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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

This week Autumn has arrived, with the weather being a mixture of sunshine, showers, heavy rain and high winds! With this in mind, can we please remind parents/carers to make sure that children bring a coat with them to school every day. As a school we do like to make sure that children get to go outside for some fresh air every day.

Earlier this week, I took the opportunity to pop into a couple of classrooms to catch up with children, spend some time in class and find out all about what children are learning.....

It is always lovely to see children engaging in classroom activities, especially when it involves watching our very youngest children in Ladybird class learn all about the importance of looking after teeth. Children not even got to practice brushing their own teeth but also tackled the cleaning of what can only be described as some very large dentures which were very conveniently left out on activity tables! Children in Ladybird class have also been busy this week taking part in lots of counting practice – well done Ladybird Class.

Next door in Butterfly Class, children have been busy sharing lots of stories; children also took part in an exciting visit to Bentham Library. Children in Butterfly Class have also been given the opportunity to try lots of different healthy snacks this week – I have been told by Mrs Fox that the general consensus of children was that Hummus was the best!

Meanwhile in Hedgehog Class children have been looking at how to measure wind, which on some days this week was quite challenging! Children have also been busy designing their very own wind scales. In Maths children have been using less than, greater than and equal to signs..... <=> Why not get children to tell you which is which?

Next door in Rabbit Class children have been writing their own 'feelings' books. In Geography children have also been monitoring the wind.

Moving up the school children in Badger Class were eager to tell me lots of facts they have been learning about Rivers in Europe. Children have also been

learning about 'rounding' numbers in Maths and writing part of an adventure story in English.

When I popped my head round the door of Fox Classroom, I was met by a classroom full of busy children all getting stuck into making a Solar System. In English, children in Fox Class have been busy writing a story based on a plane crash in the Amazon, this writing is reflective of the 'class book', "Beyond the Bright Sea".

Last, but not least, children in Owl class have also had a busy week! On Wednesday morning children got to visit Settle College. They have also been learning about sound, the human ear, and how the brain interprets sound. In Geography our oldest children have also been looking at rivers.

Meanwhile, in Breakfast and After School Club, Miss Harrison has been shopping and purchased a number of pumpkins..... this can only mean one thing, that children have been busy with all things Halloween! Thank you, Mrs Askew and Miss Harrison, for all the wonderful activities that you provide for children at our Breakfast and After School Club.

If you would like to secure a place for your child at either Breakfast or After School Club, sessions should be pre-booked on our recently launched SchoolComms app. Children are welcome to attend either Club at any time, there is no need to attend regularly, one off bookings are also available. Children in Nursery are also welcome to join Breakfast Club. After School Club is only available for children in Reception to year 6 inclusive.

Next week Parent Interviews will be taking place on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Parent Interviews for parents/carers of children in **OWL CLASS have had to be postponed**. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused, but would like to reassure parents/carers that Parent Interviews will be re-scheduled at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying today's celebration 'All the Fun of the Fair' lunch. Thank you to Lila and John our wonderful school cooks for once again putting on such a lovely spread. Can we please

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just remind parents/carers that they do need to commit to children either having a packed lunch or school meal on a half-termly basis and not to swap and change mid-week. If your child does not have regular school meals, they are welcome to try a school meal or take part in Fun Day Fridays, when we like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered on Friday mornings during registration.

Unfortunately, this week, we have received a number of reports about inconsiderate or dangerous driving in the school car park. Can we please remind parents/carers to drive sensibly, consider other users, not to block vehicles or exit routes, and not to take up Disabled Car Parking spaces unless you are a Blue Badge Holder. Thank you.

Finally, can we wish all those children taking part in the Craven Cross-Country Final and representing our school next Thursday the very best of luck – we cannot wait to hear how you all got on.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Head Lice and Worms

A number of parents have recently reported to staff that children have had to be treated for Head Lice. Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check children's hair for any signs of head-lice and to treat accordingly.

There have also been a couple of cases of worms reported. Threadworms are common in children and can spread very easily. More information about threadworms and how to treat them can be found at : <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Please remember to visit our school website and Facebook page to see what else our children have been or will be getting up to.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th October 2023

Creamy Mac n Cheese
Lightly Spiced Bean and Veg Curry with Rice
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Nacho Beef Bake
Cheese and Bean Enchilada
Jacket Potato

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited Children (3 of 7)

Wednesday 11th October 2023

Roast Chicken and Stuffing
Homemade Veggie Cottage Pie
Jacket Potato

1.00pm to 4.00pm Parent Interviews in the School Hall.

Thursday 12th October 2023

All day Breakfast
Veggie all day Breakfast
Jacket Potato

Craven Cross Country Final

3.40pm to 5.50pm Parent Interviews in the School Hall

Friday 13th October 2023

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

Fish Fingers
Italian Style Vegetarian Lasagne
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons
1.30pm Hedgehog Class visiting Library
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers of children in Ruby/Emerald)
9.30am to 11.00am : BABY AND TODDLER GROUP in the School Hall.

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Future Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Friday 20th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in AMBER/SAPPHIRE)

Monday 23rd October 2023

1.30pm Fire Safety (Reception and Nursery)
2.30pm Fire Safety (Years 1 to 6)

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 25th October 2023

5.00pm to 6.00pm Phonics and Reading Parent/Carer information Session (further information to follow)

Friday 27th October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023
Half Term Holidays.

14th December 2023 : Christmas Dinner
21st December 2023 : Christmas Party Day

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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The NY Public Health team would like to promote "A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year," a post published on the blog of the UK Health Security Agency. It covers useful hints and tips and guidance around avoiding and dealing with infections that could affect a child's schooling.

Read the new post: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

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