



**Friday News**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

## **Building our future, step by step**

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**NEARLY NEW** At the recent Friends of Bentham School meeting a discussion took place as to the feasibility of the school being able to 'sell' nearly new school uniform to help raise funds.



It has been agreed to 'trial' this potential fundraising scheme. If any parents have any outgrown uniform that they would like to donate to the school this would be gratefully received. This will then be offered 'for sale' at a very reasonable price to other parents. All proceeds of sale will go to the Friends of Bentham School. Please hand any donations into Sally at the School Office.

**EVERY CHILD IN EVERY CLASS benefits from fundraising activities**

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

**SWIMMING** : **Class FIVE** children will be swimming on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Key Stage 2 SATS Week (Classes 3,4 and 5)
May 2016	Key Stage 1 SATS (Class 2)
13 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 1 Phonics Testing



**ROAD SAFETY : Be Bright : Be Seen : Wear Appropriate Protective Clothing**

Remember bright colours assist drivers to see other road users. They help to keep you safe. Fluorescent materials show up during the day and at dusk. Reflective materials show up at night. Always wear an approved cycling helmet when out and about on cycles/scooters.

**FUNDRAISING SLEEPOVER** This night of adventure will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm. There will be a charge of £10.00 per child, this will include food, entertainment, lots of fun and even more adventure. Children should be collected from the School Hall at 9.30am on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**The Special Educational Needs Reforms – getting it right for your child**

We have received information from the Witherslack Group about a FREE workshop that they are hosting at Cedar House School on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The event is in partnership with IPSEA and parents are invited to go along and seek advice and support about making the right decisions for their child's future. To book a place at this event, please contact Sheila Wills on 015242 61149 or [cedar-house@witherslackgroup.co.uk](mailto:cedar-house@witherslackgroup.co.uk)

**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	89.09%	Class Four	99.26%
Class Two	88.89%	Class Five	97.73%
Class Three	96.79%		

The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently **96.46%** (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.

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.



**BENTHAM LIBRARY** Celebrate National Libraries Day with Bentham Library!

The Friends of Bentham Library will be hosting a Coffee Morning at the Town Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 from 10.00am to 12 noon.

At 10.30am, at the Library, there will be a special Story and Rhyme Time for Under 5s and at 11.00am there will be a demonstration on the library's computers about how to find out more about your family history.

There will also be an opportunity to win a £10.00 Book Token by completing a General Knowledge Quiz – 50p per entry. For more information contact the Library on 01609 534533.

**FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL** have organised a fundraising Bags2School event for **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. Please bring any bags to school on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> and place at the collection point outside the main entrance of the school.

At their meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, the FOBS discussed future fundraising activities, including the Easter Egg Raffle, Thanks a Bunch and an all new **Countryside Festival** planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Did you know.....** you can see how much the Friends of Bentham School have raised and what they are helping the school fund by looking at their wonderful display which is next to the Staff Room in the KS1 corridor? Everyone welcome to join the FOBs at any time.

**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.

At a glance..... the week ahead.....			
01/02/2016	1220	Swimming at Settle Pool	Class 5
01/02/2016	1300	Animation Workshop	Class 3
02/02/2016	0945	Lempen Puppets performing 'The Amazing Thing'	Whole School
05/02/2016	0900	Swimming Gala at Settle Pool	
05/02/2016	1830	KS2 Sleepover	KS2

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

