



Friday 24th May 2019

Summer Term : Edition 4

Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely week we have had again with the weather! If you have been in the playground recently, you will see that we have some new picnic benches. These have been very kindly purchased by the FOBS following on from some successful fundraising in the last few months. I am very grateful to Mr Townley who came early one morning to put them together. The children will be able to enjoy sitting at these at playtimes and lunchtime and also eating their packed lunch or Grab Bag outside in the sunny weather. We would love to buy some more picnic tables so if you have a fundraising idea, know about a pot of money, or would like to raise some money, then please let us know!

Hopefully, parents/carers will have received an e-mail copy of my letter regarding PE Kits at school. A copy of this letter is also available on the school's website. Can I please remind parents/carers, that if they do not receive e-mail correspondence at the school then to speak to Sally in the School Office. I am aware that there are a number of parents who have not yet provided the school with an e-mail address. Thank you.

Finally, please remember that school is closed next week for the half term holidays. School re-opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Have a lovely week!

Mrs Pearson

**Staffing** A few staffing changes:

Mrs Cryer will be continuing to teach Class 3 after half term. However, we will have to say goodbye to her at some point as she has been successfully appointed to a teaching role, starting in September, at a school a little closer to her home. We have been very lucky to have Mrs Cryer and we will very much miss her when she does leave, but not just yet! Congratulations Mrs Cryer!

Miss Allan will also be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Miss Allan will be teaching in Early Years at a school not too far away from us and we wish her all the best. We will be very sad to see her go. We are having a little think about the teaching

of Spanish next year as we are very keen to continue with this. Congratulations Miss Allan! Miss Allan will also finish teaching in Class 5 this week as Mrs Harrison returns from maternity leave. I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Allan for all her hard work and lovely activities that she has undertaken with Class 5 since February.

**Summer Fair** This year our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.... Look out for more information shortly. Finally, please remember that all monies raised helps ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

**Women's' Group** We have received information about a new 'Women's Group' which meets weekly. This is an informal group, where ladies are invited to meet with friends, enjoy a cuppa and have a general chat. On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 19 the group will be meeting at 10.30am in Goodenber Play Park (in the case of bad weather, the meeting will take place at Bentham Youth Café) – please feel free to go along.

**The Friends of Bentham School (aka The FOBS)!** Can we take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank you to the FOBs, not only for their continued dedication and fundraising efforts, but for more recently, providing the finances to purchase Small World toys, including cars, small people, fairies and wooden figures to support learning in Classes 1 and 2, fire gloves, kettles, a fire bucket, and various outdoor cooking tools to support outdoor learning and two recycled outdoor picnic benches that children can use in the playground – THANK YOU.

**Sports Day** To help parents/carers with forward planning, this year we are hoping to hold Sports Day on the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 : Green

Thwaite's Greats : Blue

Richardson's Rockets : Red

**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. Thank you.

**North Ribblesdale Rugby Club** On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June all girls from years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Rugby Development Day. Can parents/carers please ensure that children have their PE kits at school together with a suitable pair of trainers, waterproof jacket, jogging bottoms, sun-hat/sun-cream (depending on the weather) and, of course, a water bottle!

**North Craven Cross County Race** : If you child has expressed an interest in representing the school at the North Craven Cross Country Race on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, can parents/carers please ensure that consent forms are returned to the School Office by no later than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019? Thank you.

**Year 2 Mini-Olympics** Children in Year 2 will be taking part in a Mini-Olympics event being held on the Settle College Sports Field on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Children should come to school in their PE kits bringing with them appropriate clothing for the weather on the day and a water bottle. Children should also bring their school uniforms to school to change back into when they return to school.

**First Aid in a Day** On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June we have secured Emergency First Aid training for children in Year 6. This is an opportunity to learn potentially life-saving skills. We are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £10.00 per child from parents towards the cost of this training. Payment should be made via Parentpay. Thank you.

**Football Funday (years 2,3 and 4)** If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at a Football Funday being held at Ingleton Primary School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 can parents/carers please ensure that consent forms have been returned to the School Office by no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June? Thank you.

**Music Examinations** Can we wish Abbie and Charlie from Class 4 the very best of luck when they take an Accordion Examination on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – what an amazing achievement. 😊

**School Lunches** As per our letter dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**Here comes the Summer Sun** (and hopefully it's here to stay for a while!). Can we please remind parents to ensure that children come to school with a water bottle and sun-hats! Whilst it is absolutely wonderful that children can enjoy their break times outside, it is also important that they are protected from the sun's harmful rays and are encouraged to stay hydrated. Thank you.

**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/>

**What's on this week?**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 : School Closes for HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

School Re-opens  
1.00pm Class 3 Swimming  
Wendy Strickland from Pets as Therapy in School

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

First Aid in a Day : Year 6  
Tennis Coaching in PE lessons : Classes 4 and 5  
3.30pm-4.30pm Afterschool Tennis Club

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)  
Rugby Sessions in PE : Classes 3 and 4  
12.30 Year 5/6 Girls Rugby Event at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club  
3.30pm-4.30pm Rugby After School Club

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Year 2,3 and 4 Football Funday Event  
3.00pm : Praise Assembly