



February Newsletter 2019

Thank You!

A great big, thank you to all who completed our recent surveys on the teaching and curriculum provision at Bassenthwaite School. The results of the survey have been collated. However, it should be noted that only eight completed forms were received out of a possible 40. There was a 100% agreement across all statements with 11 questions receiving the strongly agree category. In the behaviour question 2 responses disagreed that behaviour was good. The children will be completing their own forms in school over the next week. In response to the additional comments made, firstly, thank you for your continued support of the staff at Bassenthwaite with regards to your children's education.

Communication:

As you will be aware we moved to a paperless system of communication utilising the PMXParentmail software approximately four years ago. This has not only enabled us to reduce the costs to the school and the environment, but also ensures we have more expenditure available for school resources. We currently have 100% of families with a Parentmail account, with 100% receiving emails and SMS messages. 74% of families are using the mobile app. Therefore, you should be receiving email communication when a notification has been sent from school. It is essential that these emails are read and acted upon if necessary. If you feel that you are no longer receiving communication via email please ensure we have your most up to date email address.

Of course there are times when, as a parent you wish to email the school with essential information regarding your child/children. This should be done through

adminbasenthwaite@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk or sararoyale@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk and staff will reply in the same manner. However, it is

inappropriate to email an individual teacher directly (or to contact them through social media).

Chinese New Year

Many thanks to Yen for sharing her expertise about Chinese New Year with the children. They all had a wonderful time learning about the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac and hands on craft activities. Yen decorated the hall with many artefacts and the children found out all about The Year of the Pig.

Millfield Visit KS1/EYFS

Unfortunately, we have just had word this afternoon that The Millfield are not receiving any visitors at the moment due to an outbreak of sickness. **The EYFS/KS1 trip will therefore be cancelled tomorrow Wednesday 6th February.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

Year 5 and 6 Treetops

A reminder that Years 5 and 6 will need their outdoor clothing for Thursday 7th.

Hancock Museum trip for KS2

A reminder that the above trip will be taking place on February 13th. We require that all permission slips are returned via Parentmail and payments are received into please. We will be consolidating work on the Egyptians and visiting the dinosaurs as an introduction to our next topic, which is Dinosaurs, Fossils, Rocks and Soils.

FOBs

Please keep up to date with events etc organised by FOBs by using the school website and the Facebook link from the FOBs page.

A very easy way to raise funds for Bassenthwaite School is to register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk. You can shop with hundreds of online retailers (e.g. Tesco, Asda,

Amazon, John Lewis) and earn money for the school. Some companies give up to 3% of the cost to school. We have a few parents shopping through this website and would love to see more using the site.

After School Clubs

A form regarding clubs for next half term will be sent out tomorrow. Please could you return these by Thursday 14th February so we can ensure correct staff / pupil ratio is in place for the first week back? A gentle reminder that clubs need to be paid for in advance for the half term.

Half Term

We will be breaking up for the February half term at 3.20pm on Friday 15th. We will return to school on **Monday 25th February** at 9am.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 25th February - KS2 theatre workshop in school

Wednesday 27th February - KS2 Choir concert at St John's Church, Keswick 6pm (more details to follow on PMXParentmail)

Wednesday 6th March - Whole School Careers day

Monday 11th March - Wheelchair Basketball KS2

Hope you all have an enjoyable, well deserved half term break

Sara Royle