



Friday 4th October 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Here at Bentham we strive to offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum, it's not just about Maths and English. So this week, we have had a number of children in year 5 taking part in a two day Bikeability Training course. The first day of training proved to be challenging due to the rain and wind but our children showed great resilience, whilst the second day of training took place in glorious sunshine. Certificates and badges will be handed out in Assembly later today. Cycling instructors commented on how wonderful our children were; polite, hard-working and good listeners. Well done boys and girls!

Thank you to those parents who came along to the FOB's AGM which was held on Wednesday 2nd October. It is reassuring to know that this friendly group of parents continue to actively fundraise for our school. The group are looking for more volunteers to help with planned projects over the coming year, so if you think you can help, or if you have some fundraising ideas that you would like to share, then please get in touch with the school. Also, if you can help at our Baby and Toddler Group on a Friday morning from 9.00-10.30am that would be great. Making tea cakes, serving drinks and setting up an activity or two is all that it entails.

On the evening of Wednesday 9th October at 6.00pm, school will be holding a 'Support your child with Maths' information workshop for parents/carers of children in classes 3,4, and 5, together with a 'Support your child with Phonics and Early Reading' information workshop for parents/carers of children in classes 1 and 2. More information about these sessions has been sent home via children's book bags. I would strongly encourage parents to come along to these informative sessions about how to support children both at home and at school with their learning. Children are more than welcome to come along to school with parents, as FREE childcare will be provided.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

School Library This week saw the launch of school's brand new 'Librosoft' Library system. This new system means that children will be set up with their very own library account and be able to borrow books to enjoy from our wonderful library! A team of Librarians from Year 6 have been fully trained on how to 'scan' books in and out of children's accounts. Thank you to Miss Richardson for setting this up and also to Teaching Assistants who have had the thankless task of labelling all of our books to date..... However, we still have a number of books that need labelling and adding to the system. CAN YOU HELP? If you can spare an hour or two, or even an afternoon to come into school and scan some books, then please let Sally know in the School Office. Thank you. All help will be very much appreciated!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who helped support this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We managed to raise just over £200 which is fantastic! Thank you to Mrs Reid for organising this event.

Boys Football Tournament If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at a Football Tournament on Wednesday 9th October 2019 can parents/carers please ensure that consent has been returned to the School Office by no later than 9.00am on Monday 7th October. Failure to return reply slips may result in children losing their place.

Caving Opportunity On Friday 11th October a small group of children from Class 4 have been invited to take part in a caving opportunity at Thistle and Runscar Cave. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore underground under the close supervision of fully qualified experienced instructors.

Music Lessons Did you know that there are opportunities at school for children to have individual music lessons and learn to play instruments such as the accordion, fife, flute, keyboard, guitar, piano and much more? For more information, please see Sally in the School Office.

Secondary School Places for children CURRENTLY in Year 6 Whilst it may seem a long way off, parents/carers of children born between 01/09/2008 and 31/08/2009 are being asked to start applying for secondary school places for children who are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in

September 2020. Information has been sent home in book bags and any further questions you may have can be answered by the School's Admissions Team on 01609 533679. E-mail :

schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk. Please note all applications need to be completed by no later than 31st October 2019. After this date an application will be treated as **LATE**.

Aldi's Kit for Schools : Get Set to Eat Fresh We are collecting Team GB Athlete stickers from Aldi. Every time someone spends £30 or more in any Aldi Store up until the 3rd November 2019, they will receive a sticker. If we manage to fill our poster with 300 stickers our school will receive a Sports Kit and be in with a chance of winning £20,000. If you, or anyone you know, shops at Aldi, then please ask them to help fill our 'poster'! Stickers can be handed into Sally at the School Office or Class Teachers. Thank you for your support.

The Book People As everyone will agree every child has the right to read. To help support reading in schools, The Book People have introduced a new school fundraising scheme called 'Big Book Boost'. For every order over £10 placed online with The Book People a donation of £1 will be made to our school. All donations received will help school to purchase more books for our lovely library, meaning that EVERY CHILD in EVERY class will benefit. With Christmas around the corner, what better opportunity could there be to not only purchase someone a book, but to also fundraise for the school! Simply :

1. Make an online purchase over £10
 2. Select Bentham C P School at the Checkout
- thebookpeople.co.uk

Lunch Time and Fun Day Friday This year we will be continuing to offer children who do not usually take a school meal an opportunity to join in with 'Fun Day Friday'! Every Friday, children can order a meal during registration to enjoy at lunchtime. All our meals are freshly prepared daily, on site, using only locally sourced ingredients. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.10 per meal for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and £2.55 per day for children in years 3,4 and 5. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay.

Octameron On Saturday 5th October St John's Methodist Church will be helping to raise funds for Settle Swimming Pool by hosting a concert of songs and music. Tickets are on sale at Settle Pool priced at

£8.00. For more information, please call 01729 823626. Thank you.

URGENT REMINDER School Immunisation Team We have now received information about this year's Influenza (Flu) vaccination programme. All children from reception through to Year 6 are being offered a vaccination FREE of charge at school on Tuesday 5th November. If you would like your child to receive this vaccination, then please complete the on-line consent form at www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent. The School Code is 121380. *All consents need to be completed by no later than 18th October 2019.*

School Photos can now be ordered on-line. Please follow the instructions on 'photo-slips' which have been sent home in children's book bags. To receive a discount please place orders before 18th October. Thank you.

What's on this week?

Monday 7th October 2019

- 1.00pm Class 5 Swimming
- 1.30pm Class 3 at Godly Play
- 2.00pm Dogs as Therapy

Tuesday 8th October 2019

- Jordan's Lunchtime Football Club
- 3.30pm : Jigsaw Club (invited children) and Gardening Club

Wednesday 9th October 2019

- Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
- Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
- 12.30 Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament
- 6.00pm 'Support your child with Phonics and Early Reading' and 'Support your child with Maths' event.

Thursday 10th October 2019

- 3.30pm KS1 Multiskills Club

Friday 11th October 2019

Visit to Thistle and Runscar Caves for invited children.

3.00pm Praise Assembly

REMINDER Can parents/carers please ensure that they check their child's Parentpay account regularly to ensure that services are in credit? If you have any difficulty accessing Parentpay then please see Sally in the School Office. Please remember if you do not have access to the Internet, then payment can be taken manually either over the phone or at the office.

