

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

With one more week to go until the half-term holidays, school is 'business as usual' with all children in all classrooms busy learning and engaging in classroom activities.

For our youngest children it has been a week of 'joint learning' as Butterfly and Hedgehog Class have been busy looking at the Chinese New Year together. Celebrations around 'The Year of the Snake' have involved exploring noodles, listening to some dragon music, enjoying some 'dragon' themed dancing and reading 'The Greatest Race', a story about the Chinese Zodiac. Supporting children's learning, encouraging active imaginations, and promoting self-expression children really enjoyed using Chrome books to create some digital art.

In Rabbit Class children in Year 2 have been looking at shape, including counting edges and vertices. This week children in Year 3 have finished looking at multiplication and division around the number 8. In Geography, learning has been all about looking at and identifying famous landmarks of Australia.

Children in Badger Class have been creating escape plans for Barnabus, together with re-enacting the flight of Icarus as part of history lessons! To help parents with planning, later today information about swimming lessons for children in Badger Class will be sent home. After Easter, lessons will be taking place at Lune Valley Swimming Pool for the remainder of the term. As a school we heavily subsidise children's swimming lessons, and we really would urge parents to consider making a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per week towards the cost of lessons.

In Fox Class, Geography lessons have involved investigating tourism in the Alps. Whilst in Science, children have been experimenting how different shapes can impact buoyancy. In maths children have been focussing on multiplying fractions by an integer.

Our oldest children in Owl Class all really enjoyed Gymnastics in PE this week, supervised by Mrs Chapman, who encouraged children to use the full range of gymnastic equipment available in the school hall. Enhancing children's work in English, a whole class activity around 'Sea Sensory' was also enjoyed by all.

Excitement for Young Voices has been building this week and on Monday those Year 5/6 children who will be taking part in the visit, performed to the whole school in the School Hall, one of their final practice sessions before they headed off to the Manchester Co-op Arena on Thursday to experience 'the real thing'. We can't wait to hear all about it when they return!

Next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, we will be offering children an opportunity to enjoy a special celebration Valentine's lunch. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered by children during registration.

Also on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, after the Celebration Lunch, a number of Year 6 children will be walking to Bentham Golf Club and joining older members of the community at their OAP Lunch Club. Whilst at the Golf Club, children will make some Valentine's themed crafts with members of the Lunch Club. Children will also be given the opportunity to sing some songs.

Earlier this week, I received an e-mail from PCSO Ruth Pearson highlighting concerns about the increase in electric scooters being used around the area and often being ridden by children. Further details about the concerns local Police have around electric scooters can be found at the end of this newsletter.

I would just like to say a big thank you to all those families who helped to raise all-important funds for this year's NSPCC's Number Day. The winner of our 'Guess the Smallest Number' will be announced next week!

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As we approach the half-term holiday, **can I please remind parents/carers to check that their child's Parentpay account is up-to-date.** We have lots of lovely experiences planned for children over the coming weeks, including a 'Little City' experience, Bikeability and much more. At the time of writing there are a high number of parents/carers who have not yet made a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these and other activities. Unfortunately, if not enough parents/carers are willing to make a contribution, school are going to have to make a decision to cancel these lovely opportunities for children. I really do not like doing this and sadly I have had to do this in the past. School budgets are tight and we cannot continue to afford to subsidise these when parents are contributing so little. If you are unable to access Parentpay, cash can be handed into the School Office.

Please do join our PTFA (Friends of Bentham School) at 2.30pm in school for an hour to discuss fundraising plans for the next few months. New parents welcome, we would love to see you.

Finally, Good Luck to those children taking part in next week's Swimming Gala at Settle, and those children representing the school at the Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

## **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Battered Fish  
Sweet Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

Rabbit Class PE  
Badger Class PE

1.15pm Library Visit (Fox Class)  
2.30pm FOBS Meeting (everyone welcome)

## **Tuesday 11th February 2025**

Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v)  
BBQ Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato

Fox Class PE  
Owl Class PE  
3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club

## **Wednesday 12th February 2025**

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

**8.40am Swimming Gala at Settle Pool (Please arrive early wearing swimming kit under clothes).** Selected children in years 3-6.

