

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome October! We are now officially in Autumn, with daylight hours getting noticeably shorter and days considerably colder! Can we please remind parents/carers to ensure that children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat so that they can enjoy breaktimes and lunchtimes without getting cold or wet!

Firstly, I would just like to thank everyone who got involved with this week's 'Round the World Bake Off'. It was lovely to see such an array of delicious home-made cakes and bakes! Proceeds from the sale of these delicious creations will go towards purchasing some new globes and atlases to support children's learning across school.

Over the course of the week, I have been lucky enough to get some time to pop my head into classrooms and see what children have been up to!

Our youngest children in Butterfly Class have started 'Phonics' looking at the sound 'u'. Children have also been comparing sizes of objects. Nursery children in Butterfly class have particularly enjoyed exploring their environment and forming their very own personal collections of various objects.

In Hedgehog Class, Mrs Harrison was just starting the book 'Milly and the Super School Day' to a captive audience of children! Mrs Harrison reported to me that earlier in the week, whilst all the children went for a toilet break, when they returned to class there were Super-Hero Costumes and Masks left in the classroom! Making this discovery led to children thinking about what super-powers they would like...

Also this week, children in Hedgehog Class were joined by Reception children in Butterfly Class on a visit to the Library. Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined children on this expedition.

Unfortunately, for children in Rabbit Class, Mrs Cryer has once again not been teaching due to illness. We

have enjoyed having Miss Patel with us and she has enjoyed getting to know the children alongside continuing with their learning. On Wednesday next week children in Rabbit Class will be visiting Bentham Library.

Moving up the corridor, children in Badger Class have started looking at their new book, 'Leon and the Place Between' children have also immersed themselves into all things circus themed! As part of children's learning about 'all things Circus', Mrs Naylor is planning to watch 'The Greatest Showman' with children. This film is rated PG and deemed to be appropriate for the age of the intended audience but, if any parent/carer of a child in Badger Class wishes to have their child removed from this lesson, please let Mrs Naylor know as soon as possible.

In English Badger Class have been busy improving their sentences by using exciting verbs and nouns. Badger Class have also been busy learning about different countries around the world and global trade. Next week Aidan's dad will be visiting Badger Class on Monday and talking to children about all the different countries he has visited. Aidan's dad will also be bringing some ration packs into school to demonstrate to children the type of food our armed forces personnel sometimes have to eat and survive on. There might even be an opportunity for some children to try the food! Please let Mrs Naylor know if you do not want your child to try foods from ration packs. Thank you Aidan's dad for sharing your experiences and your time.

Information about an educational visit for children in Rabbit and Badger Class to Herd Farm in Leeds is also being sent out to parents/carers later today. This visit will support learning in class about the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages.

In Fox Class children have been looking at co-ordination and balance in Multi-sport PE lessons. Children have also been looking at Philippe Petit and The Twin Towers in English.

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Thank you to those parents/carers of children in Fox and Owl class who have signed children up to Young Voices 2025. Mrs Coyle has sent out links to parents/carers of children taking part enabling them to purchase tickets and T-shirts as well as enabling access to songs and dance routines. If you have not received this link and your child is joining in with Young Voices 2025, please speak to Mrs Coyle.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been busy practising for a Netball match next week. Thank you to Mrs Voss for unofficially coaching our children! Children have also been learning about Harvest around the world. In English children have been writing Panther stories whilst in maths they have been looking at addition and subtraction.

Following on from the children's outdoor days over the last few weeks, I am asking that parents/carers reconsider making the voluntary contribution towards these days. So far, the school is facing a significant shortfall on these days. The school only asked parents/carers to contribute £10 for their child's trip, funding the remainder of the activities from school funds. So far only 43 parents have contributed towards the visits. If more contributions are not made, this will jeopardise the school's ability to organise further trips in the future. I am sure parents/carers will agree the children involved had a fantastic time on these trips and they were a great experience for the children.

In the Spring and Summer term, school would like to continue providing these outdoor experiences and has plans for the children to climb at Ingleton Climbing Wall, abseil at Storrs Common, scramble on the Norber Erratics or venture underground down a cave. These experiences will not be possible without parental contributions. If you have not already done so, please do reconsider making a payment towards your child's trip. Thank you.

Later today, school will be sending home order forms

for individual photographs. Orders are placed directly with pics4schools.com.

On Monday next week children in Fox and Owl Class will be visiting Tatton Park in Cheshire supporting learning around the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. As a reminder, children need to be at school for 7.50am **WEARING WARM OUTDOOR CLOTHING** and bringing with them a packed lunch, healthy snacks, water bottle and suitable coat for weather on the day. It is anticipated that children will return for 4.00pm and arrangements should be made for a responsible adult to collect children from school at this time.

As part of National Storytelling Week, on Thursday next week all children in all classes will be taking part in a Puppet Workshop with David Watterson over the course of the day. Mr Watterson has visited the school before, and his workshops are always enjoyed by and engaged in by children.

Finally, please look out for information being sent home about this term's Parent/Carer meetings which will be taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October (Reception to Year 6). Appointments can be secured by accessing the link provided and, as follows :

<https://forms.office.com/e/ArFfEgQaHm>

Have a wonderful weekend, get some rest before another busy week ahead!

Mrs C Pearson  
Executive Headteacher

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
Battered Fish (Harry Ramsdens)  
Sweet Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

7.50am Stone Age Workshop Visit to Tatton Park (Fox and Owl Class)

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## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Creamy Cheesy Tomato and Pasta (v)  
BBQ Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

12.20pm Netball Competition at Settle College  
(selected children).

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Roast Gammon  
Veggie Sausage (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

Deadline to request Parent/Carer Meeting with Class  
Teachers.

1.30pm Rabbit Class visiting the Library  
PM Visit to The Secret Garden (Fox Class)

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Nacho Beef Bake  
Quesadilla (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

Puppet Workshops (All Children/All Classes)  
PM Visit to the Secret Garden (Owl Class)

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

***Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try  
a school lunch!***

Chicken Nuggets  
Veggie Burger (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall  
12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (6/10)

**3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** in the School Hall.  
**ALL parents/carers welcome**

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

# Free from falls

*“A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family.  
And that’s just very tragic.”*

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That’s because babies’ heads are twice as big as ours, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact.

**It doesn’t make sense trying to stop all falls. But there are some serious ones you can easily stop once you know how and why.**

### **Cots, beds and changing tables** – now I can wriggle and roll!

- Even small babies can wriggle off a bed or changing table – so change their nappies on the floor and avoid leaving them on a raised surface
- As soon as your baby can stand, remove any large toys they might climb on to get out of their cot, preventing serious falls.

### **Stairs** – I can shuffle and I’m off!

- Even before they’re mobile, babies are injured when the person carrying them falls. So keep a hand on the rail going up and down stairs
- As soon as your baby starts moving around, fit safety gates to stop them climbing or falling down the stairs.

### **Highchairs** – is that my drink?

- Children may try to get things that are out of their reach
- They may lean over the side and topple out or push themselves up and try to climb out
- Get into the habit of using the straps on the highchair every time you use it.

### **Windows** – what’s that I can see?

- Small children are curious and want to see what’s happening outside but have no real understanding of danger
- Take care not to put furniture in front of windows, especially in children’s bedrooms
- If you can, get safety catches or locks fitted on your windows
- If you opt for a lock, keep the keys somewhere you can find them, in case there’s a fire and you need to get out.

### **Trampolines** – how high can I bounce?

- The biggest risk from trampolines is having two people with very different weights
- Let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together
- Use a safety net or cage so children can’t be thrown onto the ground.



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child accident  
prevention

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**SOCCER HUB WEEKLY COURSE**  
A GREAT WAY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, HAVE FUN,  
MAKE FRIENDS & PLAY FOOTBALL



**Cross Hills, South Craven School  
(indoors)**

Tuesdays (term time only)  
4 - 7 Years old 5:30pm-6:30pm  
7 - 13 Years old 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Keighley, Marley Stadium  
(outside on 4G pitch)**

Thursdays (term time only)  
4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm  
7 - 13 Years old 6pm-7pm

**Skipton, Sandylands Sports  
Centre (outside on 4G pitch)**

Fridays (term time only)  
4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm  
7 - 13 Years old 6pm-7pm



Booking Details - [soccer-hub.classforkids.io](http://soccer-hub.classforkids.io)  
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**AUTUMN 2024  
HALF TERM**

**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**Skipton, Sandylands**

- ▶ **Holiday Camp**  
Monday 28th October -  
Wednesday 30th October
- ▶ **Goal Keeper Camp**  
Wednesday 30th October
- ▶ **Super Striker Session**  
Wednesday 30th October AM
- ▶ **Midfielder Maestros  
Session**  
Wednesday 30th October PM

**Keighley, Marley**

- ▶ **HALLOWEEN  
SPECIAL OFFER CAMP**  
Thursday 31st October  
Friday 1st November
- ▶ **Elite Mindset  
Session**  
Friday 1st November AM
- ▶ **Dynamite Defenders  
Session**  
Friday 1st November PM



Individual Days Available  
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late pick up etc



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