

2nd February 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

This week, I would like to share some staffing news with everyone.

Earlier today we said a goodbye to Mrs Fox, who leaves us to start her maternity leave. As parents/carers of children in Ladybird and Butterfly classes will already know, we have now secured an experienced teacher to provide cover for Mrs Fox up until Easter. When our younger children return to school after half term children in Ladybird Class will be taught by Mrs Naylor every morning. Children in Butterfly Class will be taught by Mrs Williams for the rest of the academic year. Mrs Williams knows the children really well and is also a very experienced Early Years teacher. Children who access afternoon sessions in our Ladybird Class (Nursery) will continue to join Mrs Williams and children in Butterfly Class during the afternoons.

Following on from last week's Friday News, unfortunately Mrs Cryer is still poorly. To ensure continuity with children's learning, we have employed a very experienced 'supply' teacher, Miss Thistlethwaite, who has been teaching children in Rabbit Class this week, and who will continue to teach children until the half term holidays. Once again, I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Nelson who admirably stepped up to teach children in the interim. We are expecting Mrs Cryer to return to teaching from Monday 19th February.

On Tuesday evening parents/carers of children in years 4/5 were invited to join me at a Zoom meeting about their child's residential visit to Carlton Lodge in April this year. If you were unable to attend this meeting, please do not worry, more information about the logistics of this trip will be sent home nearer the time.

As many of our parents may have seen, I recently made a plea via social media seeking financial donations that could go towards the cost of providing residential trips for our children. The response from stakeholders of the school and the wider community has been absolutely amazing. We have secured a number of donations which will go towards reducing the over-all cost of residential to parents/carers of

children. At the time of writing, we are now collating all the contributions, we will then make a decision as to how these funds are distributed. Thank you also to Mrs Buckley for setting up a 'Go Fund Me' page which has raised a considerable amount of money.

To help raise more funds towards the cost of planned activities for our year 6 children on their residential visit to Keswick in July, children in Owl Class will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Can any cake or bake donations be brought into school on Monday 5th February ready to be sold on the 6th! Please also attach a list of ingredients to any donations so that allergies can be catered for. On the day, buns, cakes and bakes will be sold for £1.00 each. Please help support children in Owl Class with this fundraising enterprise.

Thank you to all those who supported the NSPCC's Number Day on Friday 2nd February. Thank you also to Mrs Harrison for once again organising this 'numerical' fundraising day of fun! Hopefully, we will be able to announce the winner of 'Guess the Smallest Number' in today's Celebration Assembly.

When we return to school after half-term we will once again be running some additional After School Clubs. Girls in years 2-6 are invited to take part in a 'This Girl Can' Multi-Sport Activity Club, with children in Years 1-3 invited to join an Art Club. Places at both of these provisions are limited, and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If your child is interested in taking part, please ensure that reply slips are returned to the School Office as quickly as possible.

Earlier this term, children in the KS1 Kanga After School Club missed out on a session due to bad weather. This session has been re-arranged to take place after school on Tuesday 20th February.

For those children in years 3,4,5 and 6 who signed up for the SportsCool sessions on a Thursday evening we are pleased to confirm that SportsCool will be offering TWO FURTHER free sessions on Thursday 22nd and 29th February to compensate for the mix-up in activities earlier this term. Thank you to SportsCool for their generosity.

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Earlier this week appointment times for Parent-Teacher Meetings were sent home with children. We have tried to accommodate everyone's wishes, but in some instances it was not always possible to allocate the time slot that was requested. If you are unable to attend the interview, or would like to change the time of your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher. Likewise, if an appointment was not requested, school automatically generated a telephone appointment with children's class teachers. If the appointment allocated is not convenient, please let school know.

Unfortunately, due to staffing, some consultations for parents/carers of children in Ladybird Class will have to be re-arranged. We can only apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but would like to thank parents/carers in advance for their patience and understanding as we transition to new staffing arrangements in our Early Years Foundation Stage.

On Tuesday next week, we are inviting parents/carers of children in years 1 – 6 to join a Musical Showcase Assembly, led by Mr Hill our Music Teacher, in the School Hall from 2.30pm. Whilst it may be a bit of a 'squash and a Squeeze' to fit everyone in, it will be well worth coming along to watch children as they showcase their musical talents.

On Thursday 8th February, Bags2School will be collecting any donated clothing from school. Can any donation bags please be left in the school's main reception area for 9.00am. Thanking everyone for supporting this fundraising scheme.

When we return to school aft after the half-term it will soon be the turn of children in Badger and Fox Class to visit the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester. If you have not already done so, can parents/carers please complete and return Consent Forms for this visit and consider making payment for the trip via Parentpay. Thank you.

Finally, it is with much sadness that I find myself having to remind parents/carers about conduct whilst on school premises. Recently, there have been a couple instances where inappropriate behaviour by adults has been exhibited and, in some instances, witnessed by children. As a school we do not, and will

not, tolerate any aggressive or threatening behaviour. Fortunately, incidences of this nature are few and far between but incidents can and do lead to parents being prevented from entering school premises if their behaviour is unacceptable. Staff are not here to be shouted at and children should not have to witness this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Worried about the Cost of Living?

If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well

Monday 5th February 2024

Fish Star (Salmon)

Veggie Dog

Jacket Potato

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Meatballs with Creamy Sauce

Vegetable Pasta Bake

Jacket Potato

2.30pm Musical Showcase Assembly (parents of children in years 1-6 invited).

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited children

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

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Bentham Community
Primary School

Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Jacket Potato

Thursday 8th February 2024

Spaghetti Bolognese
Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice
Jacket Potato

3.30pm SportsCool After School Club (3,4,5 and 6)

Friday 9th February 2024

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

Pizza
Mexican Vegetable Burrito
Jacket Potato

1.00pm FOX Class Swimming Lessons
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (all parents)

3.30pm School CLOSERS for half-term holidays.

Monday 19th February 2024 school Re-Opens.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Skipton MONDAY 12TH - WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
Keighley THURSDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
10AM - 3PM

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill. Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- small remote controls
- car key fobs or key finders
- musical cards and books
- light-up toys and novelty items
- nightlights
- digital scales
- thermometers
- old toys in the toy box.

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack. Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

Check your home

- Hunt around your home for button batteries
- Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily.

Has your child swallowed one?

- Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick
- There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.

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