



**Friday News**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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**HEALTHY SNACKS** Remember children in KS2 are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school with them to enjoy during morning break. This can be a piece of fruit or cereal bar, no crisps, sweets, nuts, biscuits or chocolate please. Children in KS1 are provided a healthy snack free of charge.

**Friends of Bentham School** The 2015 Christmas Quiz sheet is now available from the School Office, priced at £1.00 per sheet. Completed entries should be returned to the 'Collection Box' outside the School Library by no later than **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries.

All those aspiring Mary Berry's can look forward to **Bentham's Bake Off** (sorry Paul Hollywood still not available) on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. Festive themed bakes and cakes to be judged in the School Hall by Mrs Sue Leak. Prizes for the best entry in the KS1, KS2 and Parent category.

The Christmas Bauble Lottery is almost ready to be launched..... there are lots of wonderful prizes up for grabs.... More information to follow. School are still looking for any donations of unwanted Baubles!

Mrs Forbes and Mrs Buckley are also selling 'squares' on a Body Shop Goody Grid.... Squares cost £2.00 each. The lucky winner will receive a £50.00 Body Shop Voucher, there is also a runner-up prize of £25.00 worth of Body Shop Vouchers up for grabs.

The Friends of Bentham School are currently actively fundraising to help purchase additional fixed outdoor play equipment for children. Every child in every class benefits from this group's fundraising activities, please support this group of volunteers in any way you can. Thank you.

**Christmas Dinner** This year Christmas Dinner will be taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 the same day as the fundraising 'TEXT SANTA Christmas Event'.

**The SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY** at Settle are holding a 'Children's Christmas Card Competition' with a little help from The House that Jack Built. All local primary schools and nurseries are being invited to take part and entries should be taken to Skipton Building Society at Settle by no later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015** (the date of Bentham's Bake Off!). The cards can be of any Christmas scene, but must be all the child's OWN work and NOT computerised. There will be three age categories for entry, up to 5 years, 6-8 years and 9 years plus. First, second and third place entries in all categories will receive £20, £15, and £10 respectively – each entrant will receive a fun size chocolate bar. Can all entries please clearly state on the reverse of the card the child's name, age and school. Get Creative!

**MASSIVE THANK you to Mrs Leak for coping so well with the kitchen Leak!** Can we just say thank you to Mrs Leak and Miss Price for coping so brilliantly earlier this week when all the lights in the kitchen failed, meaning that the cooker was non-operational. Despite this, every child who takes a school meal was provided with a delicious lunch – thank you.

**Children in Need** This year the school managed to raise an incredible £208.52 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for their support of this national fundraiser.

**CANCELLED** The Friends of Bentham School's Coffee Morning which was scheduled to take place on the morning of the **19<sup>th</sup> December 2015** in the Town Hall has been CANCELLED.

**MATHS, MATHS AND MORE MATHS** ..... Is it a super-hero.. (in a way it is). The picture is in fact of Mrs Helen Jarvis one of our School Governors dressed as 'Number Woman'. Mrs Jarvis is our Maths Link Governor and can very often be seen around the school supporting children with their learning. Well done to Harry Wheildon who was last weeks MATHS STAR.



**THANK YOU** to Armstrongs Builders Merchants for their very kind donation of Cross Country Running t-shirts and hoodies. No doubt this wonderful new kit will encourage and motivate children to take part in cluster sporting events. We know that children are always proud to represent their School and wider Community. Pictured to the right is Mr Mick Armstrong handing over the new kit to Head Boy and Head Girl, Matthew and Louisa Hill.



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** Studies have shown that those children with a good attendance ethos at primary level, tend to continue with the trend throughout their educational journey and working lives. During the previous week our attendance percentages were :

Class One	96.82	Class Four	99.26
Class Two	99.23	Class Five	98.64
Class Three	92.96		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently – 97.59%

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** Please look in your child's book bag for the latest Scholastic Book Club Catalogue. There are lots of wonderful books and popular titles at extremely good value for money available. Can all orders be handed into the School Office by no later than **27<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Limited. If you would like this order to be a Christmas Surprise then please state this on the order together with a contact number so that you can be notified when to come and collect.

**Community Events**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 from 10.30am Dalehead Veterinary Group Charity Dog Walk  
 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from 10.00am Christmas Craft Fair at Bentham Golf Club

**On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November the Winter Caravan Park Races** will be taking place at Riverside Caravan Park, High Bentham. Registration opens at 1.00pm, briefing and transition skills taking place at 1.45pm and racing starting at 2.00pm. The course will consist of a grass loop around a fishing pond, and inner loop for running, and outer loop for cycling. There will be varied distances for a range of age groups, including a Family Team and 'Grown up' entrants category. Entry is £10.00 per child, £15.00 for siblings and adults free for more information please contact Andy on 07799 063115 or Jill on 07955 342344 ([www.runbikefun.co.uk](http://www.runbikefun.co.uk)).

**North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service** are currently recruiting Retained (on-call) Firefighters to serve the village of Bentham and surrounding areas. If you would be interested in this career opportunity please contact Martyn Hughes, Retained Support Officer on 01756 692560/07771843972 [martyn.hughes@northyorkshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:martyn.hughes@northyorkshirefire.gov.uk)

**ECO-CLUB** On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Mrs Boocock, and Miss Pearson will be accompanying members of the school's Eco-Club on a fact-finding mission to Harlow Carr, Harrogate.

