



Friday News
14th October 2016

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*Ofsted February 2016***

Year Two – ‘do’ Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to Asher, Dan, Harley, Billy, Charlie and Joe who all took part and represented Bentham C P School in a recent Cluster Year 2 Athletics Event. Bentham School achieved FIRST PLACE in the competition and will now go on to have the opportunity to represent the Craven area in the North Yorkshire School Games Summer Quad Athletics Event. Well done everyone.

BACON BUTTY FRIDAY..... Remember.... Bacon Butties will be on sale in the School Hall from 8.45am on Friday 21st October 2016, priced at £1.00 each – what better way to start the day? We will also be offering parents the chance to purchase a Butty!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Can we take this opportunity to apologise for any confusion regarding the closure of After School Club.

At the present time, it is the intention that this facility will terminate on the last day of term before the Christmas Holidays, this is due to the financial loss the provision has unfortunately made over previous academic years, due to lack of up-take. A further up-date from our Chair of Governors will follow soon.

In the meantime, can we please encourage parents to use After School Club, which is excellent value for money. Prices are currently £7.50 per child for a full session, which includes a healthy snack, drink and tea (3.30pm to 6.00pm) £6.50 for a full sibling rate session and £5.00 per child for an Early Bird session, which includes a healthy snack and drink. There are always lots of fun activities to take part in at both our ‘out of hours’ clubs. Breakfast Club will continue to run following the closure of After School Club, A full session at Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am and costs £4.00 per child this price includes a healthy breakfast. Half a session is charged at £2.00 per child and this provision is for children arriving after 8.20am (this does not include breakfast).

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS Here at Bentham School we enjoy very little more than celebrating a child’s birthday. All children (and teachers!!) very much appreciate the sweet treats, cakes and buns that parents often provide to share with their child’s class when it is their little one’s birthday. However, can we just ask that if parents wish to provide a little birthday treat for a class, that they ensure they provide enough for the whole class. (Class numbers are available from Sally in the School Office if required). As you can imagine, it is very difficult to explain to a young child that there is not enough cake for everyone, equally it is extremely difficult for class teachers to attempt to cut 26 plus pieces of cake from a product designed to serve 12. As a general guideline, most classes have between 24 and 26 members. **Please do not feel that you have to provide cakes when it is your child’s birthday – this is entirely at your own discretion.** Thanking everyone in anticipation of their understanding and assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 2017 : KS1 Test Period

w/c 12th June 2017 : Phonics Screening Check Week

w/c 8th May 2017 : KS2 SATS

SKILLZ SCHOOL FOOTBALL ACADEMY

On the 18th October all children will take part in a fun football session during the school day with Skillz School Football Academy. Starting on the 8th November, then every Tuesday thereafter for six weeks there will be a football afterschool club run by Skillz School from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The cost per child will be £18.00 for six sessions. Children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to take part. Look out for more information on a Flyer.

DISABLED PARKING Can we once again please remind parents **NOT** to park in the allocated Disabled Parking spaces **UNLESS** they are disabled badge holders or are with a disabled person. Thanking everyone for their co-operation. **DANGEROUS PARKING** Can we remind parents **NOT** to park over the Zebra Crossing markings near the school gate, or on the zigzag lines adjacent to the main entrance of the school. Parking in these legally prohibited places seriously impairs vision and places the lives of both children and adults at risk.

What's Under Your Feet? We have enrolled to take part in the 'What's under your feet' campaign, which involves children and teachers collecting data from soil samples over the months of October, March and June. Children can take part in additional activities, for example completing surveys about birds visiting local areas. To write a 'blog' on the What's Under Your Feet 'Pod' please use the school's unique access code 239853. For more information visit jointhepod.org/wuyf.

CAN YOU HELP – WANTED Nursery are looking for a child's pushchair, buggy or pram. If you have one that you would like to donate – it would be very much appreciated.

The Friends of Bentham School Thank you to all those parents who had a 'good clear out' and helped with the Bags2School campaign. The FOBS managed to collect an astounding 130kg of clothing!

Christmas Cards Can parents please ensure that they return any orders for Christmas Cards to the School Office by no later than Tuesday 18th October 2016.

Christmas Market This will be taking place in the School Hall on Friday 25th November 2016 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. If you would like a stall at this festive event, then please collect a Booking Form from the School Office.

Halloween Disco Remember to reserve your ticket for this Halloween treat which takes place from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in the School Hall on Wednesday 19th October. Entry £4.00 each to include a drink and snack.

TUCK SHOP FRIDAY On 21st October from 3.30pm the FOBs will be running a 'Tuck Shop' from the school hall. A bag full of mixed sweets will be priced at 20p. If enough children show an interest in this Friday Treat – it might become a regular event.

FINALLY..... Have you seen our new whole school KIRFS Display? If not, then take a walk down the KS2 corridor heading in the direction of the hall and look out for spaceships and planets outside Class 4. This year, we would really like children to spend some time at home (and school) practicing their KIRFs. KIRFs are Key Instant Recall Facts. Every child should have brought a letter home which explains how the KIRF's Booklet works and how children can practise their targets. If you have not received this, or would like further information, please speak to your class teacher.

This year, when your child moves up a planet on our display, they will not only receive a Certificate in Praise Assembly, but also a space themed prize. Children can keep checking what planet they have landed on by looking at the display... who will reach the Milky Way?