



Friday 28th September 2018

Autumn Term Edition 4

Dear Parents

The beginning of this week was very exciting as the children were able to try out the new wooden trim trail on the school field. The children have waited a long time for this to be installed and I am pleased that the hard work of last year's school council has finally come to fruition. They spent a long time choosing the different parts to the trail and I am sure you will agree they made some great choices. The children have loved going on it this week...as have a few members of staff. Thank you to the FOBS for contributing to this through their fantastic fundraising efforts.

Mrs McGregor and I had the pleasure of taking a Year 5/6 football team to Settle College on Thursday where they played 3 matches looking very smart in their football kit. They played as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship by giving three cheers to the opposing team and handshakes at the end of each match. I am hoping a Year 3/4 tournament can be arranged soon.

Please can I remind parents that all children need their PE kit in school every day, including trainers. We are finding a number of children have not been bringing their PE kit into school. PE is part of the national curriculum and regular exercise is good for us all. Teachers will be contacting parents next week if their child does not have their PE kit in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Mrs Pearson

Film Club Please remember to return reply slips for Film Club. Film Club is for children in years 3 to 6 inclusive. The first 'Film Club' will take place on **Wednesday 10th October 2018** from 3.30-5.30pm

Library Visits Children will continue to visit the Library over the 2018/2019 academic year with visits timetabled to take place, as follows:-

07/11/18 at 1.30pm : Class 5

09/11/18 at 2.30pm : Class 4

12/11/18 at 2.45pm : Class 3

14/11/18 at 10.00am : Class 2

We are always looking for Parent helpers to come

along with children and staff to library sessions. If you think you can help on any of the above dates, then please let Sally know in the School Office. Thank you.

STAY AND LEARN This year we will, once again, be giving parents an opportunity to join their child in class to quite literally 'Stay and Learn'! Sessions will take place, as follows:-

Classes 1 and 2

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 6th December 18 from 9.00am – 10.00am

Class 3

Wednesday 21st November from 10.50am-12.00m/d

Class 4

Friday 19th October 18 from 1.30pm-3.00pm

Class 5

Tuesday 16th October 18 from 2.30pm -3.30pm

We would love to see as many parents as possible joining their children on these dates in their classes.

We look forward to seeing you!

THE FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL are busy organising lots of exciting fundraising activities, including:-

A Halloween Disco for children in Reception to year 6 inclusive : 25th October 18 from 5.00pm until 6.30pm.

Half Term Tuck Shop : 26th October 2018 at 3.30pm

Bags2School Collection : 20th November 2018

Non-Uniform Day (donations of items for the Christmas Fair) : 23rd November 2018

Christmas Fair : 30th November 2018 from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

More details about all of the above to follow.

The Friends of Bentham School will be meeting on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 2.30pm here at the School. This is an informal meeting, and everyone is welcome to come along, join in and show their support.

FLU VACCINATION FINAL REMINDER. If you are happy for your child to be vaccinated, then please ensure that you complete an online Consent Form at www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent by no later than **Friday 29th September 2018**. The code for Bentham Community Primary School is YKXCY. If you have any concerns about the vaccination programme or would like more details then please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP Remember that this lovely friendly local group meets every Friday, term-time only in the School Hall from 9.00am until 11.00am. If you know anyone with pre-school aged children, then please encourage them to 'come along and have some fun'. **The group are also looking for volunteers who could regularly commit to help running this group. For more information, please either see a member of the FOBs or Sally in the School Office. Thank you.**

COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL On Sunday 30th September 2018 the school will be hosting the Community Harvest Festival in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in this celebration. Doors open at 4.00pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION INGLEBOROUGH HALL RESIDENTIAL for children in years 3 and 4. On **Monday 1st October 2018** from 3.30pm there will be a short meeting for parents of those children who will be taking part in the residential visit to Ingleborough Hall on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November 2018. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

JAMMIE DODGERS After School Club This year Jammie Dodgers will be run by Beverley Scott, a Schools Worker from NISCU. The club is aimed at children in Reception, years 1 and 2. More information has been sent home via children's book bags. Places are limited, so if you would like your child to take part, please complete and return permission slips to the School Office as quickly as possible. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The first session will take place on Wednesday 3rd October.

PARENT EVENINGS This year parent evenings will take place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November. In order to secure an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please complete and return appointment request forms which have been sent home in children's book bags. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS Please remember that if you would like to order a copy of your child's school photograph, orders need to be handed into the School Office by no later than **Wednesday 3rd October 2018**.

