



Friday News
18th March 2016

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We are a “**GOOD** School with an **OUTSTANDING** Early Years Provision”
Ofsted 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.

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.

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 are **£1.00 each or Buy Two Get One FREE** and are available from Reception.

This is a fundraising raffle, and any donations of prize Easter Eggs and/or prizes would be VERY gratefully received! Be in it to win it.....



Firstly, can we just thank parents for their co-operation and apologise for any inconvenience caused, whilst remedial works were being undertaken on the school's hall roof.

As you will be aware, children can now once again be collected from the playground at the rear of the classrooms.

When collecting children at the end of school, can we request that parents to not allow children to remove toys out of the 'brown box' and play with them. Unfortunately some toys are being left out and as a result have been damaged. Many thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB We offer excellent out of hours childcare at the school. Every weekday morning Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am. The cost per child per session is only £4.00 and this includes a delicious healthy breakfast.

Our After School Club runs from 3.30pm every day. Sessions include craft activities, sewing, outdoor play, computer access and much, much more. Early Bird costs £5.00 per child and runs from 3.30pm until 4.45pm, the price includes a healthy snack and drink. Full sessions run from 3.30pm until 6.00pm and are priced at £7.50 per child with a discount sibling rate of £6.50, this price includes a snack, drink and tea.

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

Class One	96.36%	Class Four	96.43%
Class Two	97.50%	Class Five	99.09%
Class Three	97.86		



The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently **96.50 %** (this **NEEDS** to improve). **For our school to have been judged as 'Outstanding'** we needed to have an annual attendance percentage of **97% or above**.

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.

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER when making doctors, hospital or dental appointments bringing your child into school first in order that they can register or collecting them after 1.00pm, ideally and where possible, please make appointments out of school time – although it is appreciated that this is not always possible.

THANK YOU Can we just take this opportunity to thank Bentham Golf Club, particularly Isobel Marshall, for organising and sponsoring a wonderful Netball Kit for our children. Thank you also for the kind donation of an Easter Egg for our raffle. We are looking forward to being able to show the new kit off at Cluster Sports Event and promote our School and local community.

SETTLE SWIMMING POOL We have been approached by Settle Swimming Pool requesting that we encourage parents of children to complete a short 'Settle Pool Survey'. The aim of this is to ensure that the pool can develop a five-year business plan. Paper copies of the survey are available at the School Reception, or can be completed on-line at www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk.



***NEWSFLASH* INVITATION** Children in Class 4's Choir would like to invite parents, friends and family to a special 'Music Assembly' which is taking place on **Wednesday 23rd March at 10.10am**. Children will be showcasing their singing and musical skills. We look forward to seeing you.



At a glance..... the week ahead.....			
22/03/2016	1000	Rewind to Easter Event at Bentham Methodist Chapel	Year 5
22/03/2016	1545	Year 6 Parents' Meeting – SATS and Edinburgh Meeting	Class 5/Year 6
22/03/2016	1530	CANCELLED : HOMEWORK CLUB	Class 4 and 5
23/03/2016	1010	Music Assembly	All Welcome
23/03/2016	1430	Hockey Event at Giggleswick School	Team Aware
24/03/2016	1530	Easter Egg Raffle School Closes for Easter Holidays NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	All
11/04/2016	0850	School Re-opens	All
13/04/2016	All Day	Class Photographs	All
14/04/2016	1530	Parents' Meeting : Internet Safety	All Welcome
14/04/2016	1300	FLUTE LESSONS replacing morning session	
15/04/2016	1200	Johnny Walker Cup (Rugby and Netball)	Children Aware

