



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday 27th April 2018

Summer Term Edition 2

Dear Parents

I am now in a position to confirm with parents staffing arrangements for the Summer term; as already communicated to parents, Mrs Harrison will be teaching in Nursery until she commences her maternity leave. Mrs Chapman has increased her teaching time and will now be teaching children in Class 1 on a Thursday and Friday afternoon as well as all day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This structure provides great continuity for the children in Reception and those Nursery children who stay for the afternoon session. Mrs McGregor will now teach in Class 2 on a Thursday and Friday afternoon when Miss Richardson is fulfilling her leadership role in school. Mrs Woodhouse has moved up the corridor to Class 5 where she will teach 2 afternoons per week. Mr White is also teaching two afternoons per week in Class 5 as well as his usual mornings. Whilst the above might look like there have been a lot of changes, the new teaching arrangements do provide greater continuity of teaching for the children with staff that are well known to them. I am aware that some parents are a little anxious about the staffing changes, particularly in Nursery, and whilst I agree that the many changes have not been ideal, they could not have been predicted. Equally, as Headteacher, I am committed to ensuring that the children in our school receive the VERY BEST teaching and education. As parents I am sure you will agree that we cannot, and should not, settle for anything less than the very best. If any parents have any concerns or questions about any of the above, or indeed any other matter relating to school, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I try to have a presence on the playground both at the beginning and end of the school day which should help parents to 'catch' me, alternatively, my door is always open during the school day.

This week Miss Thwaite, our Science coordinator, has been busy undertaking some monitoring of the teaching and learning of science throughout the school. Miss Thwaite was joined for an afternoon by one of our Governors, Mrs Yardy, and also by myself. Miss Thwaite is our 'science expert' and she was very pleased to see lots of interactive and engaging science

lessons taking place in all classes with children displaying enquiring minds and fantastic scientific knowledge.

This week's Friday News is a long one but please do read to the end as there are some important and exciting dates that I am sure parents will want to add to their calendars.

Have a lovely weekend...I think a few members of staff may lose a few hours of sleep tonight.

Mrs Pearson

KS2 Summer Sleepover Remember, children who have secured a place at our exciting Summer Sleepover need to be back at school for 6.30pm later today (Friday 27th April). Children will need a sleeping bag, nightwear, a toothbrush, toothpaste etc.... Can parents please ensure that they collect children from the School Hall between 08.30am and 9.00am on Saturday 28th April 2018. Please drop children off at the school hall door as well as collecting them from this location. If you have recently changed your emergency contact number from that held on School records, or if you will be contactable on an alternative number during the evening of the 27th April, then please let a member of school staff know when dropping children off. Thank you.

2018 National Curriculum Tests This year SATs will take place during the week commencing **14th May** and we would ask that parents please ensure that their children come to school well rested, having had a nutritious breakfast **every day and on time.**

School Website Please regularly check the school's website for details about what is happening at school, information about learning in each class, reports about events that have taken place and photographs etc. These are all available at www.benthamcpschool.org.uk

Walking in the Kingdom of Light Event Children from the school have all been invited to take part in this event which is being organised by Mrs Sue Yardy. This activity will be FREE of charge and is being held at Bentham Methodist Church. Please find below details of when each class is scheduled to visit the Methodist Church:-

22/05/2018 (9.30-11.30) : Class 5

23/05/2018 (9.30-11.30) : Class 3

24/05/2018 (13.30-15.15) : Class 2

25/05/2018 (9.30-11.30) : Classes 1 and 4

PHONICS SCREENING WEEK (Year 1) During the week commencing 11th June 2018 Phonics Screening for children in Year 1 will take place. Can parents of children in Year 1, please ensure that their children are in school, well rested, having had a nutritious breakfast **every day and on time.** Thank you.

QES Transition Evening This week, we have been advised that the New Entrant's Evening for children moving onto QES, Kirkby Lonsdale, will now be held on **Wednesday 13th June at 6.00pm.** This is when our Year 6 children will be in Whitby. We have informed QES of this. Parents are able to attend the evening without their child but, unfortunately, Year 6 children will probably be enjoying some time on the beach that evening! The induction morning will take place on Tuesday 26th June.

PARENT LUNCHES We hope that all those parents who were able to join children from our Early Years Foundation Stage for a school lunch earlier today enjoyed the experience. Parents of children in Class 2 are invited to join their children on Friday 4th May, with Class 3 parents being invited on Friday 11th, Class 4 parents on Friday 18th and Class 5 parents on Friday 25th May. Please check children's book bags for details of how to pre-order a lunch. Unfortunately, school will NOT be able to take any late orders, so can parents please ensure that order forms and payment are returned to the School Office by the deadline stipulated on correspondence. Thank you.

We are planning to hold a **Grandparents' lunch** in the near future, and will be organising further opportunities for parents of children to dine at the school over the coming months, so please do not worry if you have missed out this time due to prior commitments.

