



Friday 6th July 2018

Summer Term Edition 11

Dear Parents

The lovely sunny weather continues and teachers and children are definitely making the most of it. Mrs McGregor and Miss Thwaite have been taking classes out into our wildlife area. It has been fantastic to see this area used after we have spent so much time and effort into creating a once empty space into a fantastic outdoor learning area.

Parents of children in Nursery will have met Miss Brown over the last few weeks as she has been covering Mrs Harrison who is on maternity leave. Miss Brown was a student teacher with us previously and although she is only with us for a short time up until the summer holidays, she has very much become a fantastic addition to our team. I am however delighted that this week she has been offered her first full time teaching post starting in September at a school near Skipton and we would like to congratulate her and wish her all the best for when she starts after the summer holidays.

As I type, I can hear the children practising songs for our summer performance. I am sure you will have heard these songs being sung once or twice at home so I hope you are able to join us next week at one of our performances...more information later on!

Please don't forget your child will need a t-shirt in their 'house' colour for Sports day next week. Parents are welcome to bring a picnic and join the children for lunch afterwards.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, the children tell me there is an important football match on Saturday!

Mrs Pearson

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Harrison and her husband. Mrs Harrison has given birth to a baby boy, called Alfie James, weighing 7lb 2oz. Both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them both soon.

ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES Children have been extremely busy practising for this year's end of year production. The full dress rehearsal which took place on Friday afternoon showcased the amazing talents our children have been gifted with; the 'opening' night performance and following matinee

show promise to be as magical as ever.

Performances of the production will be taking place on Monday 9th July 2018 at 6.00pm and Thursday 12th July 2018 from 2.00pm. On the 9th July children should arrive at school from 5.30pm (no earlier). It is anticipated that the performance will last approximately 90 minutes, this including an interval where there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments. Thank you to the Friends of Bentham School for organising this. On Thursday 12th, we would ask that members of the 'audience' arrive at school from 1.30pm, no earlier. Again, refreshments will be available. Following the performance, children are welcome to leave with a responsible adult. This year we will not be handing out tickets, instead we will be asking 'theatre-goers' to consider making a voluntary donation to our 'collection bucket'! All monies collected will go towards providing equipment to ALL children in ALL classes. We would ask that parents consider the size of our school hall and limit themselves to no more than two family members watching each performance. Thank you in anticipation. For both performance, please enter by the main entrance.

What a week Children in Class 5, particularly year 6, have had an extremely busy week taking part in a series of educational visits! On Tuesday 3rd July children in Year 6 took part in a transition day at Ingleborough Hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to take part in adventurous outdoor activities alongside groups of children from other cluster schools. Thank you to the Friends of Bentham School for supporting this opportunity.

On Wednesday 4th July children in Year 6 travelled to Colt Park, where they took part in activities supporting efforts towards their 'John Muir Award'. Children worked alongside representatives from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust assisting with butterfly and wildflower surveys.

Thursday 5th July saw children in Class 5 taking part in 'Anthony Bradley's Cricket Funday' at Settle Cricket Club. Again this was a lovely opportunity for children to participate in a team sport alongside children from other cluster schools.

THE SUN HAS STILL GOT HIS HAT ON... What amazing lovely weather we are being treated too.... Can we just remind parents to PLEASE send children to school with their sun hats, a supply of water and sun cream. Creams should be handed into Class Teachers at the start of the day. Working together we can beat the burn! Thank you.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION It is with much sadness that we have received a letter of resignation from Mrs Sue Yardy our Vice-Chair of Governors. We would like to thank Mrs Yardy for all her continued support over the many years she has been involved with the School, not only as a Governor but also supporting children in the classroom and providing many extra-curricular activities, including Rewind to Easter, Rewind to Christmas, Jammie Dodgers and Godly Play. Mrs Yardy will be relocating with her husband, Rev Brian Yardy to the Isle of Man during July 2018. We would like to wish Mrs Yardy and Rev Yardy the very best of luck with their new venture. **We are having a collection for Mrs Yardy, any contribution would be very welcome. Please see Sally in the School Office. Thank you.**

PARENTPAY Can we please encourage parents to ensure that their Parentpay accounts are **UP-TO-DATE**. This is particularly important for parents of children in Year 6 whose children will be moving onto the next phase of their education from September 2018. Ideally, balances for ALL accounts should be zero on the final day of term, **Friday 20th July 2018**. Please be reassured that any over-payments on Year 6 children's accounts will be refunded, or transferred to a siblings account by request on the last day of term. By way of information, we currently have **71 accounts** showing as being IN DEBT. If you are struggling to meet payments, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. By way of a reminder failure to make payment could result in debts being referred to North Yorkshire County Council's Legal Team.

