



Bentham Community  
Primary School

Friday 29th June 2018

Summer Term Edition 10

## Dear Parents

What a lovely week, we have had lots of sunny weather and the children have certainly enjoyed playing outside on the grass. Over the last few months we have provided the children with lots of lovely equipment to use at playtime and the children are really enjoying building dens, drawing with chalk and using the octaplay. As the school has been built with a lot of glass, it is getting very warm inside. Children may want to come to school in shorts, a skirt or a dress but please ensure it is school uniform and not their favourite sparkly party dress or beach shorts.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for supporting our school Summer Fair last week. It was great to have so many donations of tombola prizes, cakes and jumble, it was equally great to see so many parents and children stay behind to enjoy the fair straight after school. We raised a huge amount of money - £708.71!!! Some children in Year 5 and 6 had great fun counting all the coins and notes. This money will be divided between all classes next academic year to put towards the costs of trips, visits and educational opportunities. I would also like to say thank you to all the school staff who spent time arranging games and stalls and staying behind on a Friday evening to ensure everything went to plan.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**OPEN AFTERNOON** Please remember that school will be holding an Open Afternoon from 1.00pm until 3.30pm on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Everyone is welcome to come along and see for themselves the wonderful learning opportunities available for children at their Community Primary School. There will also be opportunities to look at children's work, look at wonderful displays and take part in lessons. At 3.00pm there will be a Praise Assembly and visitors are more than welcome to come and join in with this celebration. We look forward to seeing you!

**GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH** We hope that all those grandparents who were able to join children for lunch on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June enjoyed themselves. 'The Lunch Box' is a lovely area where children can eat together

and socialise together whilst enjoying their school lunch. The dining area at the school is now even more 'colourful' and welcoming with the addition of some lovely new bright and vibrant chairs. **Thank you to Mrs Leak**, our School Cook, for raising the funds and securing match funding for the purchase of these new bright additions to the hall!

**INGLEBOROUGH SHOW CAVE** on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 children in Year 5 were all given the opportunity to visit Ingleborough Show Cave. Thank you to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for financially supporting this trip in FULL. Whilst temperatures above ground soared to around 29 degrees, children on the visit were all wrapping up warm in their fleeces before venturing underground where they experienced a somewhat welcome(?) temperature of 10 degrees! Well done to everyone who took part.

**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS** Following on from last week's Friday News we have now received results from the Cross Country Event that children took part in on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Firstly, well done to ALL those children who took part and represented the school. We are pleased to now be able to announce that Rio came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year 6 group, Asher 4<sup>th</sup>, Dan 10<sup>th</sup>, Charlie 11<sup>th</sup>, Liam 15<sup>th</sup> for Year 3. In year 4, Abby came 9<sup>th</sup>, Caitlin 11<sup>th</sup>, Oliver 28<sup>th</sup>, Tom 31<sup>st</sup>, Macy 33<sup>rd</sup> with Taylor 34<sup>th</sup>. Whilst in Year 5, Reuben 11<sup>th</sup>, Emily 13<sup>th</sup>, Aime 15<sup>th</sup> Stanley 20<sup>th</sup>, Aniesha 26<sup>th</sup> and Ross 28<sup>th</sup> for year 5s. Amazing results. Well done EVERYONE. Thank you also to parents for supporting this event.

## **YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST : MEALBANK QUARRY**

Children in Year 6 will be taking part in a visit to Mealbank Quarry on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July supporting and learning about the work being undertaken by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Unfortunately, there are still a number of CONSENT FORMS outstanding. Can these please be returned to the School Office by no later than **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**? Thank you.

## **CAVING EXPERIENCE : Year 6 and CRICKET FUN DAY :**

**Class 5** There are still a number of outstanding CONSENT FORMS for both of these visits. Can parents please ensure that consents are returned to the School Office by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July? Thank you.

**THE SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON...** Can we just remind parents to PLEASE send children to school with their sun hats as well! As we are sure everyone is aware it is best to be safe in the sun. Ideally, children should

be wearing sun-hats when out and about in the playground! By way of extra protection against the sun's harmful rays parents should also consider applying sun protection to their child before coming to school. We are happy for sun-creams, in a named tube, to be brought into school and for children to apply the same before going outside over lunch-time etc. Creams should be handed into Class Teachers at the start of the day. Working together we can beat the burn! Thank you.

**HOLIDAY ABSENCES** Can parents please remember that if they make the decision to take their children out of school on holiday during term-time that they complete the necessary paperwork. Failure to submit an application can result in unauthorised absences being recorded. As a school we encourage honesty around holidays, after all honesty is a wonderful attribute for a child and should be both encouraged and nurtured. We would appreciate parents completing a form if they are going away on holiday, and allowing children to be honest about where they are going or where they have been. If you have any queries about the process for applying for a 'leave of absence' during term-time, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

**LETTER OF RESIGNATION** It is with much sadness that we have, this week, received a letter of resignation from Mrs Sue Yardy our Vice-Chair of Governors. We would like to thank Mrs Yardy for all her continued support over the many years she has been involved with the School, not only as a Governor but also supporting children in the classroom and providing many extra-curricular activities, including Rewind to Easter, Rewind to Christmas, Jammie Dodgers and Godly Play. Mrs Yardy will be relocating with her husband, Rev Brian Yardy to the Isle of Man during July 2018. We would like to wish Mrs Yardy and Rev Yardy the very best of luck with their new venture. We are having a collection for Mrs Yardy, any contribution would be very welcome. Please see Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

**GIRLGUIDING** a Guide Unit will be re-opening in Clapham from September 2018. It is anticipated that meetings will take place on Monday evenings in Clapham.

**PARENTPAY** Can we please encourage parents to ensure that their Parentpay accounts are UP-TO-DATE. This is particularly important for parents of

children in Year 6 whose children will be moving onto the next phase of their education from September 2018. Ideally, balances for ALL accounts should be zero on the final day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Please be reassured that any over-payments on Year 6 children's accounts will be refunded, or transferred to a siblings account by request on the last day of term. By way of information, we currently have **62 accounts** showing as being IN DEBT. If you are struggling to meet payments, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. By way of a reminder failure to make payment could result in debts being referred to North Yorkshire County Council's Legal Team.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**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**

**CLASS PHOTOS** Proofs of Class Photos have been sent home via book bags today. Please hand orders into the School Office by **4.00pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 18.**

#### **What is happening next week?**

##### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Amateur Operatic Society Assembly  
Class 3 Swimming

##### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Ingleborough Hall Transition Day : PLEASE  
RETURN CONSENT FORMS Year 6

##### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Trip : Year 6 : PLEASE  
RETURN CONSENT FORMS

##### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Cricket Festival : Class 5 : PLEASE RETURN  
CONSENT FORMS

2.45pm Music Assembly for Class 3 and 4 –  
Parents welcome to join us.