



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday 15th June 2018

Summer Term Edition 8

Dear Parents,

This week has been an exciting one for lots of different reasons! On Monday we waved goodbye to year 6 who have all enjoyed a week on their residential in Whitby with Mr White and Mrs McGregor. Activities have included beachcombing, swimming, treasure trails, a visit to Sea Life, fish and chip suppers, a tour of Whitby Life Boat Museum and much more. Fortunately, the body-boarding activity was planned for Wednesday... a day later and the high winds may have made the activity a little more challenging to say the least! We look forward to finding out more when children return.

The remainder of the school enjoyed a Storytelling session on Monday afternoon with Bob Hartman. I am sure the children told you about his wonderful stories and songs. Thank you to Mrs Yardy who organised this treat.

On Tuesday our Year 2 children went to Settle to take part in a mini-Olympics event with children from other local primary schools. Thank you to Mrs Procter and Miss Edmondson for accompanying the children. I think the children had fun, but at times were a little chilly?

On Wednesday, children in Classes 4 and 5 brought a big smile to my face, as they dug, raked and carried until the last of the 'builders bags' in our wildlife area were emptied and cleared. All the bark and soil is now distributed in our outdoor garden. Our newly installed shed is also helping to make the area look smarter still. I am sure everyone will agree this is a fantastic space for the children to learn in and we look forward to utilising it more over the coming weeks, months and years.

I would like to make a special mention to the children in Nursery and Class 3. Over the past two weeks they have adapted very well to having different teachers take classes. Unfortunately, both Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hodgson have been unwell. Mrs Harrison has now started her maternity leave, this is a little earlier than first planned. We would like to wish her all the very best for when baby arrives. Miss Brown, who children at school already know from her recent

teaching placement, is now a qualified teacher. Miss Brown will be teaching in Nursery until the end of term. Miss Brown has been in school this week getting to know children better, learning about children's routines and planning some lovely lessons for children. Please do pop in and say 'hello' to Miss Brown. Thank you to Miss Allen who has also taught children this week. Children have really enjoyed having Miss Allen in class. Although I have strived to get the same teaching 'cover' in Class 3 over the past two weeks this has, unfortunately, not been possible. However, both Miss Hook and Mrs Wilson are both familiar supply teachers in our school and have covered Mrs Hodgson's absence whilst maintaining excellent teaching standards and continuity for children. We hope Mrs Hodgson feels better soon.

Finally, our Summer Fair takes place on Friday 22nd June from 3.30pm. This has been organised by school staff and we very much hope that everyone will support the event. Please see the leaflet sent home in book bags for more information. The Summer Fair will be different to the Countryside Festival we have hosted for the past two years, but there will still be plenty of stalls for children to enjoy, and lots of activities for visitors to take part in. We will also be welcoming North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue to the event – thank you to the crew at Bentham Fire Station for making this possible. By way of information, refreshments, including food will be available. In addition, each class has also undertaken an 'Enterprise Challenge' where they will be turning a £10.00 initial investment into a profit (hopefully)! We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

WEAR WHAT YOU WANT DAY! REMEMBER, Monday 18th June is 'Wear What you Want Day'! This is in support of the school's Summer Fair which will be taking place on **Friday 22nd June 2018 from 3.30pm**. In return for 'Wearing what you Want', we are asking children to bring a donation to school themed as follows:-

Nursery/Class 1	Toiletries
Class 2	Jar from your Kitchen Cupboard
Class 3	Sweets or Chocolate
Class 4	Bottle (any type)
Class 5	A game, book or toy

For more information, please look in children's book

bags. Thank you to everyone for their continued support. Please remember any monies raised goes towards supporting ALL children in ALL classes.

SPORTS DAY Hopefully, weather depending, our annual Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 13th July, as scheduled! Can we just remind parents that on the day, children from Reception through to Year 6 inclusive will need to bring to school a T-Shirt/Sports top in a colour that matches their 'House Team'. T-shirts/tops do not have to be plain, just predominantly the colour of a child's team. By way of a reminder these are, as follows:-

Matterhorn : Yellow

Machu Pichu : Green

K2: Blue

Uluru: Red

If you do not know your child's house team, then please speak to class teachers, alternatively see Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

PARKING Unfortunately, we have once again been contacted by North Yorkshire Police following a series of complaints from residents living on Moons Acre. Can we please remind parents to park sensibly when dropping off and collecting children. There have, apparently, been a number of occasions when access to Moons Acre has been totally blocked by vehicles, meaning that in the case of an emergency the emergency services would be unable to access the area. In addition, concern has been highlighted about vehicles 'blocking' a clear vision of the road. Again this is a potentially dangerous situation and could lead to an accident. Thank you to everyone for their consideration and support.

