



15th September 2017

Autumn Term Edition 2

This week's Friday Flyer is packed full of information about our school so I won't say much this week but ask that you continue reading as there is lots to tell you! Have a lovely weekend...hopefully the rain will stay away!

Mrs Pearson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION : SCHOOL GATES

Following a recent Health and Safety Audit by North Yorkshire County Council the school have been advised that they need to close the school gates at 8.45am until 09.15am in the morning. This is to safeguard our children and prevent accidents happening. The gates will once again be closed at 3.00pm until 3.45pm. Whilst we can only apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, this action is necessary in order for the school to comply with legislation surrounding health and safety. I appreciate this is not an ideal situation and will not alleviate parking problems but the safety of our children, parents and staff is paramount.

P.E. Kits In an attempt to try and reduce the number of times children do not have their PE kit at school, we have decided to 'trial' a new system..... PE Kits will be allowed to stay at school over a half term period, with children taking them home to be washed on the last day of each half term. Obviously, if kits have got wet, dirty, or become 'smelly' then they should be taken home to be washed! Can parents please support the school's uniform policy and ensure that P.E. kits are made up, as follows:

Plain dark shorts (black or blue)

Plain White T Shirt or Polo Shirt

Black Pumps (indoor PE)

Trainers (outdoor PE)

Plain, warm jumper and plain dark coloured jogging bottoms.

Long hair should be tied up and, in the interests of health and safety, no jewellery should be worn.

Earrings cannot be 'taped' up; we would request that parents consider not having children's ears pierced during term-time and leave this for the Summer holidays. Finally, please can we ask that all PE kit is labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your continued support.

Home School Link Worker Miss Angela Tierney will be holding 'drop-in' sessions on Monday afternoons and from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on Friday afternoons. If any parents have any concerns about their child's development or if they would like any help with competing forms etc. then please go along to these sessions.

Parent Coffee Afternoon We would like to invite parents, grandparents and families of children at the school to our Parent Coffee Afternoon which will be taking place on Thursday 19th October at 2.45pm. Please come along to hear about developments in school and put forward any ideas or suggestions.

Can You Help the FOBS? Have you any good quality baby and toddler toys at home that you would like to donate to a new home? If so, any donations would be very much appreciated by the school's Mother and Toddler Group, which takes place in the School Hall every term-term Friday morning from 9.00am until 10.30am. Thank you.

Library Visits This year we will, once again, be taking children to the Library. Visits will take place on:

20/09/17 : Class 5

29/09/17 : Class 4

06/10/17 : Class 3

11/10/17 : Class 2

18/10/17 : Class 1

Can parents please ensure that children have Library books at school on these dates. Thank you.

Breakfast Club The school has a wonderful Breakfast Club facility which offers early morning childcare from 8.00am every weekday morning. Full sessions are charged at £4.00 per child and run from 8.00am until 8.50am and include a delicious nutritious breakfast, whilst our half session, which runs from 8.20am until 8.50am is priced at only £2.00 per child, including refreshments.

Goodbye It is with great sadness that Carol Lord, one of our wonderful School Cleaners has announced that she will be leaving the school this term. Carol will be greatly missed. However, children will still see Carol over the lunch-time period in her role as mid-day supervisor.

Governors We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. For more information please contact the School Office. Closure date for nominations is Wednesday 20th September.

School Photos Remember, these will be taking place on Wednesday 20th September 2017. If you would like children of school age to have family photos, then please return the photograph reply slip to the school office by no later than Monday 18th September. If parents would like family photos including children who are not of school age, then please take children and siblings along to the School Library between 8.30am and 8.50am on the morning of the 20th.

Can you help.... Are there any parents, or grandparents, that would be able to help the school with some basic DIY? We are currently seeking willing volunteers to help construct a shed... if you think you could help then please contact the School Office on 015242 61412.

Annual Paperwork All paperwork should now have been completed and returned to school. If you have not returned annual paperwork, please make sure that you do so by 9.00am Monday 18th September.

School Lunches As part of our work towards the Food for Life's Silver accreditation, we are now serving school lunches for children in years 4,5 and 6 on porcelain crockery, this supports the 'growing up' process and independence in our older children. School meals are excellent value for money, they are FREE for ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Meals for children in Nursery are priced at £1.60 per child per day, and £2.10 for children in years 3,4 and 5. Eating a warm meal around a table with friends at lunch-time also helps to enrich socialisation at school. Can we just remind parents that children should either take a school meal or choose to bring a healthy packed lunch for the duration of a full half-term. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow children to pick and choose when they take school meals or bring packed lunches. This is due to our school cook having to order adequate locally sourced and fresh produce. However, **FUNDAY FRIDAY**, will once again return this academic year. This means that if your child usually brings a packed lunch to school, and they would like the opportunity to 'try' a school meal, they are welcome to do so on a 'FRIDAY'.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Please remember to help our fund raising efforts by supporting our Wildlife Project at local Tesco stores.

Gardening Club Our popular Gardening Club is back by popular demand! This term children in years 1,2 and 3 are invited to join Carline and helper, Mrs Knapp, after school on Thursdays from 3.30pm until

4.30pm in the school's garden. Children in years 4,5 and 6 will be given a turn later on in the year.

Judo After School Can parents of children in years 1 and 2 who would like to join in with Judo lessons after school on Fridays from 3.30pm until 4.45pm this half term, please complete and return Consent Forms to the School Office. The cost of six lessons is £30.00, however, parents are being asked to contribute **only £18.00 per child**, the school subsidising the balance. What a fun way to get fit, learn a new skill and take part in an activity, with friends after school!

Social Media Can we just take this opportunity to remind parents about the dangers of posting inappropriate comments on sites such as Facebook. If parents have any concerns whatsoever or if they have a complaint about any aspect of the school, then please speak to class teachers in the first instance. Alternatively, please make an appointment with Mrs Pearson. If school are not aware of issues then we cannot address and resolve them. Unfortunately, on occasions, social media can escalate comments out of all proportion and control meaning that the Police have to be contacted, this can make situations very difficult and uncomfortable for all those concerned. Thank you.

Praise Assembly We would like to once again invite parents along to our weekly praise assemblies which take every Friday in the School Hall at 3.00pm.

Be Aware We have had a suspected case of Scarlet Fever reported at the school. If parents have any concerns then please contact their GP. Bentham Medical Practice can be contacted on 015242 61202.

Those little issues we don't like to talk about..... As every parent will be aware, there are 'little' issues that are simply part of school life. These include head-lice and worms, both of which have been reported at the school. Can parents please stay vigilant and treat any signs of head-lice and/or worms. To help reduce the risks of cross infection, particularly where worms are concerned, children should be encouraged to wash their hands and practice good hygiene. For more information please contact a pharmacist, GP or health worker. Thank you.

And lastly...the exciting development on the school playground got delayed because of the rain. Fingers crossed the sun shines on Monday!