

9th December 2022

# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school and sounding like it too from the beautiful singing coming from all areas of school. From our very youngest in Early Years, to our eldest in Year 6, it would be impossible to miss some sort of festive activity going on in any one of our classrooms at any one time! Which moves nicely onto this year's Christmas Fair organised by our wonderful FOBS.

Last Friday evening our school hall was a hive of activity as the school welcomed parents, carers, children, families and the wider community back through its doors. We were even lucky enough to have a visit from Santa for the evening! A huge thank you to all our wonderful fundraisers, and to everyone who supported this year's event. The FOBS raised an astounding £1,198.70. Thank you. This money will be used to buy some new outdoor seating for the children to use at playtimes and lunchtime.

On Wednesday evening, our Christmas Crafts after school activity was as popular as ever, with children of all ages joining in crafting activities. Thank you to Mrs Nelson for once again organising this lovely Christmas event and to all the staff for organising a crafty activity.

Unfortunately, as parents/carers may have seen in the news, there has been a national increase in cases of Scarlet Fever, an infection caused by Strep A. I can also confirm in the last two days we have had confirmed cases within school. A separate letter will be sent to all parents today regarding this. Please remember, if in doubt, contact your GP immediately. Whilst Scarlet Fever is a common childhood illness, and is not usually serious, it does need treating with anti-biotics to reduce the risk of complications.

It is due to the confirmed cases mentioned above that I have not been present in school some of this week due to being in the latter stages of pregnancy and the risk to myself and baby if I were to become ill with Scarlet Fever. I have very much missed the Christmas activities in school and hope that I am able to return to being in the school building and amongst the children next week. Please do phone or email school if you wish to speak with me and I will get back in touch with you.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children visited the Victoria Institute in Low Bentham and sung a variety of Christmas

songs to some of the older residents of Bentham. I am reliably informed that members of the audience were absolutely delighted with their after lunch treat. Thank you to our Year 3 children for putting smiles on so many faces.

Children from years 1-6 this week took part in a festive Carol Service at the Auction Mart. It was lovely to see children singing carols and taking part in this Service. As parents, you should all be proud of children, and especially of how they represent their school when out and about in the community.

Earlier today, our annual school Christmas Dinner took place in the school hall. I have been told that it was a wonderful feast and that all our children looked really Christmassy in their Christmas Jumpers and party hats! Thank you to our wonderful school cooks, Lila and John for putting on this amazing spread! As I am sure everyone will appreciate it is extremely hard work preparing and serving over 120 Christmas Dinners! Thank you.

Next week our dress rehearsals start for our Christmas performances, with the final performances taking place throughout the week! Children are all very excited about once again having the opportunity to showcase their singing and acting to a real live audience! More information about performance dates and times can be found at the end of this newsletter.

This week we have received confirmation that the Childhood Immunisation Team will once again be visiting the school to administer the nasal Flu Vaccination to those children who for whatever reason missed the first opportunity. If you would like your child to receive this FREE immunisation, then please ensure you complete the on-line Consent Form. More information has been sent home earlier in the week, and is also provided below.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> will be Year 6 children's last swimming lesson at Settle Pool. As from the first week in January it will be the turn of children in Year 5 to take part in weekly lessons. We would like to remind parents, that if they have not already done so, to please consider making a contribution towards the cost of children's swimming lessons. Payment can be made via Parentpay.

Next Friday will also be Mrs Reid's last day at school before she retires. Mrs Reid has been at the school for

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over 22 years. During that time, she has supported the learning of many children. Whilst Mrs Reid will be greatly missed, I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Mrs Reid a very happy retirement.

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm and remember to bring hats, gloves, scarves and warm clothes to school next week!

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

**Fundraising for SANDS** Freddie and his mum Faye are walking 25 miles in December to raise money for SANDS, the UK's leading pregnancy and baby loss charity. Please help Freddie and Faye raise all important funds for this remarkable charity by sponsoring them to reach their goal. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. THANK YOU.

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Please click the link below to access a new SEND Partnership Newsletter which provides information on Special Educational Needs in the Local Authority.

<https://sway.office.com/sAFctXP92nKic0ir?ref=Link&loc=mysways>

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Cheese and Tomato Pasta  
Quorn Chilli Pitta Pocket  
Jacket Potato

**2.00pm Christmas Performance (Years 1-3).  
Parents/carers and family welcome. No tickets  
required.**

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Tortilla Boats  
Sweet Potato and Winter Vegetable Curry  
Jacket Potato

**2.00pm Christmas Performance (Nursery/Reception)  
Parents/carers and family welcome. No tickets**

required.

**6.00pm Christmas Performance (Years 1-3).  
Parents/carers and family welcome. No tickets  
required.**

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Roast Pork  
Vegetable Sausages  
Jacket Potato

**Christmas Party Day for all children. Party Clothes  
allowed!**

**1.30pm Flu Vaccinations**

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Meatballs and Pasta  
Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm Fun with Coach Mark Gunn (pre-booked  
Years 1,2 and 3)

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Harry Ramsdens Fish and Chips  
Vegetable Sausage Roll  
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Year 6 Swimming Lessons

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (no parents/carers please)**

3.30pm School Closes for CHRISTMAS!!!

The flu vaccine will be offered to all primary school and SEND children up until the day before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Nasal flu vaccination is delivered in school. There are some occasions where an injection is the most appropriate route for vaccination for some children. The consent form that the link below takes you to is for Nasal Flu, if you select NO, you will be asked a series of questions to establish if your child is eligible for an injection.

School Name: Bentham Primary School

School CODE: HD121380

Session Date: We are returning for a second visit on 14/12/2022

Last date to consent is 14/12/2022.

Please complete the link below to give consent. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine then you can select the 'NO' option on the consent form.

<https://www.hdfstais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please visit [www.hdfstais.co.uk/Contact](http://www.hdfstais.co.uk/Contact) to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes.

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**NEW WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES**

**THE COURTHOUSE KIDS THEATRE SETTLE**

Updated Times

JUNIORS	INTERS	SENIORS
Years 4-6	Years 7-9	Years 10-13
Age 8-11	Age 12-14	Age 15-18
SATURDAYS Group A 10.15-11am Group B 11.45-12.30	SATURDAYS 9-10am	WEDNESDAYS 4.30 - 5.30PM

VENUE: THE OLD COURTHOUSE, STATION ROAD, SETTLE,  
Starting 5th November 2022  
Term Time Only

£10 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES T-SHIRT)  
£3.50 PAYABLE WEEKLY

ROLE PLAY, GAMES, IMPROVISATION, CHARACTERISATION, SCRIPTED DRAMA, PERFORMANCE SKILLS

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## CHRISTINGLE

Sunday December 11th at 4pm

St Johns. Low Bentham

St John's are holding a Christingle on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome.