



Friday 21st September 2018

Autumn Term Edition 3

Dear Parents

Sometimes people ask me what it is like to be a teacher – my answer is always “It’s hard to explain as no two days are ever the same and no day is ever ‘normal’.” That certainly applies to this week as we have had so many exciting learning opportunities taking place in school. On Monday children went swimming, on Tuesday we had Cross Country, on Wednesday we had a House Party including strawberry milkshakes and on Thursday we had a visit from the NSPCC about ‘Speaking Out and Staying Safe’. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the TAG Rugby event scheduled to take place on Friday was cancelled. Going back to Monday, Class 4 went to Godly Play, on Tuesday we had lunchtime football club, on Wednesday Class 1 explored the outdoor garden and on Thursday our music teacher started her lessons, finally earlier today, we celebrated all of the above in Praise Assembly!

This week I have had the pleasure of speaking to lots of parents about lots of different things. As a school, we are keen to work in partnership with parents. This is YOUR school for YOUR children and although we might look a little scary sometimes, we are all actually friendly teachers! Please do pop in and chat to us (at the end of the day is the best time) or give the school a ring to arrange an appointment if needed.

This week’s Friday News seems full of dates so please sit down with your family calendar (or mobile phone calendar) and add them to the diary.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, I think a few soggy dog walks may be coming up for me!

Mrs Pearson

EXCITING NEWS Construction of our new wooden adventure trail started on Wednesday 19th September.... Obviously the forecast for the day was ‘wet and windy’! Can we please remind parents and children to STAY AWAY from the safety fencing. We very much look forward to letting children play on our exciting adventure trail shortly!

LUNCH-TIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL Activities:

Monday Lunchtime

Knitting Club for children in Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday Lunchtime

Football with Jordan for children in Years 1 – 6

(An afterschool basketball club will begin after half term)

Tuesday Afterschool

Bentham Buzz - ran by SELFA from 3.30pm – 4.45pm for invited children.

Thursday Afterschool

Social Sports (Tag Rugby) with Miss Thwaite for Years 4 – 6

Jigsaw Club with Miss Tierney and Mrs Horton for invited children

Film Club Please remember to return reply slips for Film Club. This is for children in years 2 to 6 inclusive. The first ‘Film Club’ will take place on **Wednesday 10th October 2018** from 3.30-5.30pm

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

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 to quite literally ‘Stay and Learn’! Sessions will take place, as follows:-

Classes 1 and 2

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 6th December 18 from 9.00am – 10.00am

Class 3

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

Class 4

Friday 19th October 18 from 1.30pm-3.00pm

Class 5

Tuesday 16th 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!

THE FRIENDS OF BENTHAM SCHOOL are busy organising lots of exciting fundraising activities,

including:-

A Halloween Disco for children in Reception to year 6 inclusive : 25th October 18 from 5.00pm until 6.30pm.

Half Term Tuck Shop : 26th October 2018 at 3.30pm

Bags2School Collection : 20th November 2018

Non-Uniform Day (donations of items for the Christmas Fair) : 23rd November 2018

Christmas Fair : 30th November 2018 from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

More details about all of the above to follow.

The Friends of Bentham School will be meeting on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 2.30pm here at the School. This is an informal meeting, and everyone is welcome to come along, join in and show their support.

FLU VACCINATION This year, we will once again be taking part in the flu vaccination programme. Children from Reception to Year 5 will be offered a FREE flu vaccination on the 5th October. **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 by no later than Friday 29th 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.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL On Sunday 30th September 2018 the school will be hosting the Community Harvest Festival in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in this celebration. Doors open at 4.00pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION INGLEBOROUGH HALL RESIDENTIAL for children in years 3 and 4. On Monday 1st October 2018 from 3.30pm there will be a short meeting for parents of those children who will be taking part in the residential visit to Ingleborough Hall on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November 2018. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

REMINDER Can parents of children in Reception, please remember to return completed Health Questionnaires to the School Office ASAP. Thank you.

