work, there will be some scaffolding erected near to the

school's main entrance. Can we please request that parents/carers and children take extra care if they need to use the school's main entrance?

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

Summer Sleepover For some reason, Miss Thwaite and Mrs Pearson thought that a Summer Sleepover on Friday 21st June 2019 would be a good idea?! Potentially, this could mean that whilst teaching staff partake in an action packed, fun-filled and sleepless night – parents/carers can enjoy a child-free evening? Children from years 2,3,4,5 and 6 have all been invited to get social, and help raise funds to purchase new equipment for children in ALL classes. If your child is wanting to join in with the Sleepover, we are asking that reply slips are returned to the School Office by no later than 9.00am on Monday 17th June (apologies we are unable to accept any late bookings). The cost of the evening is £10.00 per child, to include supper, breakfast and entertainment. Payment should be made, in full, via parentpay again by no later than Monday 17th June.

In the Summer Time Whilst usually this time of year we are encouraging and reminding parents/carers to send children to school with Sun hats and sun cream, this week we are asking that consideration is made to the typical British Summer time's weather and asking that parents/carers ensure that children bring to school a waterproof coat and wear suitable footwear so that they can enjoy being outside during break and lunch-times! Thank you to our lovely caretaker, Carl Mountain, who sent this picture (which speaks for itself) to school on the morning of 12th June:



URGENT AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION As we are sure parents/carers will be aware, the Bank Holiday scheduled for Monday 4th May 2020 has been **MOVED** to Friday 8th May 2020. This is so the nation can celebrate the 75th Anniversary of World War II's victory and to recognise, remember and honour all

those who fought and lost their lives. This will mean that a residential visit to Beverley Park for children in years 4 and 5 has been re-scheduled to take place between Monday 4th May 2020 and Thursday 7th May 2020. **School will now be CLOSED on Friday 8th May 2020**. Thank you.

Class and Year Photographs Class and Year Group photo proofs have been sent home via children's book bags. If you are wanting to place an order, can completed order forms, together with payment, be returned in the *securely sealed* envelope provided by Tempest Photography to the SCHOOL OFFICE by NO LATER than 9.00am on **Friday 21st June 2019**. Unfortunately, the school will be unable to accept any late orders.

Congratulations to Abbie who has successfully passed an Accordion Introductory Level C Examination and received a Gold Award, also to Charlie who took his Accordion Introductory Level B Examination achieving a Silver Award. What amazing achievements! As a parent/carer if you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument, then please contact the School Office. At the present time, we have three music teachers visiting the school, teaching keyboard, flute, fife, accordion and guitar. By way of information, North Yorkshire County Council's Music Service are able to offer tuition with other musical instruments by request.

Mini-Olympics On Tuesday 11th June children in Year 2 took part in a Cluster Mini Olympics event on the Settle College Sports Field. It was lovely to see children engaging with friends from other cluster schools. Well done year 2.

DONATIONS WANTED : Summer Fair This year our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Friday 21st June 2019**. As usual, there will be lots of exciting stalls, activities and fundraising for everyone to get involved with. We are asking that parents/carers consider donating prizes for our tombola and raffle? This year there will be a cake stall, and any cake, bun or biscuit donations to this stall would be very much appreciated.

Mrs Reid will be hosting a '**sweetie tombola**' and is already busy seeking donations of jars full of sweets....

Class 5 are running a 'Jumble Stall' and are seeking donations of any 'jumble' that is re-saleable and that you might want to re-home!

Finally, please remember that all monies raised helps ALL children in ALL classes and any support no matter how great or small is always appreciated. Please also help to promote and advertise our Summer Fair by

telling friends and members of the community about the event. Thank you.

QES Transition Day We have been notified that QES will be holding a transition day on Tuesday 25th June 2019 whilst our Year 6 children are away on their residential at Whitby. Unfortunately, we were not provided with the date of this transition event when we booked our residential. We would suggest that if parents have any concerns, or would like to arrange a visit to QES they contact the school directly on 0015242 71275. Thank you.

Rugby Festival On Wednesday 19th June 2019 children in years 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in a Rugby Festival at the Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Union Football Club. On the day, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits bringing with them a packed lunch, suitable clothing for the day, e.g. waterproof jacket/sun-hat, jogging bottoms and a water bottle. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other children from local schools and learn new skills. Parents/carers of children are invited to join children at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club from 1.30pm onwards if they would like to watch their children participate in organised games. By way of information children will be transported both to and from the event and all children will return to school on the school bus.

Studfold Forest Visit On Monday 17th June children in Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in a wonderful visit to Studfold Forest where they will visit a magical wood, follow an adventure trail, and have an opportunity to seek out the Studfold Fairies and Pixies in their very own enchanted village. By way of a reminder on the day of the visit children should come to school wearing their school jumpers, and appropriate clothing/footwear for the weather and activities planned for the day. Children will also need a water bottle and a packed lunch. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come along and help with the trip. By way of a reminder, can we please ask that if parents have not already done so, can they consider making a small voluntary contribution towards the cost of this amazing opportunity of £11.00 per child via parentpay? Thank you. If you have any questions about this visit, please speak to Miss Richardson who will be more than happy to help.

