



10th November 2017

Autumn Term Edition 9

There has been a lot of interesting and exciting learning taking place in all classrooms this week. Class 1 have been enjoying lots of new phonics learning activities and Class 4 have been enjoying some cooking lessons. There was a lovely smell of cooked apples wafting down the corridor on Wednesday. Children in Class 4 also now much more aware about food that was rationed in World War 2.

Last Friday we had another Outdoor Classroom Day and it was lovely to be able to get outside and take part in some fun activities. Den building, fire lighting, leaf art work and some Gruffolo bones are just a taster of the activities. Have a look on our school website for more photos and information.

This week has also been an opportunity for you, as parents, to discuss your child's progress. It has been great to see so many parents support this, looking at children's learning in books and talking to teachers. It is very important that we all work together to ensure children have the best possible education and to give them the building blocks for later life.

As always, if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Finally, the weather has turned a little chillier this week. Please can parents ensure that their children come to school wearing a warm coat and have a hat and some gloves with them. It really helps to enable the children to have a more enjoyable playtime if they are warm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

FINAL URGENT REMINDER Can parents of children in Year 6, please ensure that they have applied for secondary school places. The deadline for applications was the 31/10/17. For more information, please contact School Admissions on 01609 533679. Parents of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2018 should also ensure that they have applied for a place before 15th January 2018. Thank you.

INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS These will be taking place for children in Reception, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 on

Wednesday 15th November. Consent needs to be made via www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent alternatively please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542 360.

PETER PAN A MUSICAL ADVENTURE As we are sure everyone is aware, we are hoping to take all children from Reception through to Year 6 inclusive to The Winter Gardens, Blackpool on Tuesday 19th December to experience a live musical theatre production of Peter Pan alongside their friends. Can we just remind parents, if they have not already done so, to return Consent Forms to the School Office and to deposit payment for the magical adventure on Parentpay. Thank you.

LAUNCH OF E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS Remember if you have not already done so, please pass details of your e-mail address to Sally in the School Office.

CHILDREN IN NEED Thank you to all those children (and parents) who took part in Stage 1 of the 'Pudsey Bake-Off' for Children in Need. The second round will take place on Monday 13th November 2017. Can all Biscuits and Tray-bakes be taken along to the School Hall first thing on Monday, in readiness for judging..... All biscuits and bakes will be sold at break-times for 20p each. Items should be placed in a container or plate with children's names written on the base, so that judging can take place on an anonymous basis. Finally, on Friday 17th November children are invited to take part in a non-uniform day. This year's theme will be 'do your own thing'. Children can wear their favourite clothes, show off a hobby or even dress in something which reflects what you would like to be or do in the future, perhaps an astronaut, a crazy scientist, a deep sea diver..... We are asking for voluntary donations of £1.00 per child on the day, again all donations made will help with the school's fund raising efforts for Children in Need.

THE FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL To help raise even more funds for the school, and to encourage parents to have a good old 'early Spring Clean', the FOBS have also arranged for a Bag 2 School collection to take place on Thursday 23rd November 2017. If you have any unwanted, but good quality, adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft-toys, then please place these in the Bag 2 School collection bags sent home with children (extra bags are available at the School Reception), and leave them at school on the morning

of Thursday 23rd November. Unfortunately, bags cannot contain items such as bedding, curtains, towels, household linen, workwear, schoolwear or bric-a-brac.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION The school are selling various items on behalf of the Poppy Appeal from School Reception. We are requesting that minimum donations of £1.00 are made for items such as wrist bands, pencils, rulers etc. Traditional poppies are also available on a donation basis. **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** will be taking place on School Hill on Saturday 11th November. It would be lovely if as many families as possible could join this Service from 10.45am. Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school. Can we request that children wear their school jumpers to the Service and try to stand together as much as is possible.

ODD SOCKS DAY for ANTI BULLYING We are absolutely sure that EVERYONE will agree that there should be a ZERO tolerance of Bullying in any shape or format at any point in life. To help endorse this message we will be actively taking part in Anti-Bullying week which starts on Monday 13th November until Friday 17th November. This year the theme is 'All Different – All Equal'. Throughout the week children will be actively involved in various activities, workshops and assemblies – all that we are asking to show that children, parents and families are dedicated and supportive of anti-bullying measures is for children to wear ODD SOCKS on **Monday 13th November 2017**. For more information please look out in children's book bags. Thank you.

Class 2 and 3 Visit to Skipton Castle Can parents please remember that children in Classes 2 and 3 will be visiting Skipton Castle on Thursday 16th November. Please ensure that all Consent Forms have been returned and payment has been made for the trip via Parentpay. If you are unable to make payment, or access the internet, then please speak to Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

THE FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL'S Christmas Market will be taking place in the School Hall on Friday 24th November 2017 from 6.00pm until 8.30pm. Rumour has it that a visitor from the North Pole may just make a visit.....

CHRISTMAS IN THE MART On Saturday 25th November from 10.00am until 4.00pm Bentham Auction Mart will be hosting 'Christmas in the Mart'.

There will be a wide selection of gifts available to purchase plus delicious foods, live music and an interactive area to explore.

Bentham and Beyond Calendar 2018 Copies of this locally produced Calendar are on sale at school reception priced at £7.50 each. These calendars make wonderful gifts for friends and relatives at Christmas and ALL PROCEEDS of sale go to The Friends of Bentham School, whose fundraising efforts continue support EVERY child in EVERY class in the school.

GOVERNORS' MEETING Governors of the school will be meeting on Monday 13th November 2017. We would like to welcome Mrs Leanne Buckley to this meeting as the Parent Governor representative. One of the items on the Agenda will be the school's payment policy. Unfortunately, despite several reminders, we still have Parentpay accounts with monies outstanding on them. Can we please stress that if parents are struggling financially to meet with costs of trips, clubs and lunches, then please contact the school as QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. There are alternative options available, including applications for Free School Meals and payment plans. Failure to contact the school will result in debts being referred to North Yorkshire County Council.

SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL have recently submitted a Grant Application to Aviva Community Fund for help towards the purchase of a new inflatable..... As parents will be aware the Pool is a Charity and so struggles to replace such equipment which is frequently used by children at parties and inflatable sessions. The Pool have been advised that their application has been successful, however, in order to secure 'pound notes', they now need people to vote for the pool's project! Any help would be really appreciated by the Friends of Settle Swimming Pool, who continue to help support children's swimming lessons here at the school. To place a vote simply visit <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4920> or contact Jenn Hodgkinson, Pool Manager on 01729 823626.

Thank you on behalf of Settle Area Swimming Pool.

FINALLY.....CAN YOU HELP? Mrs Harrison and Miss Thwaite are busy collecting glass jars..... these can be any shape or size, but are URGENTLY needed by children in Classes 4 and 5 for the week beginning 27th November. Thank you.