JAMMIE DODGERS After School Club This year Jammie Dodgers will be run by Beverley Scott, a Schools Worker from NISCU. The club is aimed at children in Reception, years 1 and 2. More information has been sent home via children's book bags. Places are limited, so if you would like your child to take part, please complete and return permission slips to the School Office as quickly as possible. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The first session will take place on Wednesday 3rd October.

PARENT EVENINGS This year parent evenings will take place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November. In order to secure an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please complete and return appointment request forms which have been sent home in children's book bags. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS On Wednesday 19th September the School Photographer was at school. Proofs of photographs have been sent home via children's book bags, this includes 'family' portraits. If you would like to order any photos, please complete the order form and seal the same, together with payment in the envelope provided. Envelopes should be handed into the School Office by no later than **Wednesday 3rd October 2018.**

Some more important dates for your diary!!
Wednesday 10th October 18 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

parents/carers are invited to an informal Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor. There will be a particular focus on how the school supports children with special educational needs, together with up-dates about what is happening and what is being planned in school.

Tuesday 23rd October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm : 'All About Reading for Parents'. Miss Richardson and the Early Years Foundation Stage team would like to welcome parents to come along and find out more about reading and phonics in **EYFS and Year 1**. At the same time, Mrs Hodgson and the **Key Stage 2** team would like to invite parents to find out more about reading in **Years 2 to Year 6**. Sessions will include how reading is taught in school, school reading books and how best parents can support children with reading at home. Please be reassured that parents will not be asked to read anything, complete any questionnaires or be tested! To help parents/carers to come along to these sessions, there will be FREE childcare provided at school, so both mums and dads can come along, also meaning there is no need to find a babysitter!

Wednesday 21st November 18 from 9.00am until 10.00am parents/carers are invited to an informal coffee morning with Mrs Pearson and Miss Richardson. This time, the focus will be on Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) together with further updates about what is happening at school.

St John's Hospice Local ladies Viki and Louise are taking part in another 'crazy' challenge fundraising for St John's Hospice. Viki and Louise have set the bar high and will be attempting to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. This will be both a personal and emotional journey, the aim of which is to raise as much money as possible for St John's Hospice. Please support these two Hospice Heroes by donating what you can at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/viki-sutton1. Thank you.

TRIATHLON On Sunday 7th October a Triathlon will take place at Giggleswick Junior School Pavilion. Registration is at 1.00pm with a 2.00pm start. More information is available at the School Office, alternatively, please contact Jill Eccleston on 07955 342344 (infor@runbikfun.co.uk) or Chris Wright on 07808 763375 (cdpwright@giggleswick.org.uk). Thank you

BRAIN BUILDERS CLUB will be taking place EVERY

Thursday from 12.00 midday with Mrs Hodgson. The first session will be on 27th September 2018 – everyone is welcome.

INTERNET SAFETY EVENING FOR PARENTS If you are interested in any aspect of e-safety for your children, or simply just want to find out more about what we teach in school, please feel free to drop in at school and take part in an informal meeting in Class 5 on **Tuesday 25th September at 5.30pm** where there will be a short talk together with a question and answer session about the use of communication technology at school – or even in the home. Mr White looks forward to seeing you.

What's on next week in school?

Monday 24th September 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Lunchtime Knitting Club starts
1.00pm : Class 5 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool
Class 2 Godly Play
Class 3 Library

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Lunchtime Football with Jordan
Afterschool Bentham Buzz
Settle College Open Day (Years 5 and 6)

Wednesday 26th September 2018

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Class 2 Library

Thursday 27th September 2018

Music Lessons : Guitar
Year 5 Bikeability Training
Football Qualifier Event at Settle (selected children in years 5 and 6).

Afterschool Tag Rugby
Settle College Open Evening 6pm

Friday 28th September 2018

Year 5 Bikeability Training
2.30pm Class 4 Library Visit
3pm Praise Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Sunday 30th September 2018

4.00pm Community Harvest Festival in the School