



Friday 11th May 2018

Summer Term Edition 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after such a beautiful and sunny Bank Holiday weekend!

It has been an exciting week in school. Children from Year 5 set off bright and early on Tuesday morning to Bewerley Park, they will have taken part in lots of exciting activities over the week, which we look forward to hearing all about next week. Year 4 and Year 6 children have enjoyed learning alongside each other and Class 1 have been doing some fantastic work inspired by the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. In Class 2 they have been making models and have loved finding out more about Africa, whilst children in Class 3 have planned and carried out Science investigations using snails!

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend in preparation for the Y2 and Y6 SATS which take place in school next week.

Mrs Hodgson.

2018 National Curriculum Tests SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 will take place during the week commencing **14th May**. Can we ask that parents PLEASE ensure that their children come to school well rested, having had a nutritious breakfast **every day and on time**. If you have any concerns, or if you feel that your child needs extra support during the week, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We very much appreciate that this can be a stressful time for children and parents alike – there are strategies that can be put in place to help alleviate any concerns – so please do ask if you need any help.

SWIMMING LESSONS 2018/2019 Thank you to all those parents who replied to our letter about the cost of swimming lessons. A number of parents indicated that they either did not mind if the school provided six lessons at £25.00 or ten lessons at £35.00. However, the majority of parents indicated that they would prefer to pay for TEN LESSONS. As I am sure everyone will agree swimming lessons are excellent value for money, priced at only £3.50 per HOUR. As a comparison, lessons provided out of school can cost up to £4.50 per 30 minute session. To help parents meet the cost of swimming lessons for children at

school, Parentpay is now set up for parents to pay for lessons NEXT academic year. Parents of children who are CURRENTLY in years 2,3,4 and 5 will be able to access this service. There is also the option to deposit smaller amounts of money towards the full cost of lessons, the minimum instalment accepted being £5.00. We hope that this will help parents with their budgets. Finally, if anyone has any queries about swimming, or has any difficulty accessing Parentpay, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

OLD HOLLY FARM We are hoping to take children from Nursery and Class 1 to Old Holly Farm on Thursday 22nd May 2018. Unfortunately, there are still a number of Consent Forms outstanding for this trip; If you have not already done so, can you please ensure that Consent Forms are completed and payment is made for the visit via Parentpay by no later than **MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018**. In this instance, if we do not receive any further Consent Forms and/or payments then the trip will be CANCELLED. If the trip is cancelled any parents who have already made payment will be refunded in full. Finally, we do still have a number of parent helper places left on this trip. For more information please see Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

SUMMER SAVOURY On Thursday 17th May we would like to invite ALL FULL TIME children from ALL Classes to enjoy a 'Summary Savoury' lunch! Children can choose from either Savoury Beef with Yorkshire Puddings, or a super Grab Bag. For dessert Mrs Leak will be making a 'Chocolate Surprise Cake with Chocolate Sauce', and for those children who do not like chocolate There will also be yoghurt and fresh fruit available. School meals are **FREE OF CHARGE** for those children in Reception, years 1 and 2, £1.80 per meal for children in Nursery and £2.30 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. There is no need to pre-order, if you would like to join in with the Summer Savoury, then please order meals during class registration. Thank you.

School Car Park Can we just remind parents, carers and family members who transport children to school to PLEASE take EXTRA CARE when driving in and out of the car park, both at the start and end of the school day. Please DRIVE SLOWLY and PARK SENSIBLY. If parking in the spaces situated near to the playground gate, PLEASE take extra care as children and parents are walking about in this area. Also, please ensure that children are supervised when both leaving the school playground and entering the car park. There is a footpath that should be used/followed. PLEASE DO

NOT allow your child to run out of the school gate and across the car park. Thank you for everyone's continuing support – we are sure everyone will agree it would be absolutely devastating if anyone were to get hurt.

SELFA Buzz Club We have been informed by SELFA that their Tuesday After School Club is now FULL to capacity. Please do not worry if you have missed out this time – there will be future opportunities. For more information please contact Miss Tierney our Home School Link Worker. Thank you.

Playtime Equipment As I am sure everyone can appreciate, the school have spent a considerable amount of money on playground equipment. This equipment is stored in the box near the shed in the playground. Please can we request that parents do not let their children use the equipment both at the start and the end of the school day? Unfortunately, equipment is getting damaged and being left lying around the playground, instead of being put away. Children have been reminded not to use equipment or to have a 'kick about' with footballs both when they arrive and leave school; we would appreciate it if parents, carers, etc. could support the school with this decision. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS LUNCH Look out in children's Book Bags for more information about our 'Grandparent's Lunch' which will take place on Friday 29th June 2018. Can we please remind grandparents that replies need to be returned to school by no later than Monday 18th June 2018. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take late bookings. Payment for the meal should be made in CASH to the School Office at the time of booking. We look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

MESSY CHURCH It's fun, it's free and it's for all ages.... On Saturday 12th May at High Bentham Methodist Chapel from 4.00pm to 6.00pm Messy Church will take place! This is a time when families can come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating a meal together and celebrating together. There is NO charge for taking part in Messy Church, however, there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards craft resources and catering costs.

CARNIVAL BENTHAM Would you like to help make Vintage Funfair Stalls? Then why not go along to The Looking Well and join the 'Making Workshops'. These will take place EVERY SATURDAY during May from 10.00am until 12 Noon. There will also be an

opportunity to help make props for the Carnival procession. For more information, please see the leaflet being sent home in children's book bags or, alternatively, visit [facebook.com/carnivalbentham](https://www.facebook.com/carnivalbentham).

REMINDER : BIG DIG On Thursday 17th May 2018 we will once again be holding a 'Big Dig' Event at the school from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. There will be lots of jobs for both children and adults to help with! Please come along with your own gardening gloves, wellies and spades – all help for however long would be very much appreciated. Hot Dogs and drinks will be available to ALL helpers FREE of charge. We look forward to seeing you in our wonderful Wildlife Garden. Thank you.

What is happening next week?

SATS week for children in Years 2 and 6.

14/05/18 Class 3 Swimming

15/05/18 Years 3/4 Cluster Tennis Competition

17/05/18 BIG DIG event after school – EVERYONE welcome

18/05/18 Ingleborough Ascent (Year 6)

18/05/18 Invitation to Lunch : Class 4 Parents

Dates for your Diary

22/05/18 Old Holly Farm Visit (Nursery/Class 1)

24/05/18 Class Photos

25/05/18 Class 5 Parents' Lunch

25/05/18 SCHOOL CLOSES

04/06/18 St John Ambulance First Aid (Year 6)

05/06/18 Countryside Day (KS2)

11/06/18 Phonics Screening : Year 1

13/06/18 QES New Entrants Evening (1800)

20/06/18 Tropical World (Classes 2/3)

22/06/18 Summer Fair

26/06/18 QES Transition Day

28/08/18 BIG SING (KS2)

29/06/18 School Open Afternoon

03/07/18 Ingleborough Hall (Year 6)

09/07/18 School Summer Performance (6.00pm)

11/07/18 Transfer Day for Settle College

12/07/18 School Summer Performance (2.00pm)

13/07/18 Sports Day and Picnic Lunch

17/07/18 Reserve Sports Day

16/07/18 Transition Day : Reports to Parents.