BIKEABILITY TRAINING Well done to those children who took part in Bikeability Training on Thursday 27th

and Friday 28th September. At the time of writing, children are eagerly awaiting news that they have achieved targets and will be awarded with a Certificate and Bikeability Accredited Badge.

TRY A LUNCH AND JOIN OUR WINTER WARMER On **Thursday 4th October!** Meals are priced at £2.30 each for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 and £1.80 each for children in Nursery. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are **FREE OF CHARGE**. There will be yummy Beef Wraps or Macaroni Cheese to choose from, followed by an scrumptious Apple Cinnamon Crunch Crumble with Custard or, if you prefer, yoghurt or fresh fruit. There is no need to pre-order. Dinners can be ordered during registration in classrooms. Why not give a dinner a go?!

PANTO SEASON IS NEARLY HERE .. Oh Yes it is!! We are in the process of planning a very special trip for ALL children in ALL classes - Look out in book bags for more information about two very exciting opportunities.....

Future Dates for your Diary!

Wednesday 10th October 18 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor. There will be a particular focus on how the school supports children with special educational needs, together with up-dates about what is happening and what is being planned in school.

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm : 'All About Reading for Parents'. Miss Richardson and the Early Years Foundation Stage team would like to welcome parents to come along and find out more about reading and phonics in **EYFS and Year 1**. At the same time, Mrs Hodgson and the **Key Stage 2** team would like to invite parents to find out more about reading in **Years 2 to Year 6**. Sessions will include how reading is taught in school, school reading books and how best parents can support children with reading at home. Please be reassured that parents will not be asked to read anything, complete any questionnaires or be tested! To help parents/carers to come along to these sessions, there will be FREE childcare provided at school, so both mums and dads can come along, also meaning there is no need to find a babysitter!

Wednesday 21st November 18 from 9.00am until 10.00am : informal coffee morning with Mrs Pearson and Miss Richardson. This time, the focus will be on Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) together with further updates about what is happening at school.

Wednesday 31st October 2018 Deadline for parents of children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 to apply for a secondary school place. For more info visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions.

Friday 14th December 2018 : Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.

Monday 17th December 2018 at 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance for Senior Citizens.

Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 6.00pm Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performance

Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 2.00pm Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performance

Wednesday 19th December 2018 AT 6.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance.

Friday 21st December 2018 Christmas PARTY DAY!

TRIATHLON On Sunday 7th October a Triathlon will take place at Giggleswick Junior School Pavilion. Registration is at 1.00pm with a 2.00pm start. More information is available at the School Office, alternatively, please contact Jill Eccleston on 07955 342344 (infor@runbikfun.co.uk) or Chris Wright on 07808 763375 (cdpwright@giggleswick.org.uk). Thank you

BRAIN BUILDERS CLUB REMINDER : Brain Builders Club takes place EVERY Thursday from 12.00 midday with Mrs Hodgson. Everyone Welcome.

SETTLE STORIES are hosting a Storytelling Performance by Dominic Kelly on Saturday 24th November from 2.00pm at The Joinery, Settle. Audiences will be treated to a tale of 'The Invisibility Hat'. Prices are £9.00 per adult, £6.00 per individual under the age of 18 and £22.00 per family.

JOB VACANCY : Bentham Youth Café are looking for a Youth and Development Worker. The role will involve running two Youth Club sessions per week (term-time only) at Bentham Community Youth Café. There will also be room to develop this role to support children and families in Bentham and surrounding areas. The vacancy is for 8 hours per week and qualifications are not necessary – just a willing commitment to see young people flourish. For more information, please contact the Secretary of the Youth Café, Rev Anne Russell on 07528 572072.

What's on next week in school?

Monday 1st October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Lunchtime Knitting Club

1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

3.30pm : Meeting for parents of children in years 3 and 4 about the Ingleborough Hall Residential in Class 4

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Lunchtime Football with Jordan

Afterschool Bentham Buzz

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)

Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

3.30pm to 4.30pm : Jammie Dodgers

Thursday 4th October 2018

Music Lessons : Guitar : Matthew Annable

2.30pm FOBS meeting

Afterschool Tag Rugby

Jigsaw After School Club for invited children

Friday 5th October 2018

FLU Vaccination Programme

Godly Play : Class 5