



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday 25th May 2018
Summer Term Edition 6

Dear Parents,

I would like to say a huge thank you to Hayley Collingwood who won £250 of books in a competition for the school. I have now ordered lots of new books for the Accelerated Reading Scheme and look forward to adding them to the shelves once they arrive for the children to enjoy.

Miss Richardson has also rearranged the Reading Scheme for our children in Reception and Key Stage 1. Books are now organised in lovely coloured boxes, this will make it even easier for children to change their books independently.

I had great pleasure in taking our Year 6 children to the Spar this week to choose an ice cream or ice lolly. This was as a 'thank you' for all their hard work and mature attitude towards their SATs tests which they completed last week. A lovely treat on a hot day that was fully deserved.

This week, the school fire alarm was accidentally activated. Some slightly burnt pizzas being cooked by the children were to blame. Thankfully we have practised for this event and all the children and staff quickly and safely evacuated the building. The fire engine from Bentham arrived very quickly but I am pleased to say that they weren't really needed as there was no fire.

As I am sure all parents will be aware, and most definitely all children, school closes for half term at 3.30pm today (Friday 25th May 2018). School will re-open on Monday 4th June 2018. Hopefully the weather will remain warm and sunny, but whatever the weather we hope that everyone has a relaxing break before we start the final half term of this academic year!

Mrs Pearson

BIG SING Unfortunately, following the half term holiday, a decision will have to be made as to whether the school will have to CANCEL the children's opportunity to take part in 'The Big Sing'. This event will be taking place at Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School on the 28th June 2018 and children at school have all been busy practising and taking part in workshops in readiness for their part in the activity.

However, due to ever increasing financial constraints on the school, it was necessary to request that parents make a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child towards the cost of transport to Casterton. This was to supplement the already extensive costs of taking part in 'The Big Sing'. Unfortunately, a number of parents have still not made payment towards this trip, meaning that currently there is still a shortfall of approximately £180.00. Having investigated further ways of potentially subsidising this opportunity for children, additional funding has not been secured, meaning that the school will have to CANCEL if further contributions are not received from parents by **Monday 4th June 2018.** Please remember if you have any difficulty meeting any payments, or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

BIG DIG : Thursday 17th May 2018 Thank you to all those parents, families and children who were able to volunteer some time to help with the school's Wildlife Garden and join our 'Big Dig' event. The wildlife garden is now establishing itself, and our vegetable boxes will, hopefully, be providing fresh home grown produce for our children to sample in the very near future. Thank you once again to everyone who came along and helped. There is still lots of work to do, and any offer of help towards this work would be very much appreciated.

INGLEBOROUGH ASCENT On Friday 18th May, following a week of SATS, children in Year 6 faced the challenges of Ingleborough and joined children from other Cluster Schools in their ascent of this local landmark. The weather was absolutely perfect for the challenge and EVERYONE thoroughly enjoyed the day, including Mrs Pearson and Mr White who volunteered to join children on the day. Well done.

PARENT COFFEE AFTERNOON We would like to welcome parents and carers to our Coffee Afternoon which will be taking place on Thursday 7th June 2018 from 2.45pm in the Community Room. Mrs Chapman will be talking about 'art' and how it is included in the curriculum at school. There will also be an opportunity for parents to raise any questions they may have. We look forward to seeing you.

Rounders Competition On Tuesday 22nd May 2018 Macy, Abbi, Dan, Asher, Reuben, Toby, Caitlin, Charlie, Freya, Tom, Eddie, Liam, Joe, Tom, Tommy, Robert and Amber all represented Bentham C P School in a Cluster Rounders Tournament which was held after

school on Settle Colleges Sports field. Well done to all our children who were both excellent ambassadors for both the school and the wider community. As is usually the case, all our children showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

SWIMMING LESSONS 2018/2019 By way of a reminder, the cost of swimming lessons for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 NEXT academic year is £35.00. Parents of children who are CURRENTLY in years 2,3,4 and 5 can now access the payment service via Parentpay. To help parents budget for lessons, there is the option to deposit smaller amounts of money towards the FULL cost of lessons, the minimum instalment accepted being £5.00.

The Dogs Trust Can we just thank Mrs Hodgson for organising a visit by The Dogs Trust on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. Also in school was 'Winnie' the Pug, who despite several kidnap attempts from members of staff, returned home safely with her owner! Children took part in a number of activities and workshops throughout the day and were taught about the responsibilities of being a dog owner. By way of information, if you are a dog owner, the school now have **FREE** 'poop bags' (for a limited time only), kindly provided by Craven District Council, at Reception.

STAY AND LEARN Thank you to all those parents who were able to join children in Nursery on Wednesday 23rd May 18 and children in Class 5 on Thursday 24th May 18 for a 'Stay and Learn' session. We hope that everyone enjoyed their experience in either Nursery or Class 5. Please do not worry if you were unable to join classes on this occasion – we will be planning further opportunities for parents to join children at school in the future, including opportunities to join children for lunch.

