



Friday News
4th December 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 Don't forget to return the Christmas Quiz sheets back to school by Monday 14th December 2015. **The Early Years Disco** for children in Reception and Nursery will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th December**. 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 also to the FOBS for purchasing the wonderful Christmas Tree which can be enjoyed by all in the School Reception area. The next FOBS meeting is on 10th December at 2.30pm.** Everyone welcome to come along.

CHRISTMAS BAUBLE LOTTERY Baubles on sale at the School office from **Monday 7th December 2015** – there really are some wonderful prizes up for grabs – be in it to win it!!

Christmas Dinner This year Christmas Dinner will be taking place on **Tuesday 15th 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 let the School Office know ASAP.

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.

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.

THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs J Macdonald for their kind donation of a Defibrillator – this potentially life saving piece of equipment is located in the School Reception area.



The next School 'Coffee Morning' will be taking place on **Friday 11th December 2015**. Please come along and join in this informal event and meet with other parents, staff and Governors.



BULB PLANTING On Tuesday 8th December, the School's Landscapers 'Skeltons' will be on site working on the grounds. As part of the project, children will all be invited to take part in some bulb planting. Can parents please ensure that children bring their welly boots to school with them on this day – there is a chance that many feet will get muddy!!!



As the big 'C' word races towards us, time seems to run out! Why not make use the school's excellent After School Club provision for childcare and give yourself some extra time to do that Christmas Shopping? Sessions run from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. A full session is priced at £7.50 per child with a £6.50 sibling rate and includes a snack and healthy tea-time meal, whilst the Early Bird Session runs from 3.30pm to 4.45pm priced at £5.00 per child and including a snack. There are lots of activities to enjoy at After School Club, including art, games, creative play and much more.

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	90.91%	Class Four	96.30%
Class Two	93.70%	Class Five	91.36%
Class Three	95.0%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently 97.01%. For our school to be judged as 'Outstanding' we need to have an annual attendance percentage of 97% or above. 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.

FILM CLUB will be taking place on **Friday 11th December 2015**. The film will be 'Polar Express'. Can parents please collect their children from the School Hall at 5.30pm. Thank you.

Bentham Pantomime : Beauty and the Beast Final chance to secure yourself a part in this production – go along to Sole to Soul, Sunday 6th December between 2.30pm & 4.00pm.

Date	Time	Event	Class
07/12/15	0900	Baubles for 'Lottery' go on sale	Everyone
08/12/15	All Day	Skeltons : Bulb Planting with Children	All
08/12/15	1545	Early Years Christmas Disco	Nursery/Reception
09/12/15	0900	Rewind to Christmas at Ingleton Methodist Chapel	Year 5
09/12/15	1400	KS1 Nativity in School Hall	All Welcome
10/12/15	1830	KS1 Nativity in School Hall	All
11/12/15	0900	Parents' Coffee Morning	All Welcome
11/12/15	1400	Dress Rehearsal KS2 Carol Service	KS2
11/12/15	1345	Film Club : The Polar Express	Members Only
13/12/15	1600	Christingle Service at St Johns	All Welcome
15/12/15	1200	Christmas Lunch	ORDER ASAP
15/12/15	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day	All
15/12/15	1830	Christmas Carol Service in School (Classes 3,4 and 5)	All Welcome
16/12/15	1500	Auction Mart Carol Service	
17/12/15	PM	Christmas Party Time	All Classes
18/12/15	1530	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	All
05/01/16	0850	School Re-Opens	All

