



Friday News
5th January 2016

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SCHOOL BUILDING UP-DATE As parents can see, the builders are still on site, they are scheduled to be with us until the end of February. Work on the roof continues which will ultimately ensure it is water-tight. Repairs and repainting will be done inside school during the half term holiday. Unfortunately, we continue to have problems with the electric doors, which then set off the intruder and fire alarms!

Hopefully, all the issues will be resolved soon and the Governors along with North Yorkshire Property Services will then take over the responsibility of managing the building. Please can I reassure parents that teaching and learning is continuing as normal in school and we are doing our best to make sure these disruptions do not affect the children's lessons or well-being. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

PARENTS' EVENINGS This term Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Monday 29th February and Thursday 3rd March 2016.

SWIMMING : Class FIVE children will be swimming on Monday 8th February 2016. This will be the last swimming lesson.

IMPORTANT DATES Can parents please ensure that they try their best to ensure that children are at school on the following assessment dates.

9 th to 12 th May 2016	Key Stage 2 SATS Week (Classes 3,4 and 5)
May 2016	Key Stage 1 SATS (Class 2)
13 th to 24 th June 2016	Year 1 Phonics Testing



FUNDRAISING SLEEPOVER All monies have now been refunded to payment cards. Cash payments and paypoint payments will be refunded via cheque or alternatively funds transferred to Dinner Accounts.

HELP, HELP, HELP..... Have you any unwanted craft items? Key Stage 1 are currently seeking generous donations of beads, pompoms, cotton wool, ribbon, straws etc. for their creative area.

MORE HELP, HELP, HELP School are looking for any donations of PE shorts or jogging bottoms, particularly for children in Key Stage 2. These are to add to our 'spares' box for use when children forget their PE Kits – thank you.

Can we just remind parents that children should come to school wearing appropriate black shoes. Trainers should not be worn (only for PE Lessons). UGG style boots are also not suitable for daily use at school. Please also ensure that children do not wear makeup when at school, this includes nail-varnish. Thank you.



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. LAST WEEK (18th to 22nd January) class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	96.36%	Class Four	100.00%
Class Two	97.04%	Class Five	98.64%
Class Three	95.0%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently **96.51%** (this **NEEDS** 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.

THANK YOU to Annie Neligan for her very kind donation of a Plum Tree for the school's garden.

Bentham Refugee Support Group Bentham responds to the refugee crisis in an afternoon of information and discussion with speakers from refugee organisations in West Yorks. Saturday 6th February at Bentham Town Hall. 12.00-4.00. Includes lunch and teas. Donations to the Red Cross appeal welcome.

DONATIONS Have you any good quality games or jigsaws at home that you no longer require? School would very much like to give these a home, so that they can be used in classrooms during wet play days. Thank you.

SAINSBURY'S Active Kids We are once again collecting vouchers for this scheme. Vouchers should be placed in the Collection Box in the School Main entrance.

At their meeting on the 26th January, the FOBS discussed future fundraising activities, including the Easter Egg Raffle, Thanks a Bunch and an all new **Countryside Festival** planned for Saturday 25th June 2016. This will be an event held at school, celebrating the community, the countryside and our wonderful school. The Friends of Bentham School are hoping to attract craft stalls, local charities, dancing demonstrations, and entertain guests with challenges, games and much more. For more details speak to Sally in the School Office.

MINOR AILMENT SCHEME Did you know certain medications can be accessed FREE OF CHARGE at your local Pharmacist under this scheme? Ailments that may be treated include colds, coughs, diarrhoea, earache, hay-fever, head-lice, nappy rash, sore throat, and teething.

VACANCY We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant and a Relief MSA. These roles are term-time only, part-time and for five hours per week being Monday to Friday 12.00 m/d to 1.00pm. Posts are Band 3 SCP 7-9. The posts are subject to an enhanced DBS and Medical Clearance check. For more details please contact the School Office.

FILM CLUB The next Film Club will be taking place on **Friday 12th February 2016**

NEEDED IN NURSERY Any unwanted pots, pans and kitchen equipment! (Sieves, spoons, whisks) These are for Nursery's very own wonderful new 'Mud Kitchen'!!!

At a glance..... the week ahead.....

08/02/2016	1300	Animation Workshop	Class 3
09/02/2016	0900	Settle Stories "Chinese New Year"	Whole School
12/02/2016	0930	St John's Ambulance : First Aid Training	Class 5
12/02/2016	1345	Film Club	Yrs 1,2,3,4,5, and 6

