



Bentham Community
Primary School

Friday News
10th February 2017

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

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INVITATION Following the successful appointment of Miss Claire Pearson as Headteacher of Bentham Community Primary School from April 2017, we would like to take this opportunity to invite parents, carers and families to a 'Meet the Headteacher' event which will be taking place in the School Hall from 6.00pm on the evening of the 22nd March 2017. It is anticipated that the event will last for approximately one hour.

Childcare will be provided in classrooms, in order that Miss Pearson can make an informative presentation to parents and answer any questions they may have without any 'little interruptions'. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Friends of Bentham School have organised a Valentines' Disco, which will take place from 5.30pm until 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th February 2017 in the School Hall. All children in classes 1,2,3 4 and 5 are invited to attend. The cost per child is £4.00 and this includes drinks and a 'hot dog'. Payment should be deposited on Parentpay by no later than Monday 13th February 2017 (please note payment is non-refundable). If you are unable to make payment via the internet then please contact Sally in the School Office who will make alternative arrangements. We look forward to seeing you there!

VALENTINES' LUNCH On Tuesday 14th February 2017, Mrs Leak has kindly agreed to help celebrate St Valentine's Day by hosting a special celebratory lunch..... On the menu..... Succulent Cottage's Pie, Sweetheart-Sweet corn and Carrot Batons, or a Jacket Potato followed by fruity Muffins with pink icing. There is no need to pre-order, please order on the morning during registration. School meals offer excellent value for money and are freshly prepared daily using only locally sourced ingredients. Meals for children in Nursery are priced at £1.60 each, Classes 1 and 2 FREE of charge, Classes 3,4 and 5 £2.10 per child. Payment should be deposited on Parentpay.

Baby and Toddler Group The first session of the Baby and Toddler Group hosted by The Friends of Bentham School in the hall on Friday 3rd February was a wonderful success. It was absolutely lovely to see so many new faces and watch both toddlers, grand-parents, parents and friends having a lovely time.

Further sessions are scheduled to take place every Friday from 09.00am until 10.30am. If parents know of any young families who might be interested in coming along, then please let them know. Thank you.

REMINDER On Fridays Praise Assembly is now held at 3.00pm. If any parents or carers would like to join the assembly and help celebrate childrens' achievements, then they are welcome to join in. Please arrive at school just before 3.00pm.

WELL DONE to all those children who took part in the schools' Swimming Gala which was held at Settle Swimming Pool on Friday 3rd February 2017, both Toms, both Bens, Emily, Abbie, Joseph, Reuben, Caitlin, Isabelle, Eddie, Ethan, Micah, Alice, Amber, Isobel and Lauren. Congratulations to Lauren Taylor who successfully secured a place in the County Finals after achieving first place in her race, also to Ethan Partridge who was placed in all his inclusion races.

VACANCY We currently have a vacancy for a RELIEF MSA. If you would be interested in this role, please speak to Sally in the School Office. Please note this appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS Clearance check.

UNFORTUNATELY, children in Year 6 will no longer be taking part in the production of 'Oliver' at Settle College. If parents have already purchased tickets with a view to watching their children perform, then please contact Settle College in order to arrange a refund. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. This was a difficult decision to make, but unfortunately so few children were able to commit to take part in the production, either due to existing commitments or an inability to get to Settle College on the evening of the performance.

PARENTPAY Can we take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of keeping their Parentpay accounts both up-to-date and in credit. Unfortunately, we still have monies outstanding for trips that took place in November 2016! We have been advised by North Yorkshire County Council that if these balances are not paid in full then the school should proceed with debt collection.

REMINDER Can parents of children in Nursery, please complete and return the response to questions in connection with 30 hour funded Nursery places as quickly as possible. If you would like a further copy of the letter containing this information, please see Sally at the School Office. Thank you.

KNITTING CLUB Following the success of the school's newly formed 'Knitting Club' we have arrived at a major problem..... We have run out of wool! If anyone has any balls of wool that they would like to donate to the school, these would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS We are once again collecting vouchers. Please collect as many as you can, from wherever you can, and put them in the collection box which is in School Reception. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB Did you know that our wonderful Breakfast Club now offers 'half sessions'? Our Breakfast Club provision opens every weekday morning from 08.00am. Children enjoy a wide range of activities as well as a nutritious breakfast. A full session (8.00am until 8.50am) costs £4.00 per child per day and includes breakfast, whilst a half session runs from 08.20am until 08.50am and costs £2.00 per child (the half-session does not include breakfast). If you would like to register for this provision, then please either speak to Mrs Diana Reid, or Sally in the School Office.

LEMPEN PUPPETS On Tuesday 7th February, all children from Nursery through to Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful 'live' performance of 'The Cardboard Jungle' by Lempen Puppets in the School Hall. Please check out the school's website to keep up-to-date with exciting news about what is happening at the school.

IN THE DIARY....

Date	Time	Activity	Class
14/02/17	10.00am	Dental Survey (please return consent)	Reception Children
14/02/17	12.00 m/d	Valentines' Lunch	All
15/02/17	5.30pm	FOB's Valentines' Disco	1,2,3,4 and 5
17/02/17	All Day	Non-Uniform Day	All
17/02/17	3.30pm	FOBS Tuck Shop	All
17/02/17	3.30pm	School CLOSSES – HALF TERM	