



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday News
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Building our future, step by step

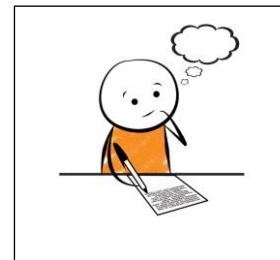
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OFSTED Following our recent Ofsted Inspection, the official report is now available on the school's website for parents to peruse. If you would like a paper copy please request this from the School Office. As can be expected we are extremely proud and pleased with our 'Good' with 'Outstanding' Early Years judgement.



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

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

The Friends of Bentham School are very busy organising the schools very first 'Countryside Festival' which is 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.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE Our annual Egg-stravaganza will once again be taking place on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March 2016. Raffle tickets will be on sale at Reception from **Monday 14th 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!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS During the week 29th February to 4th March class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	95.91%	Class Four	97.86%
Class Two	100.00%	Class Five	97.27%
Class Three	90.0%		



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**. Following our Ofsted report the judgement for 'Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare' **COULD NOT** be graded as 'Outstanding' because our overall attendance figure was not 97% - although we were very close to this figure. This is a real shame as the report praises the high standards of behaviour in school and children's positive attitudes to learning.

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. The closing date for applications is 4th May 16.

ORIENTEERING IN GISBURN FOREST.....

It was a very wet, cold and windy day when children in years 3 and 4 took on an Orienteering Challenge alongside other cluster Schools in Gisburn Forest! Despite the weather everyone had great fun and managed to locate lots of hidden markers on the orienteering route – well done everyone!



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT BREAKFAST

Thank you to all those children who took part in the Fair-Trade Breakfast on Tuesday 8th March..... we managed to raise £89.60 for charity. Thank you also to all those children who could not make the 'breakfast' but dressed in their pyjamas for the day and made a donation.

REMINDER Can we just remind parents that if their child is off school for any reason to contact the school office to report their absence **as soon as is possible**. This ultimately avoids 'unauthorised' absences and the need for text messages to be sent to parents. It is also imperative that parents notify the school office if their contact details have changed, in addition, if a parent requires text messages to be sent to more than one mobile number the office will need details of the additional mobile number – thank you.

FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL The next meeting is being held on Thursday 17th March at 2.30pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome to come along to this 'informal' group and help with fundraising ideas.

At a glance..... the week ahead.....			
14/03/2016	1800	Finance Committee Meeting Governors' Meeting	Finance Governors
17/03/2016	1430	Friends of Bentham School Meeting	All Welcome
22/03/2016	1000	Rewind to Easter Event at Bentham Methodist Chapel	Year 5
22/03/2016	1545	Year 6 Parents' Meeting – SATS	Class 5/Year 6
23/03/2016	TBC	Hockey Event at Giggleswick School	Team Aware
24/03/2016	1530	Easter Egg Raffle School Closes for Easter Holidays	All
11/04/2016	0850	School Re-opens	All
13/04/2016	All Day	Class Photographs	All
14/04/2016	1800	Parents' Meeting Edinburgh (45 Mins)	Class 5/Year 6

