



**Friday News**  
**27<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 by the school.

**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 playing hard to get) 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 – GET BAKING and help raise funds for your school.

**The Christmas Bauble Lottery** has been released..... Baubles will be on sale from the School Office from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 priced at £1.50 each. Thank you to Naylor Myers, Toobys, Bentham Post Office, Morrisons at Kendal, Pennine Outdoors, Bentham Golf Club, Booths, The Gallery Station Road, Blossom and Co, Asda Kendal, Farmstead, Bentham Balti, Co-op Bentham, B and CE Armstrong, Pigtails, Total Wellbeing, Bibbys of Ingleton, Treetop Nets for their kind prize donations.

**The Early Years Disco** for children in Reception and Nursery will be taking place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child would like to take part in this festive treat, please remember to return your reply slip to the School Office. Rumour has it that there will be a very special guest at the disco dressed in red and white. Children in Reception are welcome to stay at school and get changed into their party clothes before going to the Disco which starts at 3.45pm.

**THANK YOU to** The Friends of Bentham School for recently purchasing the school a wonderful new artificial Christmas Tree. This will be decorated during next week and will stand in the reception area so that everyone can enjoy the festive ambiance..... (only 27 days to go...)

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'. If your child would like to join in with this festive feast, then please remember to complete and return the reply slip to the School Office by no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Christmas Crafts** sessions will be taking place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. These wonderful creative craft workshops are always popular and this year the workshops are once again fully subscribed.

**AS WINTER** approaches, the school must consider what would happen in the case of heavy snow fall! Should this occur can parents please put in place a contingency plan as the school would have to be CLOSED. Parents would be notified of this decision at the earliest opportunity via our texting service – so please ensure your contact numbers are up-to-date.

**Schools can have wish lists too.....** Can any parents help with our 'wish list' ... urgently required are the following items!

- Planting Tubs/Planters for Miss Shepherd
- Bags of un-wanted Compost for Miss Shepherd
- Baubles (not glass please) for Sally in the School Office
- Wellies (please hand into the School Office)

**Telephone Contact** Since moving to our wonderful new school, the telephone number appears to be causing some confusion! Our telephone number remains **015242 61412, however,** parents may see the following number appear when the school is trying to contact them **01609 710401. This number cannot be re-dialled.** The reason this number shows is because the school's telephone line operates through North Yorkshire County Council's exchange. Please continue to use the **015242 61412 number** to contact school. Thanks.

**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	90.00%	Class Four	97.04%
Class Two	99.24%	Class Five	94.55%
Class Three	98.54%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently 97.41%. For our school to be judged as 'Outstanding' we need to have an annual attendance percentage of 97% or above. Last academic year our attendance percentage was 95.5%. Whilst this percentage can be partly attributed to a flu epidemic that struck during the Winter Term, we would once again request that parents please consider the attendance factor when arranging holidays etc., during term-time. Thanking parents in anticipation for their continued support, understanding and co-operation.

**Unfortunately,** it appears that there may well be a sickness bug circulating around children at the school. In order to assist stop the spread of this nasty bug, can parents please ensure that if their child is ill they keep them at home for 48 hours following the last instance of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Even if a child appears well and feels better they are still capable of spreading infection to others during this initial 48 hour period. Please also encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially after using the toilet, and before eating or preparing food.

**Community Events : 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)).

**CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLY** On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.10am school will be hosting a Christingle Service Assembly by Reverend Anne Russell.

Date	Time	Event	Class
30/11/15	1220	Swimming at Settle Pool	Class 4
01/12/15	1800	Finance Committee Meeting	Governors
02/12/15	1530	Christmas Crafts Workshop – Now Fully Subscribed	
04/12/15	All Day	Bentham's Bake Off! GET BAKING HELP FUNDRAISING	All
05/12/15	1030	Church Coffee Morning – singing from Classes 1 and 2	1 and 2
07/12/15	0900	Baubles for Lottery go on sale	All
08/12/15	1545	Early Years Christmas Disco	Reception/Nursery
14/12/15	1220	Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool	CLASS 5

