



Bentham Community
Primary School

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Dear Parents

Clapham C of E (VC) Primary School

You may be aware that Clapham Primary School is under consultation for closure and that there was a Public Meeting held earlier this week - which I attended. Clapham is one of our neighbouring schools and recently we have not only been sharing transport to events but have also invited children from Clapham to join us for a day, forming part of our learning about the Commonwealth. As a school, both myself and the Governing Body have invested much time and thought into considering a shared Headship with Clapham, which we have been approached about by the Local Authority to consider on a number of occasions. This was an arrangement that was seriously considered, but ultimately felt that having a shared headteacher across the two schools on a permanent basis would be detrimental to our school, which had to be the priority. As you know, we have a lovely large building and outdoor space and we know that we are a Good school. We are proud of our children and the nurturing environment that we have. We are keen to ensure that parents and families from Clapham, who may need to consider an alternative school in the future if the decision for closure is made, are aware of the fantastic work that goes on here at Bentham. If you have friends or family who are currently having to face the process of considering other schools, please do encourage them to come and visit us. I am keen to reassure current parents that any increase in children will not impact on our school negatively in any way. In fact, it would be a positive in lots of ways. I will keep you updated on developments in the future.

Last term, Mrs Hodgson led a Reading Information Session for parents/carers with the aim of helping parents understand our reading scheme in school, find out more about how we teach reading and have an opportunity to ask questions. Unfortunately, very few parents attended this session. We are still keen to share this information with more parents, enabling parents/carers to support their child with reading. As you know, reading is a priority for us this year and children have been embracing the opportunities to read frequently and develop a love of reading. I am going to re-run this session again on **Tuesday 19th March from 3.30-4.15pm in Class 3**. Activities for children will be provided. Please be reassured that no parent/carer will be asked to read aloud, answer a test or do anything that would make them feel uncomfortable. If you are able to attend this session, please complete and return the reply slip over-leaf to the School Office by no later than **Friday 15th March 2019**.

Many thanks.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher
Bentham C P School



To : Mrs C Pearson, Headteacher

I CONFIRM that I will be attending the Reading Information Session being held on Tuesday 19th March 19 from 3.30pm to 4.15pm in Class 3.

Name of Child : _____

Name of Parent(s)/Carer(s) attending :

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

