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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

With only two more weeks to go until school breaks up for the long Summer holidays children are getting just a little bit excited! Despite this, up and down school children have still been busy in classrooms learning.

In Ladybird Class our youngest children have been learning all about rock pools. Children have also enjoyed tasting some Runner Beans, which they planted, grew and picked themselves.

Next door in Butterfly Class children have continued with their learning about Oceans. This week children have been thinking about how we can protect our seas and oceans for future generations; in Maths, children have been using their investigating and problem-solving skills to make a tin foil boat, testing how many teddy bears could balance in the floating boats without toppling over-board. (All teddy bears were provided with Life Jackets).

Meanwhile in Hedgehog Class, after a busy 'out and about' week last week, children have been classroom based and learning more about the history of toys. In PE the whole class also enjoyed practising their throwing and catching skills.

Children in Rabbit Class have been busy making puppets in DT and also recounting their trip to Brockhole on Windermere – this involved practising their handwriting skills.

Moving up the school, children in Badger Class have been getting prepared for their final Tennis Lesson of the term; rumour has it that competition on Centre Court will be heating up! Hopefully rain will not stop play. Children have also been very busy practising the end of year production in readiness for their 'live' performances.

In Fox Class, children have been busy practising the end of year performance! They have also thought and debated about the advantages and disadvantages of a new housing development in Bentham.

Meanwhile, in Owl Class..... children have been busy practising for the end of year performance.... All

children have also taken part in transition events to either Settle College or QES.

On Wednesday morning children at school will all take part in a transition event in readiness for next academic year. As a school we do appreciate that this can be a worrying time for some children, and an exciting time for others. Please be reassured that we do our very best to support and reassure children as they transition into next academic year, ensuring that this is a smooth continuation of learning for all.

With all the 'seaside' themed learning going on this term, and as a way of celebrating the end of the school year, on Tuesday 18th July, there will be the opportunity for all children to join in with a very special Seaside Special lunch. On the menu:

Flipper Dippers, a Veggie Dog or Jacket Potato Chocolate Ice-Cream Roll, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt.

Meals are priced at £2.50 per child in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.95 per meal for children in years 3,4,5, and 6. Meals are also FREE if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. There is no need to pre-order, the Seaside Special can be ordered during registration on the 18th July. Can parents/carers please ensure that they make any payment due via Parentpay.

As we head towards the end of term, it is more important than ever to ensure that Parentpay accounts are up-to-date. Can ALL parents/carers please check their child's account and make payment for any outstanding charges. If you are struggling to make payment, please contact the school. As is always the case, any credits on the last day of term will be either carried forward into next academic year, or in the case of Year 6 children transferred to siblings or refunded.

As I am sure there is no need to remind anyone, children in Badger, Fox and Owl will be performing 'Cinderella Rockafella' to a captive audience on the 12th July. If you have not already done so, please secure your tickets ASAP! Children have been working really hard to ensure they put on a fabulous show and are really looking forward to showing off their theatrical skills. There will be two performances, one

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at 2.00pm and one at 6.00pm. Doors will open to guests at 1.30pm for the afternoon performance and 5.30pm for the evening performance. In readiness for the evening performance, can children please be brought to school at 5.30pm and make their way to their classrooms. At the end of the evening performance, children will need to be collected from their classrooms by a responsible adult. We are estimating that the production will last for approximately 90 minutes. This year we are not charging for tickets, but there will be a fund-raising 'collection' at the end of each performance, should you wish to make a much-appreciated voluntary contribution to school. Thanking everyone in anticipation.

Can we also just say a massive thank you to staff for all their hard work with this production, including those who have been involved with back-stage costumes and scenes, just recently Miss Harrison, seems to have always had a paint-brush in her hands!

Also on the 12th July from 11.30pm to 12.45pm children in Nursery, joining Nursery, joining Reception or transitioning to Reception next academic year are all invited to join in with a Teddy Bears' Picnic. If you are joining in with this lovely informal get together, please bring along picnic chairs and blankets, as school have a limited supply. Please also remember to bring along a picnic lunch and, of course, a favourite Teddy Bear.

Finally, earlier this week information was sent home about class structures next academic year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the detail further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

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

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Breathe easy

"He would have been much too young and would have been much too weak to release himself."

Coroner's report, blind cord strangulation

Such a scary thought that something could stop your child breathing. But, the steps to stop that happening are simple and make sense.

Window blinds – It can take just 15 seconds for a toddler to lose consciousness if a blind cord is caught around their neck – and they can die in just two to three minutes.

- Fit a cleat hook or tensioner to keep blind cords and chains safely away and always use them. New blinds should come with these
- Consider cord free blinds for children's rooms
- Remember children may climb and get higher than you think. Move bedroom furniture away from cords and chains
- Make sure the cords on the back of Roman blinds are connected using a device that breaks under pressure.

Sleeping and slings – babies can be suffocated by things they can't push away.

- A clear cot is a safe cot – avoid duvets, pillows and cot bumpers
- Don't sleep on the sofa with your baby as it increases their chances of suffocation massively
- If you're exhausted or have been drinking or smoking, or if they are premature or low birth weight, don't sleep with your baby in your bed
- Follow the T.I.C.K.S advice for slings or carriers www.babyslugsafety.co.uk



Nappy sacks – young babies naturally grasp things and pull them to their mouths, but aren't able to pull them away. They can suffocate on flimsy nappy sacks.

- Store nappy sacks well out of reach of babies
- Never store nappy sacks under the cot mattress.

Choking – babies and young children are still learning to chew, swallow and breathe in the right order. There's no sound to warn you. But there are simple ways to stop it happening.

- Don't prop a baby's bottle up to feed them
- Cut round food like grapes, tomatoes and big blueberries in half lengthways or quarters, not just across
- Cut hard food like carrots, apples, sausages and cheese into thin strips, and chop nuts up small
- Avoid popcorn, marshmallows and hard round sweets like mini eggs or boiled sweets
- Put small parts from older children's toys out of reach
- Watch the Chokeables film for first aid advice www.sja.org.uk/thechokeables

www.capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident
prevention trust

Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th July 2023

Battered Fish and Chips
Loaded Potato Skins
Jacket Potato

End of Year Production : DRESS REHEARSAL

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Beef Enchiladas
Summer Vegetable Spaghetti
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Wednesday 12th July 2023

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding
Country Vegetable Bake
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Transition Morning

11.45pm Teddy Bear's Picnic (EYFS)

2.00pm Afternoon Performance 'Cinderella Rockafella'

6.00pm Evening Performance 'Cinderella Rockafella'

Thursday 13th July 2023

Pork Meatballs

Vegetable Risotto

Jacket Potato

PM : Tennis (Rabbit/Badger)

Friday 14th July 2023

Pizza

Greek Pitta Pockets

Jacket Potato

END OF YEAR REPORTS TO PARENTS/CARERS

Future Dates for your Diary

End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers

Friday 14th July 2023

Teddy Bears' Tea-Party with Parents/Carers

Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 2.00pm

Ladybirds and Butterflies

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2023

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOBS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM**

9:15am – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Bentham Pantry

Feeling the pinch? Join 'The Pantry'

Open Wednesdays 11.00am to 12.00 noon and
3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Bentham Methodist Church, Station Road.

A donation of £1.00 would be appreciated.

Contact 07942 364606



No Smoking Policy Can we please just remind any visitors, parents or carers that school has a strict **NO SMOKING** Policy on any part of its grounds. Please remember, this includes the Car Park and the wildlife areas adjacent to the Main Reception. Thank you.

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