BREAKFAST BUNS..... On **Friday 4th May 2018** Mrs Leak, our wonderful School Cook, will once again be helping to raise money for school funds by offering for sale 'Breakfast Buns'! Children, parents, grandparents, friends and family are all welcome to go along to the School Hall at 8.45am to purchase either a Bacon or Sausage Butty priced at only £1.00 each. Can we just say a MASSIVE thank you to Mrs Leak for her continued fundraising efforts – recently Mrs Leak has raised enough funds to secure the purchase of a number of brightly coloured chairs that children can enjoy at lunchtimes. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS Can we just remind parents that children should either commit to school dinners or

packed lunches over the duration of a half-term. Unfortunately, due to the ordering of fresh provisions, we are unable to accommodate children taking a school dinner one day and bringing a packed lunch the next. The only EXCEPTION to this rule is where all full-time pupils are invited to take part in 'Fun-Day Fridays'. These are held EVERY Friday and are an ideal opportunity for children to try a school lunch. There is no need to pre-order and meals should be ordered by children during registration. Payment should be made via Parentpay and we would strongly encourage parents to ensure that Parentpay accounts are kept up-to-date. Thank you.

UNWELCOME VISITORS..... We have been made aware of some cases of children being diagnosed with 'worms' here at the school. Whilst these are unwelcome visitors they are a common problem, particularly in children. If a child is diagnosed with 'worms' it is essential that they are treated immediately. Effective treatment is available from Pharmacists or Doctor's surgeries. Please remember that it is important to treat the whole family if one person develops symptoms. For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/worms-in-humans/>

Can we please also remind parents to regularly check their child's hair for signs of head-lice. Again, for further information about treatment please contact a pharmacist.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER : CLASS PHOTOS Class photographs will be being taken on **Thursday 24th May** by an official School Photographer. Each class will be given the opportunity to have a photograph taken as a group. These photographs are then available for parents to purchase. For more details please see the letter being sent home in children's book bags. If you DO NOT wish your child to be included in a Class Photo, please ensure that you complete and return the Class Photo reply slip by no later than **Monday 21st May 2018.** If a reply slip is not received by school it will be assumed that you are happy for your child to be included in a photograph.

IMPORTANT NURSERY PARENTS Can parents of children in Nursery please ensure that school hold details of contact e-mail addresses. This is to ensure that the Friday News and other correspondence can be e-mailed directly. If you do not have access to an e-mail and would like to receive paper copies of the Friday News etc., then please let Sally in the School Office know. Thank you.

ALL STARS CRICKET Ingleton Cricket Club are actively promoting 'All Stars Cricket' which is an introduction to Cricket for 5-9 year olds. Sessions will take place from 6.30pm on Thursdays (17th May-5th July) or Fridays (18th May – 6th July). For more information, or to register your child please contact david.mcgonnigal@gmail.com or john.hughes@cumbriacricket.co.uk.

What's happening next week:

Monday

Class 3 Swimming

Tuesday

Wednesday

Jammy Dodgers afterschool

Basketball afterschool

Thursday

Year 5 from Class 5 Tri Golf

@ Settle Cricket Club AM

Friday

Bacon/Sausage Butty £1

Class 2 Parent Lunch

Dates for your Diary

28/04/18 NISCU Coffee Morning (Burton Village Hall from 10.30am)

07/05/18 School Closed : May Day

08/05/18 Bewerley Park Residential (Year 5)

09/05/18 Kwik Cricket at Settle Cricket Club

14/05/18 SATS WEEK : YEARS 2 and 6

17/05/18 Big Dig Afterschool 3.30 – 5.00pm

18/05/18 Ingleborough Ascent (Year 6)

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

24/05/18 Class Photos

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)

03/07/18 Ingleborough Hall (Year 6)

11/07/18 Transfer Day for Settle College

Other important dates for your diaries

This week the staff sat down with their diaries and agreed some very important Summer Term dates. I know that parents like to have plenty of advance warning to enable arrangements to be made at work and with family members etc. We are, therefore,

pleased to be able to inform you of the following 'dates for your diaries...'

School Open Afternoon

Friday 29th June 1.30 – 3.30pm

Parents and members of the community are welcome to join us in school for our Open Afternoon. Visitors will be able to walk around school, look at displays, join in lessons, look at children's learning and meet members of school staff. Refreshments will be available and guests will also have an opportunity to join Praise Assembly which is held at 3.00pm.

Whole School Summer Performance

Monday 9th July 6.00pm

Once again, our wonderful aspiring thespians will be taking to the stage, this year to put on a performance of... (it's a secret, we need to tell the children first!) We do however know that, on the evening of the performance, children will need to arrive at school at 5.30pm to get into their costumes with show starting at 6.00pm. The production will involve children from Reception through to Year 6 inclusive.

An afternoon performance will take place on **Thursday 12th July at 2.00pm.**

Sports Day and Picnic Lunch

Friday 13th July

Our annual sports day will take place on **Friday 13th July** starting at 9.30am (weather permitting). Children from Reception through to Year 6 will take part - there will also be a selection of parent races. We would like to once again enjoy a picnic lunch following the morning's sporting efforts, which parents are more than welcome to join. If, as a parent, you do decide to join in with the picnic, you will need to bring along your own lunch. Further, all parents are being asked to leave school by 1.00pm.

The reserve day for the Sports Day and the Picnic Lunch will be **Tuesday 17th July.** (Same format as above).

Transition Day

Monday 16th July

Children will find out which class they will be in next year and will be given the opportunity to spend the day with their new class teacher in their new classroom. Reports also come home to parents on the 16th July.