



Friday News
13TH January 2017

**78 parents NOW have
outstanding DEBTS at school.**

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We would like to wish everyone a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

HEADTEACHER INTERVIEWS As parents will be aware Mrs Boocock will be retiring in April 2017. Governors have been busy working alongside the Local Authority on the recruitment process in order to appoint Mrs Boocock's successor. On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January 2017 interviews took place at the school. Three excellent candidates were interviewed, each presenting a wide range of skills and knowledge, making the final decision extremely difficult. Governors are pleased to be in a position to announce that Miss Claire Pearson has been appointed as the new Headteacher for Bentham Community Primary school as from April 2017.

IN THE PRESS Bentham C P School has recently been recognised for its excellent high scores in year 6 assessments. An article in the Craven Herald praised the school for its excellent data and student achievements. Well done to everyone – keep up the hard work. We have been invited to get involved with a further press publication titled 'Top of the Class' and we will keep parents informed of this exciting opportunity as it develops.

HELEN HOWARD SCHOOL OF DANCE Miss Nicola from the Helen Howard School of Dance will be starting dance lessons here at the school as from Wednesday 18th January 2017. Lessons will be from 3.45pm until 4.45pm in the school hall and will take place weekly, term-time only. Dance Lessons are being offered to children in classes 1,2,3,4 and 5 at a cost of £15.00 per child per half-term. In order to secure a place at these dance workshops, please complete and return the booking form to the School Office by no later than 9.00am on Monday 16th January 2017.

THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the NSPCC's Christmas Bobble Hat Charity Day. We managed to raise an astounding £95.00 for this worthy cause. Well done.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all those who supported The Friends of Bentham School's Coffee morning and Christmas Market. The FOBs raised an amazing £371.79 at the coffee morning and £944.00 at the Christmas Market. A MASSIVE thank you to parents and the community for their ongoing support.

THE FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL are busy organising a Valentines' Disco which will take place on Wednesday 15th February 2017. They will also be organising a 'Secrets Room' for Mother's Day – more details of this to follow.

SPECIAL LUNCH On Thursday 19th January 2017, we will be having a 'Winter Warmer' Celebratory Lunch. If possible, we would like everyone to join in with this initiative, which is aimed at giving every child the opportunity to try one of our wonderful freshly prepared school meals. School meals are absolutely excellent value for money, and cost £2.10 per child in classes 3,4 and 5. £1.60 per child in Nursery and FREE for ALL children in Classes 1 and 2. On the menu:

Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas and Herbie Bread

Cowboy Bake (layers of baked beans, cheese and potato) (V)

Jacket Potato (with selection of toppings)

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt or

Treacle Sponge and Custard

What could be better on a cold winter's day? No need to pre-order. Order on day in class.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that Mr Jordan Armstrong will once again be holding a series of afterschool clubs here at Bentham C P School. As from Monday 16th January 2017 children have been invited to take part in a FREE Multi-skills session which will be held from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the School Hall. Places are limited and in order to secure a place, reply slips should be returned to the School Office by 9.00am on Monday 16th. Jordan will also be hosting a Soccer Skillz School at 3.30pm until 4.30pm as from Tuesday 17th January 2017. The cost of the Soccer Skillz session is £3.00 per session, payable as £18.00 on week 1. Again, places are limited and in order to secure a place, paperwork should be returned to the School Office.

CRAVEN CHILDREN’S CENTRE are once again running workshops on ‘How to get the best out of Family Life’. Workshops will be run over a four week period and will be for the duration of two hours per session. They will be taking place at Ings Primary School, Skipton from Friday 27th January to 17th February 2017 from 9.30am to 11.30am. Booking is essential. In order to reserve a place, then please contact Skipton Children’s Centre directly on 01609 798094.

FINAL REMINDER : Parents of children due to start primary school in September 2017 (children born between September 2012 and September 2013) need to apply for a place BEFORE 15th January 2017. For more information please visit North Yorkshire County Council’s website.

FREE HOCKEY COACHING CLINICS will be taking place at Giggleswick School. Sessions are tailored for boys and girls of all abilities. The first session will take place on Sunday 15th January 2017, sessions for 8-12 year olds will commence at 12.30am with 13-16 year olds commencing at 2.00pm. For more information, please contact Hannah Wright, Head of PE and Hockey, Giggleswick School, 01729 893022 (mhwright@giggleswick.org.uk).

REMINDER
Can parents please continue to ensure that their Parentpay Accounts are up-to-date at all times. There are still some outstanding balances on After School Club following the closure of the same in December 2016. In order to avoid debts being referred to North Yorkshire County Council can these be settled as quickly as possible. In addition, some parents still have outstanding debts on the following additional accounts:-

Aladdin Grand Theatre Blackpool	£14.00	6 outstanding payments
Bentham Golf Club (Class 5/Year 6)	£5.00	1 payment outstanding
Ingleborough Show Cave Visit (Class 5)	£5.40	8 outstanding payments
Swimming Lessons (Class 5)	£25.00	4 outstanding payments
Swimming Lessons (Class 4)	£25.00	5 outstanding payments
Williamsons’ Park	£4.00	8 outstanding payments

Outstanding Paperwork

1. Can parents of children in Nursery please ensure that they have returned their Parental Agreement to the School Office by no later than Monday 16th January 2017. This is imperative in order to secure your child’s FREE Nursery place.
2. Ingleborough Show Cave : Class 5
3. Visit to Settle College : Year 5 children
4. ‘Oliver’ production at Settle College (Class 5)
5. Dance Lessons
6. Multiskills/Football
7. Film Club

All outstanding paperwork should be returned to the School Office as quickly as possible.

SKIPTON MUSIC CENTRE : OPEN MORNING Saturday 14th January 09.30am to 12.15pm. Ermysted’s Grammer School, Skipton. For more information contact Pip Jopling : 01609 534795