



Friday 6th November 2020

Autumn Term : Edition 7

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school following the half-term holidays. Hopefully, everyone had a lovely week, and managed to enjoy some family time, even if it was indoors due to the absolutely awful weather!

I would like to just take this opportunity of thanking many of you for your kind e-mails and words following the announcement of my pregnancy – both myself and my husband are very much looking forward to becoming parents.

As I am sure everyone will be aware, this week further National Restrictions were put in place by the Government, in an attempt to reduce the transmission rate of Covid. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>.

Please remember that if children develop Covid symptoms during the evening, or over the weekend then you must let school know as quickly as possible using the parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk e-mail address. The sooner we are advised the better.

On Wednesday 4th November, Craig Lyons, a Fire Officer based at Bentham Fire Station, delivered an assembly to children via Zoom about fire safety and the dangers of fireworks. Whilst this year's Bonfire Night will most definitely be 'different', with no community firework displays etc. we hope that children will have learnt from Craig about the dangers of fireworks, and the importance of any responsible adults handling fireworks to follow the Firework Code. Why not ask children what they have learnt? Thank you to Craig Lyons for his time.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Anne Russell and her team for providing hot lunches during half-term closure. Rev Anne has indicated that over 50 meals were provided during half term. Rev Anne Russell is encouraging any families who are struggling whether it be financially, spiritually or emotionally to get in touch with her or a member of the Ingleborough Team either on 015242 61609 or via e-mail revanne.ingleborough@gmail.com.

Enjoy the weekend, it looks like the weather will be staying fine!
Mrs Pearson

UNIFORM AND LEISURE COMPANY We have been notified by the Uniform and Leisure Company that their Lancaster Shop will be closed for business due to national lockdown until Wednesday 2nd December. However, school uniform will still be available to purchase via www.ualonline.com. If you have any queries, or are unable to make an online order, then orders can be placed via 01524 388355. Thank you.

Youth Club and Afterschool Clubs at Community Youth We have been advised by Rev Anne Russell that after school clubs and youth clubs which are held at Community Youth are being postponed until the New Year.

Remembrance 11th November 2020 Every year the nation unites to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. This year, due to Covid, Remembrance Services will not be taking place in their normal way. However, The Royal British Legion are still encouraging people across the nations to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching a Service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorsteps. There will be a short Act of Remembrance on the 11th November at 11.00am at School Hill in Bentham where Mrs Barlow will represent the school along with two Year 6 children who will be laying a Wreath. Children in school will also take part in a short service. In addition, we will be selling items on behalf of the Poppy Appeal at School. Items will be sold from individual 'bubbles' and we would ask that if children would like to make a purchase then they bring £1 per item to class on Monday 9th November. There are a selection of fundraising items available to purchase including Coat Pins, Zip Pulls, Silicon Wristbands, Reflectors and Snap Bands. Poppies can be bought for a donation of your choice. Please ensure children bring the correct change. Thank you.

Children in Need We will, once again, be helping to raise all important funds for Children in Need. On Friday 13th November, children are invited to come to school dressed up and/or wearing non-uniform in return for a voluntary donation. Money should not be brought into classrooms by children, there will be a collection bucket available on the playground for each 'bubble'. For more information about this year's fundraising activities, please see the letter sent home with children from Mrs Harrison.

Breakfast Club Can we remind parents/carers that our wonderful Breakfast Club is once again fully operational! Children can be dropped off at the School Hall from 8.00am onwards. Full sessions, including activities, breakfast and refreshments run from 8.00am until 9.00am and are priced at £4.00 per child per day. Half sessions are also available, priced at £2.00 per child per day including activities and refreshments. If you would like your child to join our Breakfast Club provision, please e-mail admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk to pre-book a session. Thank you.

Christingle Whilst the 'C' word may seem a long time off, December will soon be upon us, as will that magical time of year known as Advent. This year Rev Anne Russell and her team will be distributing Christingle Kits to all children. Kits will be delivered to school during the first week in December. To help celebrate this magical time of year, there will be an online festive service on 13th December 2020 that everyone is welcome to access and take part in. More details about this to follow nearer the time.

Drop off and Collection of Children at School

Can we please remind parents/carers NOT to let children play with any of the school's playtime equipment, including balls, rackets, climbing frames, and fixed structures on both the playground and field at the start and the end of the school day. Equipment has been designated to specific classes within the school, and if children touch the equipment without it being cleaned and/or quarantined this does not support the prevention of any potential Covid outbreak. Whilst it seems very alien not to encourage children to engage in play, I am sure parents/carers will agree it is very important we all follow the rules and help to prevent the potential spread of Covid. Thank you.

Free School Meals Eligibility

As personal circumstances continue to change, some families are, unfortunately, finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. It may be that if income has recently reduced your child/ren may now be eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM). For those children in Reception, years 1 and 2 FSM eligibility is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal provided on a daily basis. For more information, or an application form, please contact the School Office. Please be reassured that all enquiries will be treated in the STRICTEST of confidence.

QES Admissions We have been advised by QES, that they are making a film for parents of prospective students to access and that this will be ready shortly. Usually the school gives extensive tours and holds two Open Evenings, but this year this is not possible. The school have also up-dated their website, and more information can be found under **admissions2021**. Under this section of the website, there is a prospectus, a question and answer section and information about how you can contact the school's admissions team etc. If you are unable to access the website, please call 015242 71275. Thank you.

Protecting your Child against Influenza (Flu) and Complications 19th November 2020

If your child was not at school on the 22nd October 2020 and you wished for them to have the Flu Vaccination, then this can either now be obtained by contacting you GP, or alternatively, on **19th November 2020** when the Childhood Immunisation Team will be re-visiting the school.

If you have any questions about this vaccination programme, then please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360.

Reminder, for more information about Covid and symptoms in children, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Parentpay Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay Account. Unfortunately, this week, we have 47 accounts showing as owing money.

Please remember, if you are financially struggling and are unable to pay off an outstanding Parentpay debt then please contact the school. There are options available, including making small weekly contributions. Failure to contact the school about an outstanding balance may result in a referral being made to NYCC's Legal Team.