



Friday News
26th 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



SAINSBURY'S Active Kids We are 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 29th February at the School Reception priced at £1.50 each. What better way than to say it with flowers?!



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.



The Grand Theatre, Blackpool will be presenting 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' performed by The Royal Shakespeare Company on the 5th April to the 9th April 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch a 'live' professionally performed version of the production our year 6 children performed during July 2015. For more information visit the Grand Theatre, Blackpool's website.

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 week 8th February to 12th February class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	95.91%	Class Four	94.44%
Class Two	88.52%	Class Five	99.09%
Class Three	96.07%		



The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently **96.42 %** (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 the Friends of Bentham school for their continual fundraising efforts.

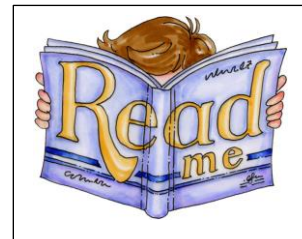
Future fundraising activities include 'Thanks a Bunch', an 'Easter Egg Raffle' and a

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, this raised an astounding £92.00 for the school.

WORLD BOOK DAY We will be taking part in World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March 2016**. This year we will be celebrating with a number of activities. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a book character on this day. As opposed to asking for a donation, we will be requesting that children donate one of their books which will be passed onto Oxfam. One of our Governors,



Mrs Helen Jarvis, came up with this wonderful idea, and it supports the school's work with UNICEF and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) within the curriculum.

OFSTED As parents will be aware, the school was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February. Thank you to all those parents who completed the online Parentview Questionnaire. The report by Ofsted will be available for parents in 2-3 weeks time.

At a glance..... the week ahead.....			
29/02/2016	1530	Parents' Evenings	All
01/03/2016	1600	Fair Trade Event at Giggleswick	Children Notified
03/03/2016	All Day	World Book Day	All
03/03/2016	1600	Parents' Evenings	All
04/03/2016	0900	Rugby and Netball at Giggleswick Primary School	Children Notified
08/03/2016	0830	Orienteering at Gisburn Forest	Year 3 and 4
11/03/2016	0900	Parent Coffee Morning	All Welcome
14/03/2016	1800	Governors' Meeting	Governors

