



Friday 11th October 2019

Autumn Term : Edition 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you to all those parents who came along to school on the evening of Wednesday 9th October and took part in the parent 'workshops'. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers actively engaged in sessions aimed at how to help support children with learning both at school and at home. We recognise that being a parent can be hard at times but also that you all want to help your child/children as much as possible. We hope you found the sessions interesting and supportive. If you were unable to attend these sessions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher and discuss how you can encourage and support your child's learning.

On Friday 18th October, from 9.00am until 10.30am I would like to invite parents/carers of all children into school to join me at a 'Parent Coffee Morning'. Whilst this is an informal event, there will be opportunities for parents to raise any questions they may have. It is also an ideal opportunity to meet other parents of children at the school. I will be sharing with you how we are developing our curriculum in school and also showing you our new library borrowing system. Please do come and join me if you can.

As I write this week's Friday News, our Year 5/6 Boys Football Team have just returned to school from an afternoon of football at Settle College. They are very happy as they came joint 2nd and returned to school undefeated! They won or drew all their matches. Well done to Dan Ellershaw who was Jordan's player of the tournament. Thank you to Mrs Askew and Jordan Armstrong for taking the children to Settle and coaching them through the games. The team were excellent ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of themselves. We look forward to more sporting successes throughout the year!

Mrs Pearson

ATTENDANCE MATTERS As a school we continually strive to achieve a 'whole' school attendance of 97% or above – but we need your help. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance at school. It has been proven that children who attend school both regularly and on time

tend to achieve higher levels of attainment and maximise their chances at any future success. There is a significant amount of evidence supporting the importance of the link between attendance and attainment. Whole school attendance also has an impact on Ofsted outcomes – with schools showing poor attendance being heavily scrutinised and judgements affected. With this in mind, can we please ask parents/carers to take attendance, and the impact of the same, into consideration when planning for family holidays etc. and to try to avoid requesting time off during term-time?

As 'food for thought' attendance at the school for the week 30th September to 4th October was **97.28%** with Class 5 having the highest level of attendance for the week. Thank you for your support with attendance.

Autumn Craft Evening This week an invitation has gone out to children in years 2 to 6 inclusive to take part in our brand-new Autumn Craft Evening event. Places are limited, and must be pre-booked. The cost of this activity is £4.00 per child, to cover the cost of materials. For more information, please see the letter sent home in children's book bags.

Parent Evenings Information about Parent Evening interviews with class teachers has been sent home in children's book bags. If you have not already done so, and you would like an appointment with your child's class teacher, then please ensure that reply slips requesting an appointment have been returned to the School Office by no later than **MONDAY 14TH October 2019**. Confirmation of appointment times will be sent home with children on Friday 18th October. Thank you.

Growing Healthy Can we remind parents/carers of children in Reception, that if they wish to opt out of the Heath Screening programme run by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, then they need to contact the Healthy Child Team by e-mailing Children&families@northyorks.gov.uk or calling 01609 780780. By way of a reminder, height and weight checks for children in both Reception and Year 6 are part of a National Child Measurement Programme, more information about this programme can be accessed at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/>.

Primary School Place for children for September 2020 Can we please remind parents/carers of children currently in Nursery, that they need to apply for a primary school place for children who are due to

start in their Reception year at school during September 2020. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020. For more information, please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions or, alternatively, contact the School Admissions Team on 01609 533679. Thank you.

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.

FINAL 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.

STAY AND PLAY Pioneer Projects in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council will be running 'Stay and Play' sessions for pre-school age children at Bentham Community Library every Thursday, term-time only, from 9.00am until 11.00am. For more information, please call 01609 534533

North Central Area Accordion and Music Championships On Saturday 16th November at The Bailey, Skipton Building Society, Skipton the Craven Accordion Orchestra will be hosting an 'Accordion and Music Championships' event. There will be classes for ALL ages and ALL abilities, including solos, duets, groups and orchestras. For more information, please contact Harry on 07401 768356 or Danny (school's accordion teacher) on 07517 998790.

Settle Area Swimming Pool will be hosting a Harvest Supper at the Holy Ascension Church, Settle on Friday 25th October 2019 from 6.30pm. Admission is priced at only £6.00 each, with supper and entertainment included. All monies raised will help support fundraising efforts by Settle Swimming Pool. For more information, please contact the pool on 01729 823626. Thank you.

What's on this week?

Monday 14th October 2019

1.00pm Class 5 Swimming
2.00pm Reading to Dogs

Tuesday 15th October 2019

Jordan's Lunchtime Football Club
Lunchtime Book Club
3.30pm : Autumn Craft Evening

Wednesday 16th October 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Mexican Artist Workshops all day

Thursday 17th October 2019

Afterschool KS1 Multiskills

Friday 18th October 2019

9.00am Parent Coffee Morning
9.00am Baby and Toddler Group (School Hall)
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.