Sports Day To help parents/carers with forward planning, this year we are hoping to hold Sports Day on the morning of Thursday 4th July (weather

permitting)! Parents/carers are invited to come along to support and encourage children whilst they take part in various sporting activities! There will also be a parent's race, so please bring your trainers! Following on from the main event, parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to bring their own packed lunch and join children for a 'picnic' style lunch on the school field. Mrs Leak will be providing 'Grab Bags' for school children, priced at £2.00 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.45 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Grab Bags can be ordered in class on the day – payment to be made via Parentpay.

We are asking that parents/carers provide a top for their child representing the colour of their 'house group', by way of a reminder these are as follows:-

Hodgson's Heroes : Yellow

Winning Whites : RED

Thwaite's Greats : Blue

Richardson's Rockets : GREEN

FINAL REMINDER : North Craven Cross County Race :

If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at the North Craven Cross Country Race on Tuesday 18th June, can parents/carers please ensure that consent forms are returned to the School Office ASAP?

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.**

Home to School Transport We have been advised that North Yorkshire County Council are currently undertaking a review of home to home transport in the Ryedale, Easingwold and Craven areas. As a result of this review it may mean that there will be a change in operator, route and timings with transport as from April 2020. Should you wish to make any comments concerning this review, please e-mail Nicky Moseley at schooltransport.services@northyorks.gov.uk.

Governor Vacancies We are currently seeking TWO new co-opted Governors to join our friendly dedicated governing body. Governors can come from a range of different backgrounds, all bringing a variety of skills, experience and expertise to our Board; our governing body do all share one common interest -

striving to achieve the best possible educational experience for children at Bentham Community Primary School. Whilst the role of a Governor is, at times, challenging it is also a rewarding and fulfilling role. It can give individuals an opportunity to develop personal skills, whilst at the same time helping to 'make a difference' to local children at their community school in reaching their potential. In looking to fill our current vacancies, we are encouraging applications from people who have experience with finance, marketing or public relations, although please do not be put off if you do not have any of these skills, what is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn. If you, or someone you know in the community, might be interested in becoming a Governor at the school, or if you would like an opportunity to discuss any aspects of the role, prior to committing please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 015242 61412.

What's on this week?

Monday 17th June 2019

9.15am Visit to Studfold Forest

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming

Tuesday 18th June 2019

3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

4.00pm Cross Country Event Yr 3-6

Wednesday 19th June 2019

9.30am Rugby Festival (Years 4,5,and 6)

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 20th June 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 21st June 2019

3.30pm : **SUMMER FAIR**

6.30pm Year 2 – Year 6 Sleepover

REMINDER : Our Year 6 residential to Whitby takes place from Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June 2019. Can parents please ensure that Consent Forms have been returned to the School Office. Thank you.

Some other information, including community events...

FamilyLine by Family Action Family pressures can sometimes be difficult to manage without emotional support and guidance to turn to. Many individuals feel confused by what information is available, or simply struggle to access services close to home. FamilyLine is a service that tackles many issues in a new and innovative way by using a network of volunteers across the country to support family members over the age of 18 through telephone calls, e-mails and text messages. Opening times for this FREE service are:

Monday-Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm
 6.00pm to 10.00pm.

Saturday-Sunday 10.00am to 1.00pm

Telephone : 0808 802 6666

Text Message : 07537 404 282

E-mail : familyline@family-action.org.uk

Lune Valley Swimming Pool There are now a number of activities and clubs being introduced into the time-tabling at Lune Valley Swimming Pool. For more information please visit www.lunevalleypool.com.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR ST JOHNS HOSPICE Sunny the Sunflower This year, to help raise all important funds for St Johns Hospice we are supporting their 'Schools Summer Fundraiser' project – Sunny the Sunflower. Children, parents, friends and families, are invited to collect some FREE Sunflower Seeds and a 'Magic Money Box' from the School Office, plant their seeds at home and help them grow! Sunny Seeds are not ordinary seeds, they need water, sunlight and pennies in the 'magic money box' to help them grow! Children are encouraged to take photos of their Sunflowers, and to measure how tall they grow! Full 'Magic Money Boxes' can be returned to the School Office, in readiness for a representative of St Johns Hospice to collect. As I am sure everyone will agree, St Johns Hospice is a wonderful local charity caring for patients with life-shortening conditions, supporting families at a time when it is often needed the most. **ALSO on sale** at the School Office are a selection of fundraising items including keyrings and Sunflower badges – these are priced at £1.00 each.

Bubble Rush On the 14th July at Rylands Park in Lancaster, St Johns Hospice are holding a 'Bubble Rush'. This is a Family Fun Run. For more information please visit www.sjhospice.org.uk/bubblerrush.

First Clapham and Austwick Brownies Recently, a

new Brownie Unit has been opened in Clapham. Girls aged between 7 and 10 years of age are invited to join this lovely new group which takes place on Monday evenings between 5.00pm and 6.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. There is also a Guide Group which is aimed at girls aged between 10 and 14. Guides meet from 6.30pm and 8.00pm on the same evening. For more information, please contact Karen Fielding, Leader in Charge on 07748 164409 or alternatively, to register your daughter, please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>