



**Friday News**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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

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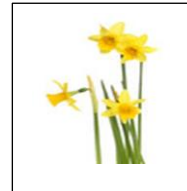
**IMPORTANT DATES** Can parents please ensure that they try their best to ensure that children are at school on the following assessment dates.

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



**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** ..... Thank you to all those parents who supported 'Thanks a Bunch', a fundraising activity celebrating 'Mothering Sunday' or 'Special Persons Day'. The Friends of Bentham School managed to raise £85.35. Thank you also to Mrs Leak and Flowerfields for helping to source so many bunches of daffodils at cost.



**MASSIVE THANK YOU** Can we just say a BIG, BIG thank you to the 'Sunday Boys Club', a local group of Community fundraisers who have very kindly donated £500.00 to go towards the cost of providing a Gazebo in the school Playground.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 26<sup>th</sup> February class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	94.55%	Class Four	97.14%
Class Two	99.29%	Class Five	96.82%
Class Three	98.93%		



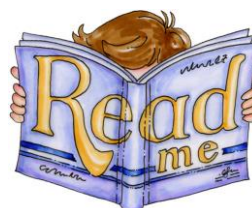
The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently **96.47 %** (this **NEEDS** to improve). **For our school to be judged as 'Outstanding'** we need to have an annual attendance percentage of **97% or above**. We would once again request that parents please 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.

**LONGSTAFFE'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** This was founded in the nineteenth century to promote the education of young people. The Trustees of the Foundation still welcome applications from parents for financial assistance for children/students who are less than 25 years old. Candidates must have attended a Local Authority Primary School in either Low or High Bentham. This charity is willing to consider applications for assistance with the purchase of books, educational equipment or support in other worthwhile educational activities. Application forms can be obtained from Mr D Johnson, Holly Gill, Burton Road, Low Bentham, LA2 7EW (please provide a SAE) or via e-mail [info@longstaffeducationalfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@longstaffeducationalfoundation.co.uk). The closing date for applications is 4<sup>th</sup> May 16.

**The Friends of Bentham School are very busy organising the schools very first 'Countryside Festival' which is planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WORLD BOOK DAY** Thank you to all those children (and staff) who took part in World Book Day. It was absolutely wonderful to see children dressed in a variety of 'character' costumes. Thank you also for all the donations of books which will be passed onto Oxfam.



**Scholastic Book Catalogue** The new Scholastic Book catalogue has recently been sent home via children's book bags. There are lots of bargains to be found, and lots of wonderful books at very reasonable prices. If you would like to order from this catalogue can you please do so by no later than **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. Orders should be placed in an envelope with the correct payment (cheques made payable to Scholastic Limited) and handed into the School Office. **REMEMBER** to redeem any 'World Book Day' Vouchers at the time of ordering.

**Following our recent OFSTED inspection** we are still eagerly awaiting the Report. Once this has been approved it will be available for parents to view via our website. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

**CAR PARKING** Can we please remind parents to take extra care when using the school car-park. There have been a couple of instances reported where cars have been accidentally damaged. Please also ensure that the Disabled Parking spaces are available for disabled persons. Thanking everyone for their co-operation.

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** Our annual Egg-stravaganza will once again be taking place on the last day of term, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Raffle tickets will be on sale at Reception from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Look out in children's book bags for more details of this egg-citing raffle.

This is a fundraising raffle, and any donations of prize Easter Eggs and/or prizes would be VERY gratefully received!

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT BREAKFAST** As part of 'Fair Trade Fortnight' children have been invited to take part in a Fair-trade Breakfast on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The breakfast is excellent value, priced at £2.00 per child. Can parents please ensure they return the reply slip indicating if their child will be taking part in this event as soon as possible.

At a glance..... the week ahead.....			
07/03/2016	1500	Netball Event at Settle College	Year 6 (Team Aware)
08/03/2016	0815	Fair-Trade Breakfast	All invited
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
22/03/2016	1000	Rewind to Easter Event at Bentham Methodist Chapel	Year 5
23/03/2016	1530	Year 6 Parents' Meeting – SATS	Class 5
23/03/2016	TBC	Hockey Event	Team Aware
24/03/2016	1530	EASTER EGG RAFFLE : <b>School Closes for Easter Holiday</b>	All
11/04/2016	0850	School Re-opens	All