TA DAH.... DRUM ROLL..... We are pleased to announce that this year's end of term Performance will be 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Good Luck (or break a leg - as they say in thespian circles) to both prospective performers and members of staff! Parents will be able to enjoy the fruits of everyone's labour on either the evening of 9th July or the afternoon of 12th July. **Mrs Harrison** is busy pre-planning the Programme for the production and would like to **INVITE CHILDREN FROM ALL CLASSES**, to design either a programme cover or small piece of artwork that could, potentially feature in the Official Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies Programme. Original artwork should be drawn in either PENCIL or COLOURED PENCIL CRAYON. (No felt-tips, paints or

wax crayons please). Entries should be handed into the School Office by no later than **Friday 8th June 2018**. Mrs Harrison will then have the almost impossible task of selecting winning entries. Rumour has it there will be chocolate prizes also involved! Good Luck Everyone – GET CREATIVE.

FIRST AID IN A DAY On Monday 4th June 2018 children in Year 6 have all been given the opportunity to take part in a 'First Aid in a Day' course alongside year 6 children from Clapham and Austwick Primary Schools. As I am sure every parent will agree first aid training is educational and potentially life-saving. The aim of the course is to ensure that children are equipped with the skills TO BE the difference in a first aid emergency. The school are asking for a small contribution of £6.10 per child towards the cost of this training and would request that parents make payment via Parentpay as quickly as possible. Thank you.

MAY SPORTS CAMP The Queen Elizabeth School have provided details about a May Sports Camp that will be taking place at QES over the half-term holidays. This camp is open to ALL KS2 and KS3 pupils. Activities include Korfbal, Archery, Judo, Orienteering and much more. Prices range from £25.00 per day with a reduction for multi-bookings and sibling rates. For more information, please contact Kim Bradshaw on 07966 556 944 or alternatively, e-mail k.bradshaw@lunesdaletrust.co.uk.

GOODBYE, FAREWELL It is with much sadness that this week we say Goodbye to Mrs Woodhouse. Mrs Woodhouse has recently been providing teaching cover at the school and will be greatly missed by both children and staff. Mrs Woodhouse has decided that she needs more time to dedicate to her family Farm. We would all like to wish Mrs Woodhouse the very best of luck.

Combat Music Services We have been contacted by Combat Music Services who are a company based in Clapham specialising in individual, small group and full class tuition of drums, guitar, tamboo bamboo and music technology. If you would like more information about the lessons available via Combat Music Services, then please contact the company direct on 07714 512734 or alternatively, e-mail combatdrums@me.com.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP The FOB's Mother and Toddler Group runs EVERY Friday morning, term-time only from 09.00am until 10.30am in the School

Hall. Everyone is welcome to go along and join this informal and friendly group. If you know of any parents with pre-school children, then please let them know about this lovely weekly group. There is a small charge of £1.00 per child, which goes towards the cost of providing refreshments to both adults and children. We look forward to welcoming both new and old faces.

HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER As parents will be aware, Miss Tierney is the school's Home School Link Worker. Miss Tierney is available to support parents of children who are either having difficulty, or need advice about any aspect of parenting including worries, concerns and anxieties. Miss Tierney can be contacted at school by telephone or e-mail (hslw@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk). Please be reassured that all enquiries will be treated with the **strictest of confidence**. Alternatively, a request can be made for Miss Tierney to contact a parent in writing. Requests should be made in a sealed envelope marked 'Private' and handed into the School Office. Additional information about the role of the Home School Link Worker and the services that can be accessed via Miss Tierney are available in a Home School Link Worker leaflet, copies of which are held at Reception or can be accessed on the school's website.

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 to go along with their parent/carer. The first session will be held on Monday 4th June 2018. Admission is FREE – so please to try and go along to join in the fun.

JAMMIE DODGERS There will be NO Jammie Dodgers on Wednesday 6th June 2018. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

Skipton Music Centre On Saturday 9th June at Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton from 9.30am to 10.45am there will be a 'Strings Open Morning' All abilities are welcome. For more information please visit www.skipton-music-centre.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

11/06/18 Phonics Screening : Year 1
11/06/18 Year 6 Residential to WHITBY
11/06/18 Class 3 (Year 3) Swimming
12/06/18 Mini Olympics (Year 2) Settle College
13/06/18 QES New Entrants Evening (1800)
20/06/18 Tropical World (Classes 2/3)
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
28/08/18 BIG SING (KS2)
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

FIRST WEEK BACK.....

04/06/18 St John Ambulance First Aid Training (Year 6)
04/06/18 Class 3 (year 3) Swimming
05/06/18 Countryside Day
07/06/18 Parents' Coffee Afternoon
08/06/18 Football Funday Event (afterschool activity)