



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Summer Term Edition 12

## Dear Parents

What a busy week in school! Last minute play practices, Bentham Rocks, Class 2 History walk into Bentham, Year 6 SATS results...the list goes on. It is wonderful that we are able to provide so many fantastic opportunities for the children that go beyond just teaching Maths and English! Thank you to all those parents who have joined classes this week and helped paint rocks! We look forward to seeing the final rock path installed in the wildlife area soon. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising this.

Please do come and join us in school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 2.45pm** when you can join our World Cup Café. Children will be working in groups for the day and exploring a country, including investigating and producing foods for you to taste. If you are planning on joining us, please enter school by the main entrance.

This week, Miss Richardson led her class on a history walk through Bentham. We have had some wonderful feedback from members of the community on how well behaved and polite children were. We know that our children are amazing but it is great to hear this from people outside of school too. Well done Class 2!

The whole school has been singing their hearts out this week. Not only singing songs from this year's performance but also as part of Bentham Rocks! Working in their house teams, children have been practising a chosen song. Whilst working away in my office this week and walking up and down the corridors I have heard small snippets of these songs. I am looking forward to the final performances on Friday afternoon. By the time some of you read this the performances may be over and a winning House team will have been chosen.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Pearson

**SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS** We are aware that, unfortunately, a number of parents inadvertently missed the deadline for the return of Class Photo orders. Whilst we appreciate that the return 'deadline' was only a week, and due to various

factors, this deadline might have been missed, we did include this information on a previous copy of the Friday News. In order to avoid postal charges for parents, we have secured a second collection. Therefore, can parents who would like to order a copy of Class Photos please ensure that order forms are returned to the School Office by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. It is anticipated that orders placed via the second collection will be delivered during September 18.

**SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM** We are in the process of setting up a 're-sale boutique' for good quality school uniform. Thank you to all those parents who have donated items for the school to sell, all donations are very much appreciated and help go towards raising all important funds. Parents are welcome to 'browse' items that are available for purchase and make payment via Sally in the School Office. More details about our 're-sale boutique' to follow.....

**ACCESS TO SCHOOL** Can we just remind parents that the gate between the car park and the playground should **ONLY** be used at the start and the end of a school day. Parents entering the school for any event during the school day, for example, a Stay and Learn session, Praise Assembly or collection of a child should **ALWAYS** use the school's main entrance. Again, parents should **NOT** enter school via the hall door. This door is locked to ensure children's safety. There is no need to use this door to collect a child's 'lunch box' at 3.30pm as children are given time out of class to collect their own lunch-boxes, this helps to promote independence. Finally, and by way of a reminder, if you visit the school during the day and find the main wooden gate closed at the front of the school this is because children are enjoying an opportunity to work outside in our wonderful wildlife area. This gate is closed to keep **CHILDREN SAFE**. If you do use this gate to enter or leave the school and discover it closed, please ensure that you close it behind you on the way out. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

**ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES** As I am sure everyone will agree this year's performance was absolutely **AMAZING**. Thank you to all our wonderful talented children for being so dedicated and working so hard to put on this memorable production. Thank you also to Mrs Ellershaw, Ms Burns and Mrs Chapman for creating the detailed scenery for the stage. Thank you also to all those staff involved with the endless practises... especially Miss Thwaite who

was, as I am sure everyone will agree, one amazing Director (CUT!). Thank you to all those members of the audience who made a donation in our 'bucket'. We managed to raise an amazing £179.80. These funds will help provide resources for ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you to the FOBs for organising refreshments and, *final curtain*, thank you to all you parents, carers and families for providing such creative and brilliant costumes. We hope you all enjoyed the show!

**FINAL REMINDER : 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, **AND DESPITE WEEKLY REMINDERS**, we currently still have **64 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. Whilst we don't like to make a referral to the Legal Team, we are increasingly having to do this to ensure that the school budget is not stretched further than it already is.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES:** We have received information about various activities that will be taking place over

the Summer holidays, these include :-

**Summer 2018 : BASKETBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS (07912 178917)**

**SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL** Intensive Swimming Lessons. (01729 823626)

**Summer Holiday Tennis :**

[jgriffin.tennis@btinternet.com](mailto:jgriffin.tennis@btinternet.com)

**Summer Sports Camp : QEstudio.** Activities include No7 Coaching Football Camp (Shaun Gardner 07929 372564). Footcycle Fun with Run-Bike-Fun (Jill Eccleston 07955 342344) and a Tokyo 2020 Olympics Summer (Danny Harper 07804 819203).

