



Friday News
18th December 2015

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..... **the final Friday News of 2015 has arrived....** Can all the staff, Governors and associates of the school wish everyone a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and **NEW YEAR....** We hope Santa delivers everything you have wished for on the 25th. Children are back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

THANK YOU to Sue Leak and Helena Price for successfully managing to continue delivering freshly prepared school meals without a kitchen!! Meals are currently being prepared and cooked off site at Ingleton Primary School and then transferred to our school in readiness for lunch. Hopefully, for the beginning of next term all the roofing problems will be resolved our school kitchen will be fully repaired, declared safe and be fully operational once again. Thank you to everyone for their continued support and understanding.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Bentham C P School would like to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to **BENTHAM GOLF CLUB** who very kindly loaned their kitchen to Mrs Leak and Miss Harrison on Tuesday 15th December so that they could prepare **142 Christmas dinners!!** The lunch was absolutely delicious, and children enjoyed lots of treats after the meal. Can we just remind parents of the importance of ordering 'special meals'. This year we only received 80 orders for Christmas lunches, meaning that over 62 meals were not accounted for.... Fortunately Mrs Leak anticipated that there would be more children wanting a Christmas lunch!

GOODBYE As many parents may have heard, Miss Shepherd has decided to leave Bentham C P School at the end of the Summer 2016 term. As everyone knows, Miss Shepherd has a wonderful sense of fun and creativity which will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish Miss Shepherd and her family all the very best for the future. The leadership and management team will be working alongside Governors in the New Year planning for staffing in September 2016.

ZUMBA.... Starting on Thursday 7th January we will once again be running Zumba sessions after school in the School Hall with Mrs Mercer for children in classes 3,4 and 5.

SWIMMING : Class FIVE children will be swimming on Monday 11th January 2016.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS Can parents please ensure that the School Office hold correct contact details. This is especially important where mobile telephones and our texting service are concerned. If you do not notify the office of any mobile number changes you will not receive texts keeping you up-to-date with school news.

CRAVEN JUDO CLUB are planning to hold a **JUDO CLUB** here at the school on Monday evenings – more information about this will be available in the New Year.

WELL DONE to all the children who took part in the school's lovely Nativity Play and the super Carol Service. There were numerous positive comments from parents, grandparents and visitors about children's beautiful singing, wonderful acting and talented dancing. Thank you also to all the members of staff who work so hard producing performances.

FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL Thank you to the Friends of Bentham School for all their festive fundraising activities, and thank you to everyone for their invaluable support. Since September 2015 the FOBs have managed to raise £621.58, this is from the Christmas Quiz, Early Years Disco, Bentham's Bake Off, collections at performances and the Bauble Lottery. Any monies raised by the FOBS helps every child in every class. They are currently saving to purchase a Gazebo with seating areas for our playground (this will also help parents when collecting their children on wet days!!).

Mrs Jarvis, one of our dedicated Governors and 'Maths Champion' has kindly donated £152.50 to UNICEF with the school donating a further £30.00 to this worthy cause.

Winners of the Christmas Quiz were, in first place, Jess Bairstow, second place Charlotte Taylor (Class 1 teacher) and 3rd Julie Akrigg (all received a cash prize for their efforts).

WELCOME to our new Parent Governor, Mrs Claire Procter. Mrs Procter is mum to Finley in Class 1.

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	81.82%	Class Four	95.06%
Class Two	95.68%	Class Five	98.48%
Class Three	92.86%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently 96.66% (this does need to improve). 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, medical appointments etc., during term-time. Thanking parents in anticipation for their continued support, understanding and co-operation.

DISABLED PARKING Can parents please ensure that they do not park in the Disabled Parking spaces when collecting children from school, these spaces should be left available for Disabled Parking Permit holders only – thanking everyone for their co-operation.

PARENTS MEETING Remember there will be a meeting on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 6.30pm for parents of those children in years 3 and 4 who will be taking part in the Malham Residential.

PARENTS MEETING There will be a meeting on Wednesday 20th January (time to be confirmed) for parents of those Year 6 children who are taking part in the trip to London on 28th January 2016.

WEBSITE Remember to keep checking the school's wonderful web-site to check for up-to-date news, school notices, dates for diaries, children's reports and much, much more.

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THANK YOU to everyone who supported Mrs Nelson's TEXT Santa Christmas Jumper day on Tuesday 15th December. Mrs Nelson raised a magnificent £175.00 for this charity event. Congratulations to raffle winners Georgia Bentham, Toby Green, Stanley Swarbrick-Miller, Cameron Askew, Akira Cressey, Miss Harrison and Mrs Steele.



