

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back from the half-term holidays. Hopefully everyone managed to get some time outside, even if it did rain most days!

Part of my role as Executive Headteacher is to continually monitor whole school attendance. Unfortunately, recently the overall attendance percentage for the school has been significantly declining. Whilst as a school we do understand there may at times be unavoidable, genuine reasons for children's absences, it is becoming increasingly noticeable that a high number of families are taking holidays during term-time. We would ask parents/carers to consider the impact taking holidays during term-time has on children's learning and the inevitable gaps in learning absences can create. Not attending school also means children have to catch up, which can be difficult for some children.

In some instances, it may be that parents/carers are struggling with their children around attending school. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher, Mrs Duckett or myself so that support strategies can be put in place.

Over the coming weeks teaching staff have lots of exciting learning activities planned for children in classrooms.

Learning for our youngest children in Ladybird Class will have a main focus around a 'Seaside' theme; Mrs Naylor will also be supporting children and getting them ready for their transition into Reception.

In Butterfly Class children are also basing learning on a Seaside theme with activities including Seaside Bingo, artwork with a seaside vibe and even an imaginary Ice-Cream Parlour in class!

Next door in Hedgehog Class children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and the Olympics. In Science children will be engaged in lots of practical work around plants, including cultivating plants and identifying plants. Mrs Harrison has asked if any parents/carers have a garden that is full of different varieties of plants that they would be happy to let children visit could they please let her know.

In Rabbit Class children have started their new English Topic all about 'Our Tower' a poem by Joseph Coelho. As children may have mentioned to parents, unfortunately Mrs Cryer has been away from work this week due to illness. Teaching in Rabbit Class has been covered by Miss Thistlethwaite a very experienced teacher and a familiar face with children. We all wish Mrs Cryer a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, children in Badger Class will be starting learning all about Earth and space, day and night. In maths children are learning all about money. Children will also be learning about Ancient Greece in History.

Children in Fox Class will be looking at relationships in PHSE. A new class book, 'Curiosity the Story of a Mars Rover' has also been started. In Geography children will be looking at and learning all about the Americas – this will not involve any field trips! However, a trip for children in Fox class has been organised to the Settle Science Fair on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Information has been sent home to parents/carers in a letter.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been very busy starting to practise their end of term play. They have also been working on writing assessments and making writing profiles. In PHSE Mrs Chapman is leading learning around relationships. Over the coming weeks PE lessons will have a strong Cricket Theme and, of course, children have their residential visit to Keswick to look forward to!

Finally, to help parents/carers with planning during this hectic half term before the long Summer Holidays please find below a few dates that you might want to pencil in diaries.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson  
Executive Headteacher

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Bentham Community  
Primary School

Date	Time	Activity
17/06/24	AM	Class Photos
19/06/24	All Day	Science Fair Visit (Fox Class)
25/06/24	5.00pm	Information Meeting (parents of NEW starters in Nursery)
27/06/24	1.30pm to 3.15pm	Sports Day (all children. Nursery children will join in a few races.)
28/06/24	3.30pm	Class Lists and Teachers for next Academic Year to parents/carers
02/07/24	All Day	Settle College Yr 6 Transition Evening
02/07/24	Lunch	EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic Transition Event – see separate letter
04/07/24	AM	Move up Morning (children spend time in new classes)
04/07/24	1.30pm- 3.15pm	RESERVE Sports Day
05/07/24	3.30pm- 5.00pm	FOBS Summer Fair
w/c 08/07/24		Year 6 Residential visit to Keswick
12/07/24	3.30pm	School Reports sent to Parents/Carers
19/07/24	10.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Year 6 parents/carers only)
19/07/24	1.30pm	LAST DAY OF TERM. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm.

## Monday 10th June 2024

Tortilla Chips with roasted Veg & Mozzarella (v)  
Pasta Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

Phonics Testing

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

All day Breakfast  
Veggie All Day Breakfast (v)  
Jacket Potato

Phonics Testing

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-6)

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Roast Chicken and Stuffing  
Cheesy Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

Phonics Testing

## Thursday 13th June 2024

Pasta Bolognese  
Loaded Potato Skins (v)  
Jacket Potato

Phonics Testing

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

Fish Fingers  
Cheese Pastry (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Badger Class

**3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY all parents/carers welcome**

**LOOK OUT in e-mail accounts** for this week's 'Wake-up-Wednesday' safeguarding leaflet. This week, information is all about Palworld.

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

### Safe around roads

*“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter’s death.”*

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.

#### Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you’re out to help them understand simple ideas like ‘fast’ and ‘slow’
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won’t always remember safety rules, especially if they’re excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



#### Pedestrians – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they’re at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they’re moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they’re on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.

#### In the car

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child’s height and weight and for your car - not all seats fit all cars

#### Cycling

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.

#### Driving – speed is everything when it comes to a child’s chances of survival. They’re 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can’t distract you.

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