WEBSITE Can we just remind parents to regularly check the school's website in order to keep up-to-date with events at the school and to see wonderful reports and pictures of recent activities children have been involved in. By way of information, term dates for the 2019/2020 academic year will be published shortly. www.benthamcpschool.org.uk

JAMMIE DODGERS Unfortunately, there will be NO Jammie Dodgers on **Wednesday 20th June 2018**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Exciting News A NEW After School Club has been launched that will be held in BENTHAM YOUTH CAFÉ every Monday from 3.30pm to 5.15pm. This is a 'drop-in' club and not a 'drop-off' club. The idea is for parents and children to all meet together, have some refreshments together and take part in craft activities,

yoga, singing and much, much more together. EVERY child from every year group is welcome.

Triathlon On Sunday 24th June 2018 Swim, Bike, Run, Just Good Fun will be hosting a Triathlon at Giggleswick Junior School Pavilion. Registration is at 10.00am with an 11.00am start. Entry is £10 per child up to 16 years of age - £15 per multiple siblings and family teams. Distance varies for different age groups. For more information, please contact Jill Eccleston on 07955 342 344 or alternatively visit info@runbikefun.co.uk.

BAG2SCHOOL There will be a collection at the school on Tuesday 26th June 2018. This is an opportunity to have a 'Summer Clean' and help raise funds for the school! Collection bags have been sent home in Book Bags, additional bags are available from School Reception. For more details about items that can be collected please see Bag2School Collection bags.

REMINDER Lots of letters have recently been sent home with children. A number of these have reply slips that need returning to school, including:-

- letter to parents of children who will continue to be in Nursery from September 2018.
- letter to parents whose children will be joining Reception in September 2018.
- letter to parents whose children will be STARTING Nursery in September 2018
- letter to parents whose children will be starting in Year 1 in September 2018
- Year 6 Caving Activity at Ribbleshead (16/07/18)
- Class 5 : Settle Cricket Club (05/07/18)
- Yorkshire Wildlife Trust activity at Mealbank Quarry (04/07/18)
- Year 5 : Ingleborough Show Cave (27/06/18).

If Consents are not received children will not be authorised to go on visits meaning they will miss out on wonderful opportunities alongside their friends.

Can parents please ensure that they return consent forms, and reply slips to the school as quickly as possible. Thank you.

GOODENBER PLAY AREA COFFEE MORNING On Saturday 16th June from 10.00am until 12.00 midday there will be a Coffee Morning at Bentham Town Hall in support of Goodenber Play Area. There will be a cake stall, a bouncy castle, raffle, face painting, stalls and much more. Please do go along and help support this local charity. Thank you.

NISCU Craven : On Thursday 12th July from 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, Ingleton there will be a meeting of NISCU. Everyone is welcome to go along and join in with the short AGM followed by a celebration, reflecting on the past year. There will be an opportunity to hear about the work of NISCU in local community schools. Refreshments will be provided.

Dates for your Diary

20/06/18 Yrs 4,5,6 Rugby Festival
21/06/18 Cross Country at Settle
22/06/18 Summer Fair
25/06/18 Yrs 5/6 Girls Rugby at Settle
26/06/18 QES Transition Day
26/06/18 Bag2School Collection
27/06/18 Yr 5 Caving at Ingleborough
29/06/18 School Open Afternoon
29/06/18 Grandparents' Lunch
02/07/18 Class 3 (yr3) FINAL Swimming Lesson
03/07/18 Ingleborough Hall (Year 6)
04/07/18 Yr 6 : Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Activity
09/07/18 School Summer Performance (6.00pm)
10/07/18 Settle College Transfer Evening
11/07/18 Transfer Day for Settle College
12/07/18 School Summer Performance (2.00pm)
13/07/18 Sports Day and Picnic Lunch
13/07/18 Yr 6 -v- Staff Rounders
16/07/18 Yr 6 Caving : Ingleborough
16/07/18 Transition Day : Reports to Parents.
17/07/18 Reserve Sports Day
20/07/18 School Closes for Summer Holidays

Next Week:

Week Commencing 18th June 2018 :

Monday 18th June 2018

2.45pm : Year 1 Parents (as from September 18) : Coffee Afternoon

3.30pm : Reception Parents (as from September 18) Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 19th June 2018

3.30pm Nursery Parents (September 18 new starters) : Welcome Meeting

5.00pm Governors' Meeting.

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Years 4, 5 and 6 : Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Union Football Club : Festival

Thursday 21st June 2018

4.00pm Cross Country at Settle

Friday 22nd June 2018

3.30pm SUMMER FAIR : PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT SCHOOL