HOME SCHOOL TRANSPORT From January '18 to April '18 NYCC consulted on some potential changes to their Home School Transport Policy. The new Policy was approved by the Council on the 16th May 2018 with amendments being implemented from September 2018. However, there has been a further request from Councillors to undertake a further short consultation in order to clarify one aspect of the new Policy. This is in relation to the introduction of a voluntary enhanced parental transport allowance for certain families whose school aged children have an Educational Health Care Plan and would be eligible for and/or require additional transport assistant. This consultation is now live and can be found via the consultation page of the Council's website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendtransport>. The Consultation will close on Sunday 22nd July 2018.

SETTLE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY On Monday 2nd July children were treated to an assembly by a

member of the Settle Amateur Operatic Society. The Operatic Society are currently recruiting members for their Junior Theatre. If children are interested in joining this group, can they please provide their details to either Sally in the School Office or Mrs Hodgson in Class 3. Thank you.

Summer 2018 : BASKETBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS Coach Gunn, who many children will know from afterschool Basketball, is running a series of multi-sports camps over the Summer Holidays. Workshops are aimed at children aged between 4-13. More information and booking forms for activities are available at the School Office.

CRAVEN SCHOOLS JUDO LEAGUE FIXTURES Following a postponement of the first Summer Term Judo League fixture we have been advised by the Craven Judo Academy that the fixture has now been re-scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at the Lunesdale Sports Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale. For more information, please contact Danny Harper the Head Coach on 07804 819203.

SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL This Summer Holidays Settle Area Swimming Pool will be running a series of Intensive Swimming Lessons. These will take place over four consecutive days with each session lasting 30mins. Sessions are scheduled to take place on:

Tuesday 28/08/18 : 09.30-10.00

Wednesday 29/08/18 : 09.30 -10.00

Thursday 30/08/18 : 10.30-11.00

Friday 31/08/18 : 09.00 to 09.30

Lessons are open to ALL children aged 3 years and over. All places must be PRE-BOOKED and are on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. The price is £16.00 per child for four days or £4.50 per session. To book a place please collect a booking form from the School Office or, alternatively, contact Settle Pool on 01729 823626.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YORKSHIRE WATER - RESERVOIR SAFETY In the current hot weather, it can be tempting to cool down by taking a 'dip' in reservoirs. However, cold water can KILL. Cold water shock can lead to hyperventilation, increased blood pressure, breathing difficulties and heart attacks. Water in reservoirs can be as cold in Summer as in Winter. Yorkshire Water are promoting a 'Float to Live' Summer safety message in conjunction with the Royal National Life Saving Institute (RNLI) together with raising awareness about 'Drowning Prevention

Week'. In their hard-hitting film they deliver advice on how to react should you become stricken in cold water. Everyone who falls into cold water wants to follow the same instinct – swim hard and fight the cold. This is a fight that most people will not win. Cold water shock causes you to gasp uncontrollably and breathe in water, which can quickly lead to drowning. If you find yourself in water the message is to FLOAT. For more advice and lifesaving information please visit #coldwaterkills

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lle-FwNEat>

#FloattoLive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OBCFEEZe1U>

Dates for your Diary

09/07/18 School Summer Performance (6.00pm)

10/07/18 Settle College Transfer Evening

11/07/18 Transfer Day for Settle College

12/07/18 School Summer Performance (2.00pm)

13/07/18 Sports Day and Picnic Lunch

13/07/18 Yr 6 –v- Staff Rounders

16/07/18 Yr 6 Caving : Ingleborough

16/07/18 Transition Day : Reports to Parents.

17/07/18 Reserve Sports Day

20/07/18 School Closes for Summer Holidays

At a glance.... Next week:-

Monday

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies from 6.00pm.

Tuesday

KS2 SATS results published.

Stanger Danger Assembly with the Police

Settle College Transfer Evening

Wednesday

Settle College Yr 6 Transfer Day

Thursday

Robin and Sherwood Hoodies from 2.00pm.

Friday

Sports Day and Parents' Picnic

Year 6 –v- Staff Rounders