



Friday 9th February 2018

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I would like to share with you some news about a new member of staff who will be starting with us after half term. Miss Lisa Allen will be a new Advanced Teaching Assistant in Early Years at Bentham Community Primary School. Miss Allen will be joining the team during late February/early March and will be providing maternity cover for Miss Boocock. Miss Allen brings with her a wealth of experience in Early Years settings. Some parents may remember Miss Allen from her Spanish Lessons which took place after school during the last academic year. As is always the case, if you do see Miss Allen please do stop and say 'hello'. I would also like to welcome Mr Mouncey (Tom and Joe's dad), to the Board of Governors at Bentham Community Primary School. Mr Mouncey was successfully nominated as a Local Authority Governor on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Mr Mouncey brings with him an extensive knowledge and skills base together with experience in business, education and much more.

Over the half term break, we will have some 'odd jobs' done around school. This will see improvements to the Early Years outdoor area, the main playground and the outdoor garden. Additional display boards will also be added around school and wooden gates fixed. Most importantly (for parents!), a pedestrian gate will be installed between the car park and the playground. This will allow much easier access on a morning and afternoon. I have listened to parents' feedback and worked as quickly as possible to get this installed, so I hope it will make dropping off and collecting children easier. Please can I ask that parents keep a close eye on children as they enter the car park through the gate to eliminate any potential accidents in the car park. There is a path all the way round, so please ensure children use it.

Please do come and speak to me if you have any further suggestions for school improvements.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, it isn't that long since we were enjoying the Christmas holidays! We do have a few illnesses in school so hopefully everyone will return after a week off, feeling 100%.

Mrs Pearson

**Parents' Evening** Can parents please check children's book-bags for details of appointments that have been allocated. If you have not secured an appointment, there are still a limited number available on Wednesday evening. Please contact Sally in the School Office to secure a time. Thank you.

**The Friends of Bentham School** Thank you to the FOBs for organising an absolutely wonderful Disco on the evening of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**Reminder** School Uniform is now available from Tesco on-line, this includes book bags. For more information, please visit:-

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/>

**North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service** We have recently been contacted by Mr Richard Blackwell, who is based at Bentham Fire Station in connection with current career opportunities within North Yorkshire's Fire and Rescue Service. Fire Crew based at Bentham have, already, attended 6 incidents this year, including house fires and Road Traffic Collisions. Bentham Fire Station are currently looking for members to join their team; if you could provide availability during the day between 8.00am and 6.00pm then why not consider joining the Fire Service? As part of the team, you will receive a Retainer of up to £2,316 per annum. In addition there is an hourly rate paid for training and fire calls. For more information about this exciting and rewarding opportunity, then please contact Mr Richard Blackwell on 07769 952828 or e-mail [Richard.blackwell@northyorkshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.blackwell@northyorkshirefire.gov.uk). Mr Blackwell is waiting to hear from you, even if you've ever thought about it and for whatever reason thought you couldn't – WE BET YOU COULD.

**Visit to the Interfaith Education Centre and the Science and Media Museum** Firstly, thank you to Mrs Hodgson for organising this wonderful educational visit for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Thank you also to all those parents who supported this educational opportunity for their children.

On the day, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained vast knowledge and first-hand experience of the multi-cultural and diverse society in the United Kingdom. Learning was based on the school's RE and Science curriculum, which also gave children an opportunity to enhance their classroom based learning and broaden their religious perspectives. At the Science and Media Museum children explored various galleries and took part in a live 'show' based on 'sound'. Finally, can we please request, that if you

have not already done so, can you please make payment for this trip on Parentpay. Thanking everyone in anticipation.

**Parent Governor Vacancy** As from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 there will be a vacancy on the School's Board of Governors for a Parent Governor. This is a demanding role that requires commitment, dedication and the willingness to take part in training and development over the course of an academic year. At the same time, being a Governor is also very rewarding. The school are particularly seeking applicants with experience in health and safety, finances, premises, human resources and/or specific curriculum areas. Further details about how to nominate yourself for this exciting opportunity have been sent home via children's book bags. Naturally, if you would like to discuss this opportunity, or require further details about the role of a Parent Governor, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please note the deadline for nominations is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at 09.00am.

**Wacky Wrayces : Soap Box Derby – Calling all fearless, fun loving and foolhardy colleges!!!** On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Wray's Original Scarecrow Festival and Fair will be hosting a Soap Box Derby. This will be a timed race for home-built carts , powered only by gravity, over a set course (.... Downhill.....). Worzel has invited Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and adults (individuals over 16 years of age) to take part in the Soap Box Derby. The fastest competitor in each category will be awarded with a hand-crafted trophy. There will also be prizes for the most imaginative cart and the best dressed team! Entry fees vary; For more details and information about build specifications, please e-mail Worzel at [wrayscarecrows@gmail.com](mailto:wrayscarecrows@gmail.com) or contact Simon Carruthers on 07976 238802. Please note, whilst entries can be made on the day, numbers are limited to early entry is encouraged.

**Hornby Swimming Pool** We have been contacted by the LVCS who are still very busy actively raising money to save Hornby Swimming pool. It is anticipated that the pool will, once again, open its doors to members of the public over the Easter weekend. However, there is still a need to secure additional share pledges and other funding together with volunteer support in order to ensure the pool's future success. For more information about how you could help secure the future of Hornby Pool please

contact [lunevalleycs@gmail.com](mailto:lunevalleycs@gmail.com) or call 01524 805666.

**Half-Term Holidays** We hope everyone has a lovely half-term holiday. School re-opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.