

8th September 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Welcome back from the Summer Holidays. We hope that everyone managed to enjoy some family time and re-charged their batteries. Hopefully children have come back to school eager to start the Autumn 23 term, full of energy and ready to learn! Over the next few weeks we have some exciting activities planned for children of all ages, together with opportunities for parents/carers to come into school and see for themselves what children are getting up to in classrooms!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, whose children have joined Bentham C P School this term. This includes all our new Nursery children, and seven children in other year groups. We are sure our new starters will settle and make friends quickly with families being made to feel welcome in our school community.

Welcome also to new members of staff Mrs Voss and Mrs Smith. Mrs Voss joins our team of staff as a Teaching Assistant and will be based in Fox Class. Mrs Smith will be teaching alongside Miss Harrison in Hedgehog Class. If you see either Mrs Voss or Mrs Smith, please do stop and say hello.

Over the next term, Mrs Chapman will be leading the school as Interim Co-Headteacher alongside Mrs McGregor. Over the Summer Holidays, Mr Leather, our Chair of Governors resigned from the Governing Body. Our Vice-Chair Mrs Leanne Buckley has temporarily taken over as first point of contact pending the election process at the next Governors' Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Leather for all his hard work and dedication to the school whilst being a member of our Governing Body.

This means that we now have two vacancies for Co-opted Governors. Unfortunately, due to the structure of our Board, these vacancies cannot be filled by a parent/carer of a child who is CURRENTLY registered at the school. However, if you know of any individuals who you think might be interested in these vacancies, then please get them to contact the school on 015242 61412. Whilst being a Governor is hard work, it is also

a rewarding role. Any appointments will be subject to an enhance DBS and Section 28 check.

Typically, the weather over the holidays was not quite as hot and sunny as during the first week back! When the sun is shining, can we please remind parents/carers to send children to school with sunhats and water bottles. Long-lasting sunscreen should be applied to children before they come to school. With the weather being so temperamental, it might even be an idea to bring a coat to school everyday as well! Thank you.

Earlier this week, information was sent home to parents/carers of children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 about an exciting Kanga Multi-Sports After School Club. Places at this provision are limited, and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. At the time of writing we do still have a couple of places available.

Also this week, details have been sent home about an exciting visit for children in years 1 – 6 inclusive to The Grand Theatre Lancaster on Wednesday 6th December 2023 to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are asking that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution of £13.00 per child (non-refundable) towards the cost of this visit. Unfortunately, if not enough parents/carers are willing to make a contribution, then school will have to cancel this trip. Payment should be made via Parentpay and by no later than 24th November 2023.

Next week children in Year 6 will start Swimming Lessons at Settle Pool. Can we please remind parents/carers to ensure that children come to school with their swimming kit. As I am sure parents/carers will appreciate, the cost of providing swimming lessons is extensive, and any voluntary contributions that can be made towards the cost would be very much appreciated. Payment can be made via Parentpay.

Children will soon be coming home with some annual paperwork that needs completing, including a Data Capture Sheet. We do appreciate that this contains a lot of information, but it is important that, as a school, we hold the most up-to-date information available for the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone. Can parent/carers please try to complete and return documentation to the school office by Friday 15th

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September. Thank you.

On Tuesdays, children in Badger, Fox, Owl, Rabbit and Hedgehog Classes will all take their turn in joining in with Music Lessons, PE Lessons with Kanga Sports and RE. Can parents/carers please ensure that children in these classes come to school on a Tuesday in their PE Kit.

On Thursday next week, parents/carers of children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Class are invited to a short 'Welcome to our Class' meeting which will be taking place afterschool in children's classrooms from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Please do not worry if you cannot attend, there will be plenty of opportunities to visit children's classrooms over the coming weeks.

This year, we will once again be inviting parents/carers and family members to join children in our 'Celebration Assemblies' which take place on Friday afternoons in the School Hall at 3.00pm. As per previous years, we are inviting families of children in 'house-groups' on a rotational basis. If you are unsure which 'house-group' your child is in, then please speak to class teachers.

I am absolutely delighted to confirm that our wonderful FOBS will once again be hosting their 'Baby and Toddler Group' sessions in the School Hall on Friday Mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am. This is a lovely informal gathering of families and pre-school aged children.

Finally, we have some lovely news to share. We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Fox, who have recently announced that they are expecting their first baby.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman 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

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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Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th September 2023

Pasta Bolognaise Bake
Oven Baked Veggie Sausage and Beans
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Battered Fish
Cheese Whirl
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 (1 of 7)

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Wednesday 13th September 2023

Roast Pork
Pea-ter Croquette
Jacket Potato

9.30am : Mr Whittaker from Settle College visiting children in Year 6.

Thursday 14th September 2023

Mexican Beef Pitta
Cauli-Cheese Bake
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.00pm 'Welcome to our Class' meeting for Parents/Carers of children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Class.

Friday 15th September 2023

Chicken Burger in a Bun
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

1.15pm : Owl Class : Swimming Lessons (1/10)
3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in AMBER/SAPPHIRE)

9.30am to 11.00am : BABY AND TODDLER GROUP in the School Hall.

Future Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th September 2023

John Frankland (Library) : Assembly

3.30pm – 4.00pm Welcome to our Class (Badger, Fox and Owl)

Tuesday 19th September 2023

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

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Thursday 21st September 2023

Johnny Walker TAG Rugby Event – More information to

follow.

Friday 22nd September 2023

No Swimming Lesson : Owl Class

2.15pm Harvest Service
(Hedgehog/Rabbit/Badger/Fox/Owl)
No Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 26th September 2023

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

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

5.30pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 29th September 2023

1.15pm Owl Class : Swimming Lessons.

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Monday 2nd October 2023

Libraries Week : more information to follow

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

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

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Thursday 5th October 2023

School CENSUS Day
National Poetry Day

Friday 6th October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

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

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

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AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 11th October 2023

1.00pm to 3.30pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Thursday 12th October 2023

3.45pm to 6.00pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Friday 13th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in RUBY/EMERALD)

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)

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.

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

Junior Herbalist Club September 9th 9.15

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Junior Herbal Club

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bathbombs
infused oils
balms
throat coats



forage
weeds

Grow
seeds

Venue: Looking well, Bentham
Contact Tracy 079 230 230 75
theherbsmith's garden

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It is supported by the National Institute for Medical Herbalists

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*EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?*
EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In North Yorkshire, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.

- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child

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Little Notes

Music and Fun for 0-5 year olds!
Join us and Sally-Anne for free interactive musical fun for 0-5 year olds.

Develop confidence and communication skills, sharing, social interactions in a fun musical environment specially designed for your little ones!

Tuesdays, 9.30am - 11am
Bentham Community Library,
The Looking Well, Bentham

Spaces are limited so please ensure to book on each week. For more info email: office@pioneerprojects.org.uk

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