



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Autumn Term Edition 1

## Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing Summer holiday. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school in their new uniforms and shiny shoes! We have also welcomed lots of new families to our school family this week. Ava, Jessica and Olivia in Class 4, Caitlin, Isla and Billy in Class 3 and Isabella, Murray and William in Class 1. We have also welcomed new children into Nursery; Austin, Scarlett, Alfie, Bobby, Alfie, Leon and Abigail. It is wonderful to have lots of new faces in school. We are very proud of not only the way our new children have settled into school so quickly but also the way in which our children have welcomed them and helped them get to know school routines. Our children are a very friendly, kind and caring bunch!

There is lots of important information and dates in this newsletter so please add them to your calendars.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

**Some sad news...** It is with much sadness that we have received news that Mrs Smith (known to children as Verena) has recently passed away. Mrs Smith was well known to children at the school, helping to inspire a love of reading and encouraging visits to our wonderful local library. We would like to send our sincere condolences to family.

**Library Visits** Children will continue to visit the Library over the 2018/2019 academic year with visits timetabled to take place, as follows:-

19/09/18 at 1.30pm : Class 5  
28/09/18 at 2.30pm : Class 4  
24/09/18 at 2.45pm : Class 3  
26/09/18 at 10.00am : Class 2  
07/11/18 at 1.30pm : Class 5  
09/11/18 at 2.30pm : Class 4  
12/11/18 at 2.45pm : Class 3  
14/11/18 at 10.00am : Class 2

We are always looking for Parent helpers to come along with children and staff to library sessions. If you think you can help on any of the above dates, then please let Sally know in the School Office. Thank you.

**STAY AND LEARN** This year we will, once again, be giving parents an opportunity to join their child in class and quite literally 'stay and learn'! Sessions will take place, as follows:-

### Classes 1 and 2

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 18 from 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 18 from 9.00am – 10.00am

### Class 3

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10.50am-12.00m/d

### Class 4

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 18 from 1.30pm-3.00pm

### Class 5

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 18 from 2.30pm -3.30pm

**We would love to see as many parents as possible joining their children on these dates in their classes.**

We look forward to seeing you!

**PARKING AT SCHOOL** As we start the new academic year, can we just remind parents about the importance of road safety, particularly when bringing and collecting children from school. As we are sure everyone will be more than aware, the car park can get very busy at optimum times. However, we would request that parents do not use the entrance to Moons Acre as an alternative place to park. There have been occasions in the past where the entrance has been blocked to residents, meaning that emergency vehicles would also be unable to access residences should the need arise. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

**FLU VACCINATION** This year, we will once again be taking part a flu vaccination programme. Children from Reception to Year 5 will be offered a FREE flu vaccination on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Letters giving more details about the programme have been sent home to parents (further copies available from the School Office by request). If you are happy for your child to be vaccinated, then please ensure that you complete an online Consent Form at [www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent) by no later than **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. The code for Bentham Community Primary School is YKXCY. If you have any concerns about the vaccination programme or would like more details then please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360. Thank you.

**SELFA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** We have been advised by SELFA that Bentham Buzz will be starting again on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm to 4.45pm. For more information, please contact Lucy Short at SELFA on 01756 706384. **ALTERNATIVELY** please remember

if you have any concerns or worries about any aspect of school, or if you simply feel that you need some additional support then please do not hesitate to contact the school's **Home School Link Worker**, Miss Tierney.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Please remember that the school offers a wonderful Breakfast Club facility. This provision runs from 08.00am until registration EVERY morning term-time only. Breakfast Club is also excellent value for money, being only £4.00 per child, per day for a FULL session (08.00am – 08.50am) including a yummy nutritious breakfast and refreshments and £2.00 per child, per day for a HALF session (08.20am-08.50am) – including refreshments. For more information, please either contact Sally in the School office or Mrs Reid the Breakfast Club Manager.

**FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL** are actively seeking new members! As we are sure every parent is aware, school budgets are getting tighter and tighter and without the continued support and fundraising efforts of the Friends of Bentham School we would struggle to purchase new resources and subsidise school trips. The FOBS will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 6.30pm here at school. Rumour has it there will be wine and a selection of cheeses for refreshments. If you can come along, please enter via the main entrance. Please show your support and get involved. Thank you.

**BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** will continue to take place in the School Hall every FRIDAY, term-time only from 9.00am until 11.00am. If you know anyone with pre-school aged children, then please let them know about this lovely, friendly local group. The group are also looking for volunteers who could regularly commit to help running this group. For more information, please either see a member of the FOBS or Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

**NSPCC : Speak Out – Stay Safe** School will be working with the NSPCC on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Children from Reception through to Year 6 inclusive will all be taking part in the NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme. For more information, please see letters sent home in children's book bags. Thank you.

**REMINDER SWIMMING** Can we just remind parents that children in Class 5 will start their weekly swimming lessons on MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. If you have not already done so, please ensure that

Consent Forms have been returned to the School Office and that payment for lessons has been made via Parentpay. If you have any difficulty accessing Parentpay then please contact Sally in the School Office. Thank you.

**GODLY PLAY** This year children will once again be taking part in Bentham Methodist Chapel's Godly Play sessions. These have been timetabled, as follows:-

Class 2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Class 3

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Class 4

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Class 5

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

We are always looking for Parent helpers to come along with children and staff to Godly Play sessions. If you think you can help on any of the above dates, then please let Sally know in the School Office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS 2018** .... It might be some time off... but to (hopefully) assist parents with their diary commitments, please find below details about performances and activities that will be taking place at school over the Festive Season....

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00pm

KS2 Christmas Performance for SENIOR CITIZENS

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.00pm

Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performance

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00pm

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.00pm

KS2 Christmas Performance

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Christmas Party Day for ALL classes

### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** : Reminder

If children have taken part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge organised by the Craven Library Service, then this 'challenge' will finish on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Can children please visit their local Library to collect their well-earned medals and rewards. Thank you.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** We have received information from North Yorkshire County Council that if your child was born between 01/09/07 and 31/08/08 then parents can now start to apply for a secondary school place for their child. All applications should be submitted by no later than **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**. More information has been sent home in children's book bags. Further details are available from the School Admissions Team on 01609 533679 or [schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk).

**JUNIOR BADMINTON at Ingleton Badminton Club** We have been advised that Badminton Club starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Due to an increasing demand sessions have now been 'split'. For more information please contact either Claire Procter on 07894 734788 ([saltvinegar19@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saltvinegar19@yahoo.co.uk)) or David McGonnigal on 07969 689657 ([david.mcgonnigal@gmail.com](mailto:david.mcgonnigal@gmail.com)). Alternatively, a leaflet outlining schedules, charges and club times is available from the School Office.

**LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL** We have been advised that the Lune Valley Swimming Pool is now officially OPEN. For more information, please contact 01524 805666 or e-mail the Pool Manager at [poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com](mailto:poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com).

**What's On** We have received details from North Yorkshire County Council's Children and Families Service about activities that have been planned to take place in Craven during September to December 2018 inclusive. Local activities include a Toy Library, Child Health Care Clinics, Storytime for under 5s and much more. For further details please request a copy of the Schedule from the School Office. Thank you.

**INGLETON SWIMMING POOL** This will be the final weekend of the season that Ingleton Swimming Pool will be open! Please go along and support this magical outdoor pool. The pool will be open as usual on Saturday. On Sunday, the pool will be open from 10.00am to 12.00 midday and from 2.00pm until

4.00pm. Children are welcome to bring along their own inflatables or borrow inflatables from the pool! There will also be a 'Kiosk Sale'.

**FILM CLUB** This is for children in years 3 to 6. The annual subscription is £5.00 per child, which includes entry, a drink and some snacks. There will be 6 films shown over the year. For more information, please see the letter sent home in children's book bags or speak to Miss Thwaite. Please note the deadline for returning reply slips for joining Film Club is 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **What's on next week in school?**

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

7.00pm FOBS AGM at school

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)  
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Music Lessons : TBC (Guitar)

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

3pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)