For more information please contact Kim Bradshaw on 07966 556944 or e-mail

[k.bradshaw@lunesdaletrust.co.uk](mailto:k.bradshaw@lunesdaletrust.co.uk).

**QES have teamed up with Lunesdale Sports Centre** to offer comprehensive tennis coaching. Sessions will take place at QES. Again, for more information contact [jgriffin.tennis@btinternet.com](mailto:jgriffin.tennis@btinternet.com) or Kim Bradshaw on 07966 556944

**CAVING EXPERIENCE : YEAR 6** If you have not already done so, please ensure that CONSENT FORMS for this visit have been returned to the School Office. Failure to return consent will mean that your child CANNOT take part in this visit.

By way of a reminder, on the day of the visit children will need to be at school by 8.30am. Children should bring with them a healthy snack, water bottle, packed lunch and a towel. Children should wear jogging bottoms (no jeans), sensible shoes, and a T-Shirt. They should also bring with them a fleece, wellies and hat (no bobble hats). If you have advised school that your child does not have access to a pair of wellies, these will be provided by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust who we would like to thank, once again, for funding this amazing experience. Children should also bring their school uniform to school, including underwear and shoes, as these will be needed to change back into when returning from the visit. Thank you.

**GOODBYE** Can we just say a massive thank you to Mr Waugh from North Yorkshire County Council's Music Service. Mr Waugh has been visiting the school on a weekly basis and giving children in classes 3,4, and 5 an opportunity to play a musical instrument and be part of an 'orchestra'. Following on from this opportunity, if your child would like to learn an instrument, then please contact Sally in the School Office for more information. At the end of this academic year, Mr Waugh will be retiring from the Music Service following many years of teaching. As a thank you for all Mr Waugh's hard work,

encouragement and enthusiasm children presented him with a tie in a 'musical' design during their final music assembly. We would like to wish Mr Waugh the very best of luck and hope that he enjoys retirement. We are pleased to inform parents that children in Classes 4 and 5 will be learning the ukulele next year with a new music teacher, Mrs Evans. We look forward to hearing their musical masterpieces next year.

**MEDICINES AT SCHOOL** Can we just remind parents that where children require medicines to be administered at school these can only be given when 'medicines' have been prescribed by a doctor. Medicines will only be accepted by the school when they are clearly labelled with dispensary information from a pharmacist. In addition, in order for staff to give a child medication whilst in school there is the necessity to complete a 'Request to Administer Medication Form'. Forms are available from the School Office. Thank you.

**SNACKS AT BREAK TIMES** Can we just remind parents that if they are providing snacks for children to consume at break-times these should be of a 'healthy' nature in support of the school's Healthy School Status. There are a growing number of children who are 'raiding' their packed lunch boxes at morning break and snacking on crisps and chocolate. Children in Key Stage 1 are provided daily with a piece of fruit to enjoy at break. Ideally children in Key Stage 2 should also be encouraged to eat fruits and vegetables. By way of a reminder, children should not bring to school any foods which contain nuts as a main ingredient. Not only can whole nuts be a choking hazard they are also potentially a high allergy risk to some children. Thank you for your co-operation.

**LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY** It is that time of year again when we will be waving a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and wishing them the very best of luck as they enter the next phase of their educational journey. Parents of children in Year 6 are all invited to come along and join our 'Leavers' Assembly' on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 2.30pm. Unfortunately, we are requesting that members of the audience provide their own tissues, as it is anticipated that our school budget would not be able to cater for the level of consumption! We look forward to seeing you.

**REMINDER** We have been informed about a case of Head-Lice at the school. Can parents please continue to check their child's hair regularly for any signs of head-lice. For information about treatment please

contact a pharmacist, GP or Health Visitor. Thank you.

**PHOTOS** Can we just remind parents that whilst they are welcome to take pictures of children participating in public performances at school, images should be for PERSONAL use only. Under no circumstances should any pictures containing images of other people's children be shared, exposed in the public domain or placed on social media sites etc. Naturally, if you take an 'individual' picture of the child you have ultimate parental responsibility for then you are free to publish/circulate this image. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Monday**

Year 6 Caving Experience

Transition Day for all children

Reports Home

#### **Wednesday**

11.30 – 12.30 Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic

No Jammy Dodgers

#### **Thursday**

World Cup Café – Parents welcome from 3.00pm

#### **Friday**

2.30pm Leaver's Assembly (Year 6 Parents only please)

School Closes for Summer Holidays