



Bentham Community  
Primary School

Friday News  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

72 parents NOW have  
outstanding DEBTS at school.

**Building our future, step by step**

<http://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk> Attendance to date : 96.18%

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

**HAPPY ADVENT! 23 Days to go until Christmas**

**PARENTPAY : PLEASE NOTE the office will be unable to take CARD PAYMENTS on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

**REMINDER** Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**REMEMBER** *If you want to be fed..... Wear something on your head!* Bobble Hat/Christmas Jumper Day ALSO Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.... Contributions of £1.00 each all proceeds to the NSPCC and Childline.

**BE SAFE BE SEEN** As the darker nights approach, please remember to ‘be safe be seen’. Always wear light, bright and if possible reflective clothing when out and about.

**CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we are planning to invite the Senior Citizens of Bentham to come along and join us in school for some Christmas entertainment.  
Children in Classes 3,4 and 5 will be performing a show to the older members of our community. There will be the opportunity for guests to join in with some Christmas Carols. There will be drinks and mince pies served at the end of the performance. This event will be FREE OF CHARGE, although there will be a donation bucket in the School Hall, and we are hoping that guests might make voluntary contributions.  
Please invite Grandads, Grandmas, neighbours and friends. We are anticipating that this will be a popular event, so places are limited. If you would like to take part, then please book a place via Sally in the School Office on 015242 61412.

**SAFEGUARDING REMINDER :** Can parents please ensure that they **ONLY** use the main door situated at the School’s reception area when dropping children off to school and collecting them, unless a prior arrangement has been made. The only parents who should be using the Car Park entrance are those who are dropping children off to either Breakfast Club or Nursery. Thank you for your co-operation.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** Remember to purchase the Friends of Bentham School’s Christmas Quiz Sheet! Available from School Reception priced at £1.00 each. Have a go.... Help raise funds for the school..... and be in with a chance of winning a wonderful Christmas Hamper.

**CHRISTMAS SLEEPOVER** If you have booked for your child to take part in this festive treat, please check their book-bags for the additional Information Sheet..... Thank you.

**The Friends of Bentham School** will be holding a Coffee Morning at The Town Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Any donations of home-made cakes and bakes, tombola and raffle would be very much appreciated. Can any fresh produce please be taken along to the Town Hall on the morning? All other donations can be left at School Reception during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December. **We are also asking that parents take their children along to the Town Hall** for 11.00am, so that they can sing Christmas Carols at the event. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

**DINNER CHOICES** Spring Term 2017

Details of dinner options have been sent home via children's book bags. As we are sure parents will agree there are lots of lovely freshly prepared meals on offer over the next term. Meals are priced at a very reasonable £2.10 per child for children in classes 3,4 and 5. £1.60 per child in Nursery. Meals are FREE for all children in classes 1 and 2.

Thank you to those parents who recently visited school and ate a meal with their children. Parents in classes 3,2,1 and Nursery will be given the opportunity to join their children in the New Year.

**NEW PARKING REGULATIONS** We have been advised by Bentham Town Council that additional parking restrictions have been enforced along Low Bentham Road, as indicated on the map copied onto the reverse of the new Spring Menu. Can parents please note that as from the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 it will now be an offence to park in the areas identified on the map provided. If parents have any queries, or would like to discuss these new parking restrictions can they please contact Bentham Town Council directly on 015242 62587. Thank you.

**GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL** We have been contacted by Giggleswick School with details outlining entrance and scholarship processes for September 2017. Entrance and Scholarship Assessments will be taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January for prospective Year 7 children and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for prospective students entering Year 9 and Sixth Form. In addition, Giggleswick School will be hosting a Sixth Form Open Evening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 5.00pm. For more information, please contact Giggleswick School on 01729 893 000 or visit [giggleswick.org.uk](http://giggleswick.org.uk).

**IMPORTANT** If you have a child born between 01/09/12 and 31/08/13 then they are due to start school between September 2017 and August 2018. To ensure a place at the school of your choice applications must be made on line at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions) by no later than JANUARY 2017.

**Did you know..... Medication Forms** are now available on the school's Website under 'Parents'. Alternatively, these can be requested from Sally in the School Office. Please note that only medicines carrying the dispensing label clearly stating the child's name, the dispensing date and storage instructions can be administered to children at school.

**COFFEE MORNING** We would like to invite parents to come along and join in with the Schools final Coffee Morning of 2016! This will be taking place in the School Hall from 9.00 am on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. (parents are also welcome to make a contribution of £1.00 to the NSPCC and wear some festive headwear and/or a Christmas jumper). Mrs McGregor will be hosting alongside Mrs Boocock and will be discussing the school's exciting new Wildlife Project. We look forward to seeing you.