



Friday 22nd March 2019

Spring Term : Edition 9

Dear Parents

On Thursday this week I joined lunchtime supervisors and wandered out into the playground during lunchtime. Most of the younger children were in the hall eating their lunch and very few older children were outside. I then peered into Class 4, where I saw a room packed full of children all busily engaged in computer activities as part of computer club! This club is led by the children themselves, with Miss Thwaite sitting in class to supervise. It was lovely to see our children working together and enjoying this lunchtime activity. Many thanks to Miss Thwaite for offering to accommodate this club during a lunchtime.

A few parents have been trying to find me in the morning to speak to me about various aspects of school life. At the moment from 8.30-9.00am I am running a SATS Booster club with children in Year 6. If you need to speak to me, please pop into the school office and I will happily come and talk to you at 9.00am or alternatively, please come and see me at the end of the school day when you collect your children.

Finally, we have a number of sporting competitions coming up, including Netball and Hockey. We are hoping to continue our good run of success and come home with a medal or trophy! Intense Netball training has been taking place so watch this space...

Mrs Pearson

Peddle and Scoot Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to join staff at the Peddle and Scoot sessions that children in Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed over the previous three weeks. It has been absolutely wonderful to see how children's cycling skills, confidence and balance has blossomed. In some instances, children have literally learnt to ride a bicycle – an achievement that has brought tears to eyes (some joyful some fearful!); to see children's massive smiles and sense of achievement has been lovely. Thank you to our Early Years team who have sourced, supported and helped with 'Peddle and Scoot'.

Healthy Snacks at Break-Time By way of a reminder, we do encourage children to bring a snack to school to enjoy during morning break – this can help some

children last until lunchtime without feeling over-hungry. Can we please remind parents/carers that snacks should be of a healthy nature, for example a **piece of fruit or a cereal bar**. During morning registration children should place snacks in their school trays, so that they are ready to collect and easy to access at break time. Can parents/carers please ensure that children do not leave their snacks in packed lunch boxes, as this results in lots of children wondering up and down corridors during break when they should be outside enjoying themselves and getting some fresh air! Teaching staff will be reminding children to put snacks in trays, but it would also help if parents/carers could support this action by also reminding children. Thank you.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING Can we please remind parents/carers that if they visit the school during the day then they should use the MAIN ENTRANCE and not the car park entrance into school. Parents/Carers should not walk down corridors to classrooms without being accompanied by a member of staff **AT ANY TIME**. This is to safeguard our children and to ensure we know who is in the school building at all times. Can we please also remind parents/carers that at the beginning of the school day they should drop their child off at the classroom doors and exit from the playground. No Parents should be walking through school, unless accompanied by a member of staff. I am sure everyone will appreciate that these rules are in place to protect the interests of children and to ensure their safety whilst at school. Unfortunately, parents/carers wondering around school unsupervised is a serious safeguarding concern. Please remember, if you forget a PE Kit, musical instrument, are running late with your children, collecting a child for an appointment etc., then please report your arrival to the School Office. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

Facebook Thank you to those parents/carers who have now completed a 'Facebook' Consent Form. As we are sure everyone will be aware, the school recently launched its very own Facebook Page. By using this page, school hopes to celebrate the achievements and successes of the school. **If you have not yet returned this consent to the school, can you please do so by no later than MONDAY 25TH March 2019.** Please do share our Facebook with members of the local community who are not necessarily parents, we want to spread the wonderful news about our school!

Quick Sticks Hockey (Years 3, 4,5 and 6) If your child has expressed an interest in representing the school at a Quick Sticks Hockey event being held at Giggleswick School's Astro Turf on the 4th April 2019 then information will have been sent home in book bags. Please note, it is a requirement that children wear both shin pads and gum shields whilst on the pitch AT ALL TIMES. Junior Gum Shields are available to purchase from the school office priced at £1.00 each.

COLLECTING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY In an attempt to make the process easier for parents/carers to arrange for an alternative adult to collect their child from school, last week we sent home in children's book bags information about how to consent authorised friends and family members to collect children at the end of the school day. Again, there are a number of parents/carers who have not returned this form. Can we please ask that these details are returned to school by no later than MONDAY 25th March 2019? Thank you.

School Lunches Please look out in children's book bags for important information about some changes that will be taking place with School Meals over the Summer Term. Remember, children who have a school dinner on Tuesday will be treated to a home-made Fruit Smoothie! If your child does not currently have a school lunch but would like the opportunity to sample a delicious meal, then why not join in with either 'Smoothie Tuesday' or 'Fun-Day-Friday'? For a limited period, every Tuesday and/or Friday children can order a school meal during registration; there is no need to pre-order. As a further treat, on Fun Day Friday children will also be offered a flavoured juice with their meal. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.00 per day for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and £2.45 per day for children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

The Friends of Bentham School are busy organising lots of fundraising events for the school, there will be something for everyone to look forward to! Please remember that all monies raised helps ALL children in ALL classes.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

D.I.S.C.O

Children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive are invited to D.I.S.C.O in the School Hall from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. Tickets are £4.00 per child and include food and drink. Tickets can be bought on the door.

Friday 5th April 2019

Non-uniform day! Come to school wearing your own clothes in return for a donation of Chocolate! This can be in any form, an Easter Egg, Bar, non-perishable or Sweets! These will be used as prizes at our Easter Bingo!

Thursday 11th April 2019

Fun for all the family at the FOB's Easter Bingo Event! Tickets are priced at £3.50 each to include a Bingo Book and Supper. Additional books are available for purchase on the night. Tickets available from the School Office. Please invite friends and family.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL FOBS!

ODD SOCKS DAY Thank you to everyone who supported World Down Syndrome Day. It was amazing how many children came to school proudly showcasing odd socks! We raised an astounding £62.00 from simply mis-matching toe warmers – something that I am sure everyone will agree happens regularly in laundry baskets! Thank you.

PARENTPAY Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay accounts. At the time of writing there are 53 accounts showing as being in debt. Thank you.

What's on Next Week?

Monday 25th March 2019

Dogs for Therapy – Read2Dogs Assembly
Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
1.00pm Class 4 Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool

Tuesday 26th March 2019

4.00pm Netball High 5 Event at Settle College

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mrs Brennan (Flute/Keyboard)
Music Lessons : Mr Hinchcliffe (Accordion)
Visit to Gill Garth Farm : Reception/Year 1
Godly Play : Class 5

Thursday 28th March 2019

Music Lessons : Mr Annable (Guitar)
Rewind to Easter Event : Year 5

Year 6 Caving

Friday 29th March 2019

Crucial Crew : Year 6
3.00pm Praise Assembly

Please see the school's website for more information about lunchtime and afterschool activities.

