



Bentham Community  
Primary School

Dear Parents,

This week has seen children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete their SATs tests. I would like to start by thanking the children for their enthusiasm and mature approach to these tests. As we are sure everyone is aware, National Curriculum Tests can be both stressful and worrying for children. Whilst as a school we do everything possible to support our pupils, inevitably some children do worry about this process and we would like to take this opportunity of also thanking parents for their additional support. **WELL DONE EVERYONE.** (Apologies to year 6 children, who, as from next week, will no longer be invited into school early to enjoy a breakfast, expertly provided by Mr White and Mrs Green, alongside their friends!).

SATs tests only assess children's academic ability; last week at Bewerley Park and this week during our Big Dig, we have seen how our children have skills in other areas as well, these skills are just as important as being able to read, write and work with numbers. Watching children paddle a canoe, make a bug hotel, build dens and plant bulbs is just as important as enabling a child to solve an 'addition' problem or be able to spell a word.

Finally, thank you to all the school staff who come to school every day to support all of our children in their growth and development, thank you also to you, as parents, for supporting the school in educating children in all areas of the curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**REMINDER** : The School Photographer will be taking Class Photos on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be included in a class photo please remember to complete and return the reply slip provided on the Class Photo Letter.

**PARENT COFFEE AFTERNOON** We would like to welcome parents and carers to our Coffee Afternoon which will be taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 2.45pm in the Community Room. Mrs Chapman will be talking about 'art' and how it is included in the curriculum at school. There will also be an

opportunity for parents to raise any questions they may have. We look forward to seeing you.

**YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL – BEWERLEY PARK** Can we just say a massive THANK YOU to all those children who took part in the Year 5 residential visit to Bewerley Park. Everyone had an absolutely amazing time and behaved impeccably. All children were a credit to the school, their parents and the community. **WELL DONE** to all those who participated in the 'leap of faith'... from the highest point.... You know who you are!

**TENNIS COMPETITION** Well done to Harley, Macy, Taylor, Abigail, Asher, Dan, Lola, Caitlin, Charlie, Tom, Joe and Charlie who all represented the school at the North Craven Cluster Groups Tennis Competition which was held at the Skipton Tennis Centre on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Whilst we did not manage to qualify for the finals, all our children were an absolute credit to the school and all played exceptionally well whilst demonstrating great sportsmanship.

**SWIMMING LESSONS 2018/2019** Thank you to all those parents who replied to our letter about the cost of swimming lessons. A number of parents indicated that they either did not mind if the school provided six lessons at £25.00 or ten lessons at £35.00. However, the majority of parents indicated that they would prefer to pay for TEN LESSONS. As I am sure everyone will agree swimming lessons are excellent value for money, priced at only £3.50 per HOUR. As a comparison, lessons provided out of school can cost up to £4.50 per 30 minute session. To help parents meet the cost of swimming lessons for children at school, Parentpay is now set up for parents to pay for lessons NEXT academic year. Parents of children who are CURRENTLY in years 2,3,4 and 5 will be able to access this service. There is also the option to deposit smaller amounts of money towards the full cost of lessons, the minimum instalment accepted being £5.00. We hope that this will help parents with their budgets. Finally, if anyone has any queries about swimming, or has any difficulty accessing Parentpay, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**OLD HOLLY FARM** Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to **CANCEL** the Nursery and Class 1 trip to Old Holly Farm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018. Can we just thank all those parents who were willing to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this visit and apologise for any inconvenience the cancelation of the trip will have caused. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents who, for whatever reason, could not meet the payment and

the school were unable, due to financial constraints, to subsidise an already heavily subsidised trip further. For those parents who have deposited money on their Parentpay account for the visit, this will stay as a 'credit' until used at a later date. Any payment for 'parent' places will be refunded in FULL. Again apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment caused.

**COUNTRYSIDE DAY/BIG SING/TROPICAL WORLD** At the present time, there are still a number of parents who have not made payment towards the Countryside Day and Big Sing Event. There are still also a number of payments outstanding towards the cost of the Tropical World visit. As was the case with the trip to Old Holly Farm, if not enough voluntary contributions are made by parents towards the cost of these educational visits then, unfortunately, these will also have to be cancelled. As a school we do try to keep the costs of visits minimal for parents. We also strive to enhance children's learning by providing extra-curricular educational activities which support classroom based learning, these additional opportunities usually involve participation in a trip/visit. If as a parent you are struggling to make a contribution towards the cost of a trip, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. In many instances suitable payment plans can be reached. Thank you for everyone's continued support.

**JAMMIE DODGERS : CANCELLED** Please note there will be NO JAMMIE DODGERS on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

**Stay and Learn Sessions :On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** we would like to invite parents of children in Nursery to join children in class for the morning. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage in their child's Nursery environment and enjoy watching their children learn. On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** parents of children in Class 5 are invited to join children in class from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you!

**GRANDPARENTS LUNCH** This will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Please remember the deadline for returning 'bookings' is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Thank you.

**REMINDER** Can we just remind parents to check book bags and return any outstanding Consent Forms to the School Office as quickly as possible. There are a

number of 'sporting' opportunities for children coming up where Consent Forms have not been returned, including Year 5 and 6 Girls TAG Rugby, Year 2 Mini Olympics, Years 4,5 and 6 Rugby at Kirkby Lonsdale, Years 3,4,5, and 6 Cross Country Race. Thank you.

#### **What is happening next week?**

**21/05/18** Class 3 Swimming  
Whole School Summer Play will be announced  
Class 4 and 5 Samba Band Workshop

**22/05/18** Walking in the Kingdom of Light Class 5  
KS2 Rounders Competition Afterschool

**23/05/18** Walking in the Kingdom of Light Class 3  
Big Sing Workshop for KS2  
Afterschool Basketball  
Nursery Parents : Stay and Learn Session

**24/05/18** Class Photos  
Class 5 Stay and Learn – 1.30-3.30pm  
Walking in the Kingdom of Light Class 2

**25/05/18** Walking in the Kingdom of Light Classes 1 and 4  
Class 5 Parent Lunch @ 12.30pm  
**School Closes for Half Term**

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**25/05/18 SCHOOL CLOSES**  
**04/06/18 SCHOOL RE-OPENS**  
**04/06/18 St John Ambulance First Aid (Year 6)**  
**05/06/18 Countryside Day (KS2)**  
**07/06/18 Parents' Coffee Afternoon**  
**11/06/18 Phonics Screening : Year 1**  
**11/06/18 Year 6 Residential to WHITBY**  
**13/06/18 QES New Entrants Evening (1800)**  
**20/06/18 Tropical World (Classes 2/3)**  
**22/06/18 Summer Fair**  
**26/06/18 QES Transition Day**  
**28/08/18 BIG SING (KS2)**  
**29/06/18 School Open Afternoon**  
**29/06/18 Grandparents' Lunch**  
**03/07/18 Ingleborough Hall (Year 6)**  
**09/07/18 School Summer Performance (6.00pm)**  
**11/07/18 Transfer Day for Settle College**  
**12/07/18 School Summer Performance (2.00pm)**  
**13/07/18 Sports Day and Picnic Lunch**  
**17/07/18 Reserve Sports Day**  
**16/07/18 Transition Day : Reports to Parents.**