



Friday 20th July 2018

Summer Term Edition 13

Dear Parents

The final Friday News of the year! On behalf of all the school staff I would like to say thank you very much for all your support and help over the last 12 months. As teachers and parents it is important we work in partnership to ensure our children get the very best start to their lives and get the very best education. This year we have really tried to ensure parents are part of school life and we have loved opening up the classrooms to enable you to come into school and join in with our learning. We will continue with these opportunities next year.

By now, you will have all received your child's school report. It has been great to receive the report slips back with wonderful comments. As teachers, we always try to do our very best, just as we ask the children to do, and your comments of thanks and support are much appreciated.

Today we say Goodbye to our children in Year 6. They are a small little group but they have had a big impact and I am looking forward to reflecting on all of their achievements this afternoon in their Leaver's Assembly. We wish them and their parents all the best for the future. Please do keep in touch.

I wish you all a relaxing, happy and safe Summer holidays.

Mrs Pearson and all the staff at Bentham CP School

SPORTS DAY Thank you to all those parents who supported the school with their decision not to cancel Sports Day on Friday 13th July 2018. Unfortunately, and as we are sure parents will not need reminding, the morning of the 13th was the day on which the weather decided, almost predictively, it was no longer 'playing'! Part 2 of our Sports Day fixture took place on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th July and, again, the weather threatened to ruin the event! Fortunately we were able to finish what we started. Congratulations go to the Blue team who were the overall victors! Well done to all those children who took part and tried their very best. Thank you also to The Friends of Bentham School for providing some lovely lollies for children to enjoy.

THANK YOU Can we say a MASSIVE thank you to Bentham Methodist Chapel who have recently donated £106.00 to the school. These funds have been raised at regular Wednesday Coffee Mornings – thank you to everyone who made a donation. The money will go towards purchasing some new books for our reading schemes.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS We are sure that parents and children will not need reminding that **SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!** We hope that everyone has a lovely break and enjoys time off from school. However, we would like to remind everyone to **KEEP SAFE and STAY SAFE.** To help support safety over the Summer, the Public Health Team at North Yorkshire County Council have put together some 'tips' about staying safe, tips include information on Ticks and Lyme Disease, reservoir safety, visiting petting farms, measles, meningitis and sun safety. For more information please contact Kathryn.Ingold@northyorks.gov.

GO WILD! In the Yorkshire Dales National Park Did you know that a number of FREE nature activity days have been arranged in the Yorkshire Dales National Park over the Summer holidays? Activities are most suitable for children aged between 5-12 years of age, although everyone is welcome to join in. Children **MUST** be accompanied at ALL times. On most days, activities will include Stream Dipping so there will be a need to bring wellies and a towel!

26/07/18 Malham National Park (01729 833200)
02/08/18 Kirkby Lonsdale -Devil's Bridge (01729 833200).

09/08/18 Kirkby Stephen – Frank's Bridge (017683 71199)

16/08/18 Aysgarth National Park Centre (01969 662910)

23/08/18 Malham National Park Centre
30/08/18 Aysgarth National Park Centre
25/10/18 Aysgarth National Park Centre
For further information, please visit www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/events.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM We are in the process of setting up a 're-sale boutique' for good quality school uniform. Thank you to all those parents who have donated items for the school to sell, all donations are very much appreciated and help go towards raising all important funds. Parents are welcome to 'browse' items that are available for purchase and make payment via Sally in the School Office. Our 'Sale Rail' will be open to shoppers from Wednesday 5th September 2018!

CAVING EXPERIENCE This week children from Year 6 all thoroughly enjoyed a caving experience at Ribbleshead. Once again thank you to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for funding this opportunity. Please look at the school's website for some amazing pictures of this visit. This trip was the last in a series of activities which has culminated in the children being awarded with the John Muir Award. A wonderful achievement which they should be very proud of.

GDPR As I am sure everyone will be aware from reports in the press, new Data Protection laws came into force during May 2018. By way of information Bentham Community Primary School's revised Privacy Notice is now available on the school's website. We would encourage parents to read this document. If you are unable to access the internet, or would like a paper copy of the Privacy Notice then please see Sally in the School Office.

WELCOME BACK Can we extend a warm welcome to Miss Boocock who returned to school this week following time off for maternity leave. Miss Allan who has been covering Miss Boocock's maternity absence will continue working at the school part-time from September 2018 teaching children Spanish.

CONGRATULATIONS Can we congratulate Mrs McGregor on completing her National SENCO qualification through the University of Cumbria. This is a statutory qualification for any teacher who is a school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Mrs McGregor has been completing this qualification alongside her teaching commitments and being a mum! Well done Mrs McGregor – an excellent example to the children that we never stop learning!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND BOOKS This year we will not be sending children home with their Maths and Everything Else Books. They will however come home later on in Autumn Term.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY It is that time of year again when we will be waving a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and wishing them the very best of luck as they enter the next phase of their educational journey. Parents of children in Year 6 are all invited to come along and join our 'Leavers' Assembly' on Friday 20th July 2018 from 2.30pm. Unfortunately, we are requesting that members of the audience provide their own tissues, as it is anticipated that our school budget would not be able to cater for the level of consumption! We look forward to seeing you.

PHOTOS Can we just remind parents that whilst they are welcome to take pictures of children participating in public performances at school, images should be for PERSONAL use only. Under no circumstances should any pictures containing images of other people's children be shared, exposed in the public domain or placed on social media sites etc. Naturally, if you take an 'individual' picture of the child you have ultimate parental responsibility for then you are free to publish/circulate this image. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

URGENT REMINDER Can parents of children who will be in Class 5 next academic year, please ensure that they return SWIMMING CONSENT FORMS to the School Office on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Unfortunately, there are still 14 Consent Forms that have not been returned to school by the original deadline of Friday 20th July 2018. Please note that if the school do not have a Consent Form then your child will NOT BE ABLE to take part in swimming lessons. Finally, can we politely remind parents that if they have not already done so, can they please make payment for swimming lessons via Parentpay. Thank you.

PARENTPAY Unfortunately, despite several reminders, we still have 65 accounts with outstanding balances on Parentpay. Can we PLEASE ASK that parents clear any outstanding balances on Parentpay over the Summer break. If you are having difficulty meeting payment, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are mindful that there are potentially a number of families who are missing out on support with residential visits and free school meals. For more information about Free School Meal eligibility please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. Alternatively application forms are available at the School Office. Please be reassured that all enquiries will be dealt with in the STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE.

SUMMER TERM MENU The new Summer Term 2018 lunch-time menu is now available on the school's website. There are lots of delicious and nutritious meal options to choose from. We are pleased to be able to confirm that as from September 2018 school meals will continue to be charged at £2.30 per day for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. £1.80 per day for children in Nursery and FREE for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary !

SCHOOL OPENS : Wednesday 5th September 18