1.00pm Year 1 (Hedgehog Class) Forest School  
Rabbit Class PE  
Butterfly Class and Hedgehog Reception : PE  
3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club

## **Thursday 13th February 2025**

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

Safer Internet Week Assembly with PCSO Ruth Pearson

PM : Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick (qualifying children)

1.00pm Forest School (Badger Class)  
Hedgehog Class (Year 1) : PE

3.30pm Maths SATs Club (Invited children)

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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

**Celebration Valentine's Lunch**  
Pizza Sub

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Jacket Potato (v)

**1.00pm** Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6 children)

Owl Class PE

1.15pm Year 6 visiting Bentham Golf Club

**3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome)**

3.30pm School Closes for half-term holidays. Re-opens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Scams and Fake News.

### Child safety quiz



- A baby's skin is:
  - twice as thin as an adult's
  - 5 times thinner than an adult's
  - 15 times thinner than an adult's
- How long can a hot drink still scald a child after it's made?
  - 15 minutes after it's been made
  - 10 minutes after it's been made
  - 5 minutes after it's been made
- How long can it take for a button battery to burn through a child's food pipe if they swallow one?
  - a week
  - a day
  - under two hours
- How many seconds can it take for a toddler to be badly burned by water from a bath hot tap?
  - 5
  - 15
  - 50
- Where are children most likely to be bitten by a dog?
  - at the park
  - at home
  - in the street
- Hair straighteners can get as hot as:
  - an iron
  - a kettle of boiling water
  - a milky mug of coffee
- At what age are children most likely to get run over?
  - 3 years old
  - 6 years old
  - 12 years old
- Children under 5 are most likely to have an accident:
  - at nursery
  - on the road
  - at home
- What foods are young children most likely to choke on?
  - Sausages
  - Marshmallows
  - Grapes
- How long does it take for a toddler to lose consciousness if they get tangled in a blind cord?
  - 20 seconds
  - 2 minutes
  - 20 minutes



**Answers:**

- 1 - 15 times thinner than an adult's
- 2 - under two hours
- 3 - a week
- 4 - 5
- 5 - at home
- 6 - an iron
- 7 - 12 years
- 8 - at home
- 9 - all of them
- 10 - a - 20 seconds

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Message from PCSO Ruth Pearson, Craven Schools Liaison Officer.

**Police in Craven** have recently seen an increase in the number of electric scooters being used around the area, often being ridden by children.

I'm sure you are aware that nationally there has been an increase in the number of deaths and serious injuries relating to the use of these vehicles, many of which involve young people.

Our message is not intended to alarm people, it is merely to inform people of the legality of using electric scooters and the potential risks involved.

Electric scooters are legally classed as motor vehicles and as such means you are required to have a driving licence, third party insurance, and tax to ride them on a public highway. Currently insurance companies are not providing insurance for them, therefore it is illegal to use one in public places, pavements or roads.

If you are caught doing so the penalties can include a fixed penalty notice, a fine of up to £300, up to six penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

If as a parent/guardian, you allow a child to ride an e-scooter on a public pavement or road, you too can be prosecuted for permitting the use of that motor vehicle. In Craven, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the land owner.

## Children's Speech & Language Therapy



### ADVICE SERVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE

*"Supporting your child's speech and language development is one of the most important things you can do"*

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language skills, we offer an advice service where Parents/Carers can contact us to book an initial telephone consultation with a Speech & Language Therapist.

This is a triage appointment and lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. You will be able to discuss your concerns with the Therapist.

Your child does not need to be with you for this consultation

From this appointment the Therapist may:

- ✓ Give reassurance that your child's speech and/or language skills are developing appropriately
- ✓ Provide advice over the telephone to support your child's speech and/or language development
- ✓ Provide leaflets/information on how best to help your child with their speech and language development
- ✓ Ask you to book a follow up appointment so that your child's progress can be reviewed. This appointment may take the form of a further telephone review, video consultation or clinic appointment.

To book your initial appointment, or if you have any further questions, please call our Admin Team on:

**01535 292821**

We look forward to talking to you



## Secret Garden Sensory Garden

Can you help by donate any of the following plants?

### Sight

Tulip bulbs  
sunflowers  
dogwood

- plants
  - seeds
  - bulbs
- all welcome



### Smell

Lavender  
Chocolate cosmos  
Mint  
Oregano



### Taste

Mint  
Chives  
Rosemary  
Nasturtium

### Touch

Lambda ear  
Silver sage

### Sound

Bamboo  
Verbena bonariensis