

1st March 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson

Earlier this week, I wrote to parents/carers of children in years 4,5 and 6 about some additional funding that school has managed to secure towards the cost of this year's residential trips. Once again, I would like to reiterate how grateful the school is to all those individuals and businesses who made a financial donation to help support our families. It is very much appreciated.

The monies raised has meant that all families of children going to Carlton Lodge have been provided with £50.00 towards the cost of their child's residential with families of children in year 6 receiving £100.00 towards the cost of their residential to Keswick.

I would just like to make a special mention and thank Thomas in Badger Class. On one of the wet and windy weekends earlier this year, Thomas and his mum completed a sponsored walk from Morecambe to Heysham and raised over £230.00 to help fund a child's place on a residential trip. Thank you so much Thomas for your kindness and determination.

Next week the School Council, supported by Mrs Duckett, will be selling Red Noses to help raise funds for Comic Relief. This year noses are said to be 'the funniest Red Noses yet'. With Gigglesworth, McChortles, Smirklethorpe, the rare Lole-e-Pops and even rarer Golden Hooter waiting to be found - what is everyone waiting for!? Noses are priced at £2.00 each and all funds raised will go to Comic Relief.

Also, this week children have been given the opportunity to sign up to 'Bentham's Got Talent'. Lots of very talented children have signed up to take part in this extravaganza and are already busy practising their acts ready to perform to parents/carers at a special showcase assembly on Wednesday 10th April at 2.30pm.

Mrs Cryer has organised a Book Fair which will be at school during the week commencing Monday 18th March – more information about this exciting event to follow.

Next week PCSO Jayne Grace is visiting school to talk

to children about Internet Safety. Hopefully this assembly will help encourage children to think about their actions when gaming online. Unfortunately, there are still some incidences being reported to school where gaming is causing negativity around friendship groups and impacting children detrimentally. I am sure parents/carers will agree whilst there are many benefits to technology and enjoyment in online gaming, there are also some negative and dangerous aspects to be considered.

As a reminder, on Wednesday next week children in Badger and Fox Class will be taking part in their visit to The Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution towards the cost of this visit via Parentpay. On the day of the visit, children need to be at school for **NO LATER** than 7.50am wearing their school uniform and bringing with them a waterproof coat, couple of healthy snacks, water bottle and a packed lunch. It is anticipated that children will return to school for around 4.45pm and parents/carers need to make arrangements for a responsible adult to collect children from school at this time.

On Thursday 7th March, and as part of World Book Day celebrations, as well as showcasing decorated wooden spoons and taking part in a number of themed activities over the course of the day, all children are also invited to join in with a World Book Day celebratory lunch. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered during registration. Nursery meals are priced at £2.50 each, meals are FREE for all children in Reception, years 1 and 2, and £3.06 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. If you are eligible for Free School Meals there will also be no charge. Menu choices can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Some staffing news to share with you, Mrs Cadman has decided not to return to work following maternity leave. Mrs Cadman has been a huge part of our school for a number of years and we know she will be missed by parents/carers, children and colleagues.

I am pleased to let parents/carers know that Mrs Naylor will be teaching our Nursery children through to the end of the academic year which will provide much needed continuity for our youngest children.

Finally, well done to all those children who took part

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in this year's community pantomime organised by the Bentham Theatre Group. I am only too aware of how many hours children (and parents!) committed to learning new songs, dances and rehearsing at weekends. It has been lovely to receive such positive comments from members of the wider community about how amazing children were and how well they all did at all five of the shows. Well Done. 'Be Proud'.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Monday 4th March 2024

Fish Star (Salmon)
Veggie Dog (V)
Jacket Potato

9.00am PCSO Jayne Grace (Internet Assembly)

3.30pm Art Club with Alice Strong

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Meatballs in Creamy Sauce
Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm 'This Girl Can' KANGA After School Club

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding (V)
Jacket Potato

7.50am – 4.45pm Badger and Fox Visit to Whitworth Art Gallery

Thursday 7th March 2024

WORLD BOOK DAY

BFG Beefburger in a Bun
Danny's Champion Cheese Pastry (v)
Jacket Potato

(Witches Wedges, Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans and Sweetcorn).

Charlie's Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Muffin
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

3.30pm SportsCool After School Club Boys A-Loud

(years 2 – 6) **SPACES AVAILABLE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY**

Friday 8th March 2024

Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch

Pizza (v)

Mexican Vegetable Burrito (V)

Jacket Potato

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Safe at home wordsearch



Can you spot the safe at home words hidden in this word search?

P	E	K	M	G	S	B	A	P	R	D	A	K	C
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PAIN KILLERS
CLEAR COT
GRAPES
NAPPY SACKS

POND
BITREX
SAFETY CAPS
SMOKE ALARM

SAFETY GATE
HARNES
BLIND CORDS
OPEN WINDOW

POISONING
HOT DRINKS
KETTLE
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