



Friday 21st June 2019

Summer Term : Edition 7

Dear Parents/Carers

This week I have sent home information in children's book bags about an additional inset day that has been organised for **Wednesday 4th September**, meaning that children's first day back at school after the Summer Holidays will be Thursday 5th September. This additional day is due to building works that will be taking place at the school over the Summer Holidays.

Earlier this week, I accompanied children to a Cross Country event which took place at Settle College. As ever it was lovely to see so many children wanting to participate in this activity and represent their school and well done to all those children who took part and represented our school. However, can I just take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that if children do commit to a sporting fixture, can parents/carers please ensure that they actually take part!

Unfortunately, when children 'pull out' at the last minute, this has big implications on transport costs and entry information. We had over 20 children wanting to take part initially which meant we booked a bus at a cost of £120. In the end only 15 children took part, which means we could have used staff and parent cars and saved a lot of money. Also, could I please encourage parents/carers to return reply slips by deadlines – unfortunately a lot of time is wasted at school chasing missing forms and some children missed out, even though they wanted to take part! Thank you.

I hope to see many parents and children at our Summer Fair later today.

Have a lovely weekend, particularly those of you with a child free night if your children are joining us at school for a sleepover this evening.

Mrs Pearson

SUMMER FAIR Please remember this year's Summer Fair will be taking place from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Friday 21st June – we look forward to seeing everyone later!

Welcome Back We would like to welcome Mrs Hodgson back to school following her recent illness.

Mrs Hodgson will be slowly increasing her teaching commitment over the next few weeks.

FINAL REMINDER 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 the extended deadline of NO LATER than 9.00am on **Monday 24th June 2019**. Unfortunately, the school will be unable to accept any further late orders.

Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA) Vacancy

Children at the school are eagerly looking for a new MSA for lunchtimes as from September 2019. The appointment will initially be on a 'temporary contract' for five hours per week. If you are enthusiastic, motivated, approachable and would like to join the school's Midday Supervisory Team then please see Sally in the School Office who can provide you with more information and an application form. We look forward to hearing from you.

Head Lice and Worms Unfortunately there have been a few cases of head lice and worms reported to the school. Can parents/carers please ensure that they check their child's hair regularly for any signs of head-lice and be vigilant for any signs of worms. Both worms and head lice are very common in children of school age, and both can be treated by over the counter medication very easily. If you have any concerns, or for more information, please speak to your child's GP or a pharmacist.

Music Lessons 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.

Rugby Festival On Wednesday 19th June 2019 children in years 4,5 and 6 all took part in a Rugby Festival at Kirkby Lonsdale. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Can we just take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to not only dress children accordingly for the weather – which can be more than

temperamental this time of year, but to also provide alternative clothing, including sun-hats and sun cream. Unfortunately, on Wednesday, we set off in torrential rain, and returned in glorious sunshine resulting in a few individuals sporting a 'glowing' complexion! Thank you.

Studfold Forest Visit On Monday 17th June children in Reception and Year 1 took part in a visit to Studfold Forest. All the children thoroughly enjoyed seeking out the Studfold Fairies and Pixies. Thank you to Miss Richardson for organising this lovely trip for children and to those parents who accompanied the children.

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

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD'S PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE EITHER AT A ZERO BALANCE OR IN CREDIT BY THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR? For those children in Year 6 who have 'credit' balances, these will either be refunded or transferred to sibling accounts on the last day of term. Thank you.

Together we can fight Flu! Whilst the 'typical' Flu season may seem like months away, we have been contacted by North Yorkshire's Growing Healthy team with information about flu immunisation. Detailed information leaflets about the Flu and how you can protect your child against the same, are available from the school office. During the Autumn Term the Childhood Immunisation Team will be contacting the

school and securing a date to provide FREE immunisations for children against the Flu. More information about this programme to follow at a later date.

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 24th June 2019

8.00am Year 6 Residential to Whitby

9.00am Deadline for return of Photo Orders

1.00pm Class 3 Swimming

Tuesday 25th June 2019

3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

Thursday 27th June 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 28th June 2019

3.00pm Praise Assembly

Children return from Whitby Residential

Some other information, including community events...

RunBikeFun : Summer Wheels 2019. We have received information about a Summer Wheels activity that will be taking place at Settle Primary School during the Summer Holidays. Jill Eccleston will be introducing and coaching cycling skills through a variety of fun games and activities. To take part, children's bicycles must be in good working condition and children will need a CE approved bike helmet, gloves and suitable clothing. The cost of attending is £20.00 per day and sessions are being held on Monday 29th July to Friday 3rd August inclusive. For more information and/or a booking form either please see Sally in the School Office or contact Jill Eccleston direct at info@runbikefun.co.uk, or 07955 342344. Places MUST BE pre-booked.

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

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.