



Friday News (on a Thursday!)
12th February 2016

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

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



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.

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 for donations so far.....

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.

THANKS A BUNCH We will once again be celebrating 'Mothering Sunday' or 'Special Persons Day' by selling beautiful bunches of daffodils and hand-decorated personal labels, just a little something to say 'thank you' to that special person in your life. Tags will be on sale from Monday 22nd February at the School Reception priced at £1.50 each. What better way than to say it with flowers?!

STAGECOACH Theatre Arts Schools We have secured a FREE Discovery Session at Stagecoach Theatre Arts School at Lancaster and Morecambe College for every child if they would like to participate. Sessions take place on Saturday mornings. Stagecoach offers children a chance to explore the performing arts and gain important life skills. Acting, singing and dance classes boost self-confidence, creativity and curiosity – skills that will stay with children for life. Vouchers have been put in children's book bags. For more information please call 01539 730 849 or stagecoach.co.uk/Lancaster.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Does your child suffer from Asthma? Did you know that school holds an 'emergency Salbutamol inhaler'? The usual protocol for the use of inhalers is that a child's is held in a secure place and a Medical Form is completed by a parent/carer. However, in the case of an emergency and a child's inhaler not being available school holds an emergency Inhaler. However, in order for staff to be able to use this inhaler an 'Emergency Consent Form' needs to be completed. If your child has Asthma, and you wish to give school consent to use emergency medication, please contact the School Office in order to complete the relevant paperwork.

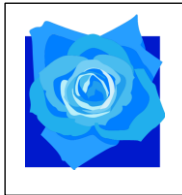


ATTENDANCE MATTERS Studies have shown that those children with a good attendance ethos at primary level, tend to continue with the trend throughout their educational journey and working lives. LAST WEEK (1ST February to 5th February) class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	94.55%	Class Four	99.26%
Class Two	96.30%	Class Five	100.00%
Class Three	92.50%		

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.

SPOT THE ROSE See how many Roses you can spot in shops and houses around Bentham.



Entry Forms are available at School Reception. Bring completed forms along to Bentham Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' which is taking place in the Town Hall from the 17th 20th Feb from 7.30pm (Saturday 6.30pm) and be in with a chance of winning a Prize! If you find 20 roses or more then you will receive a FREE Ice-Cream.

GET WELL SOON It was with much sadness that we received the news that one of our Governors, Mrs Sue Yardy suffered from a Heart Attack earlier in the week. Sue has now had treatment in hospital, and we would all like to wish her a speedy recovery.



THANK YOU to the Friends of Bentham school for their recent purchase of some wonderful colourful bean-bags for the School Library. Future fundraising activities include 'Thanks a Bunch', an 'Easter Egg Raffle' and a **Countryside Festival** planned for Saturday 25th June 2016. The FOBS are hoping to attract craft stalls, local charities, dancing demonstrations and entertain visitors with challenges, games, giant inflatables and much, much more. For more details, or to secure a stall at this event, please contact Sally in the School Office. Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent 'Bags2School' collection. The FOBS will let everyone know how much they managed to raise for the school as soon as possible.

WORLD BOOK DAY We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2016. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a book character on this day. More details to follow.

FILM CLUB The next Film Club will be taking place on **Friday 12th February 2016**
Film Club starts at the end of school and children should be collected at 5.30pm prompt.
 The film will be 'How to Train your Dragon 1'

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.....

22/02/2016	ALL DAY	SCHOOL RE-OPENS after HALF TERM	All
22/02/2016	0850	Tags on Sale for THANKS A BUNCH	All
25/02/2016	0900	Malham Residential	Years 3 and 4
29/02/2016	1530	Parents' Evening	All
01/03/2016	1600	Fair Trade Event at Giggleswick	
03/03/2016	All Day	World Book Day	All
03/03/2016	1530	Parents' Evening	All

