



Friday 19th October 2018

Autumn Term Edition 7

Dear Parents

This week I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to pop in and out of classrooms as the children were fully engrossed in their learning. In Class 1 there appeared to be a lot of 'mess' as children immersed themselves in activities all linked to a book about witches...I believe Miss Boocock and Mrs Nelson are responsible for the green slime (witches snot!)? Children in Year 1 were so interested in their science lesson that I don't think they even noticed me walk in! Class 3 were doing some wonderful maths, really challenging their thinking whilst Class 4 were using pastels to create some lovely sunset pictures linked to their story book, set in Egypt. Class 5 have been producing some detailed and beautifully presented news reports about the Hindenburg disaster. I sometimes wish we could open the doors to parents more often so that parents can see for themselves and witness the wonderful opportunities children have and the challenging learning that is taking place. Please do come and join us for your child's Stay and Learn session – as a reminder dates are at the end of this letter.

Royal Mail delivered some boxes this week that contained some new laptops! These are much needed additions to our technology equipment and Mr White would have loved to have purchased more if we had a few more pennies and pounds to spend! I look forward to seeing the children using our new laptops in the coming weeks.

Thank you to parents for being supportive and patient at the end of the day with the opening of the playground gates. I realise that this has been a change to the end of the day system but one that is so important in protecting our children and keeping them safe. None of us would like to see a child escaping! Staff will come out and open the gates before 3.30pm but please be patient if they are running a little late.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Attendance Further to an item in the Friday News dated 5th October 2018 can we please remind parents

about the importance of regular, punctual attendance at school. With this in mind, where possible, can parents/carers please avoid taking children on holiday during term-time. Recently, there has been an increase in holiday requests; these cannot be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

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.

Bag2School There will be a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 20th November 2018. Bag2School is a company specialising in second hand clothing that can be re-used. All collections are weighed and paid for – meaning that the more we collect, the bigger the benefit for our school. Bag2School collect adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. They DO NOT accept duvets, pillows, cushions school or work uniforms. Why not have a pre-Christmas clear out and help raise all important funds for the school at the same time? Collection bags have been sent home via children's book bags. Additional bags are available from the School Office. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

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

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 to purchase 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.

NSPCC Following on from the school's recent work with the NSPCC, in particular supporting their 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' campaign, we would like the opportunity to pass onto parents some further information that is available and accessible for all from the NSPCC:-

Talking PANTS. By asking parents/carers to talk PANTS is giving an opportunity to help keep children safe from sexual abuse, without using scary adult words. Guides are also available for parents/carers of children with learning difficulties, including disabilities. There is even information about how to talk PANTS for deaf children. Please visit nspcc.org.uk/pants for downloadable guides.

The NSPCC have a range of services available, which include support for vulnerable mums and dads including therapy and protection and opportunities to work alongside other professionals. Services available vary from area to area. To view the full range of services, and find out what is available in our local area, please visit nspcc.org.uk/childrens-services.

Share Aware is an online safety campaign. It is a great resource aiming to help parents/carers keep their children safe on social networks, apps and games. Based on three animations, parents can gain information about how to have, what can sometimes be, difficult conversations with their children about online safety. For more information, please visit nspcc.org.uk/shareaware.

Net Aware This is an online tool aimed at informing parents/carers about the most popular sites, apps and games that children use. Net Aware is regularly updated and parents can even sign up to an online safety newsletter. For more information, please visit net-aware.org.uk or download a free **Net Aware App**. Other services available from the NSPCC include an online Safety Ice-Breaker e-mail. E-mails are packed

with advice and tools to help parents/carers talk to children and keep them safe. Find out more at nspcc.org.uk.

Finally, a series of guides, covering a range of issues, including leaving children home alone, holding babies safely and spotting signs of abuse and neglect are all downloadable FREE OF CHARGE from nspcc.org.uk/leaflets.

Remember, even if you are worried about a child, you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000 or e-mail help@nspcc.org.uk. The helpline is available 24/7 and calls can be made anonymously.

All About Reading is taking place on Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm : 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.

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.

REMEMBER.... The Clocks FALL BACK on Sunday 28th October. This might mean an extra hour in bed, but it also means that children's journeys to and from school are in reduced light. Remember '**Be Bright, Be Seen**'. For more information, please visit www.think.gov.uk.

Poppy Appeal 2018 As from Monday 5th November the school will once again be supporting the Poppy

Appeal. Fundraising items, including Remembrance Poppies, will be on sale at the School Reception.
Thank you.

WANTED : CAN YOU HELP.... Mrs Reid is collecting jam jars full of sweets and treats for her Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. Any donations would be most appreciated jars can be handed to Mrs Reid or Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

What's on next week in school?

Monday 22nd October 2018

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

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Lunchtime Football with Jordan
9.00am to 10.00am Stay and Learn : Classes 1 and 2
5.30pm to 6.30pm : All About Reading – Parents of ALL children

Wednesday 24th October 2018

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

Thursday 25th October 2018

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable
12.00 midday : Brain Builders Homework Club
Jigsaw After School Club for invited children
Afterschool Tag Rugby
5.00pm – 6.00pm Halloween Disco

Friday 26th October 2018

3.00pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)
3.30pm Friends of Bentham School end of term 'TUCK SHOP'

School Closes for Half Term : Re-opens Monday 5th November 2018

Reminder : Check Parentpay accounts to ensure that all payments are up-to-date.

31st October 18 : Deadline for parents of children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 to apply for a secondary school place. www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions