



Friday News
17th June 2016

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DEBTS at school.

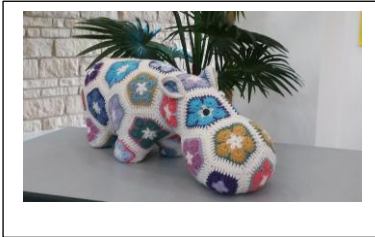
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**We are a “GOOD School with an OUTSTANDING Early Years Provision”
Ofsted February 2016**

The Friends of Bentham School On Saturday 25th June the FOBs will be holding a Countryside Festival here at the school.

Members of staff at the school will be running a second-hand book stall and any donations of books, either adults, childrens, fact or fiction would be gratefully appreciated.



Parents and children may have noticed a rather wonderful crocheted Hippopotamus lurking behind reception.

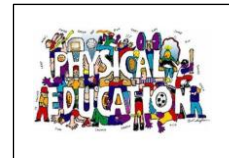
This absolutely
gorgeous Hippo



has been hand-made by Maisie Baillie’s mum. Maisie’s mum has kindly donated the Hippo to school to help

raise all important funds. The colourful Hippo will be raffled off at the Countryside Festival, however, if you would like to purchase tickets prior to the event these will be on sale at Reception from Monday 20th June 2016 priced at £1.00 each. (N.B. This is not a ‘toy’).

Can you Help? Have any parents any spare items of PE Kit that they would like to donate to the school, particularly for use by children in KS2 (Classes 3,4 and 5)? White t-shirts/polo shirts black shorts, PE Pumps and trainers would be very much appreciated!

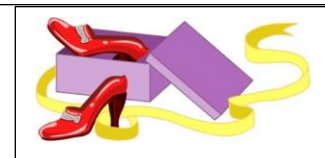


DRAWING COMPETITION... All children are invited to draw a character or scene from ‘Alice in Wonderland’ using either pencils, crayons or felt tips. Entries will be judged by Mrs Harrison, who will have the difficult, if not impossible task, of announcing a winner of the best drawing.



Not only will the winner of the competition receive a ‘tasty’ prize, but their drawing will also have the honour of featuring in the school’s end of year production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’s’ official Programme..... Drawings should be no larger than A5 in size (half A4 sheet of paper) and need to be handed to Mrs Harrison (Class 2 Teacher) by no later than **Friday 24th June 2016**.

Can You Help? Class 4 are currently involved in an exciting art project which requires lots and lots of shoe boxes! Any donations of Louboutin’s would be gratefully received, however, empty shoe boxes would be just as appreciated!!!



Goodenber Play Area are holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 18th June 2016 from 10.00am to 12.00 mid-day** at Bentham Town Hall. There will be a cake stall, bouncy castle, raffle and tombola. Why not go along and support Bentham’s local play area? Everyone is welcome.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS During the week 6th May to 10th May 16 class attendance was as follows:-

Class One	100.00%	Class Four	96.43%
Class Two	94.64%	Class Five	97.27%
Class Three	98.28%		



The 'whole school' percentage for attendance since the start of the new academic year is currently 96.69%.

Can parents please ensure that children have a coat available to them at school AT ALL TIMES. As I am sure everyone is aware the weather has been somewhat unpredictable over the past couple of weeks, and this has meant that on occasions children have had to miss play because they have not had a coat with them at school.

PARENTPAY We have been informed by Parentpay that they have recently altered the way their on-line accounts work for parents. We have been made aware of some instances where this has caused confusion with parents. If you have any difficulties operating the new improved site, then please do not hesitate to contact staff in the school office. Additionally, please note that minimum payments for services still apply and whilst Parentpay will accept 'top ups' as low as £1.00, these payments cannot then be transferred to individual payment items! Further guidance notes are available on-line or copies can be requested from the school office.

Settle Stories : Gala Night Settle Stories are holding a Gala Night on Friday 5th August from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Settle Victoria Hall. Admission is FREE of charge. The Gala will be celebrating local voices through animation films made by community groups, **including a film made by children in Class 3**. It is anticipated that this event will be well attended so booking is essential. For more details please visit www.settlestories.org.uk.

Monitoring Visits We were recently visited by a Monitoring Inspector from the Standards and Testing Agency. This Officer undertook an unannounced monitoring visit for Key Stage 1 Phonics testing. We are absolutely delighted to report that the school passed with flying colours.

99 Scratches It has been reported that some of our children are being tempted to indulge in a new craze known as '99 Scratches'. Basically, this is where either a book, ruler or other blunt edged article is quickly rubbed over skin a number of times resulting in a painful friction burn. The ultimate challenge being how many 'rubs' an individual can physically stand. Obviously this is extremely dangerous and could result in injury and/or serious infection. Can parents please stay vigilant and stress to their children the importance of not taking part in this activity. Please also ensure that children do not participate in the game 'nipple crushing'. Thank you.

The Stagecoach Theatre Arts School has once again been in touch with details of their Summer School Workshops that will be running through the Summer Holidays. Workshops will be taking place at Kendal between the 15th -19th August and in Lancaster from 22nd – 26th August. Sessions are aimed at 4-18 year olds and cost £150 per student with a £100 sibling rate available. All students will receive a FREE Stagecoach Summer School T-shirt. For more information please pick up an advertising leaflet from the School Office or contact Victoria Storey at Stagecoach Lancaster on 01539 730849. Lancaster@stagecoach.co.uk

UNICEF – Child Refugees On Wednesday 22nd June there will be cakes on sale at school during break-times and after school. We are asking parents if they would be willing to bake and donate their creations to help raise money for this worthy cause? Cakes will be priced very reasonably, being no more than 20p. Please send children to school with pennies! All proceeds to UNICEF. Thank you for your support.

