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Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back to school after the Christmas Holidays and welcome to the new Spring Term! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas – it was certainly very busy in our house.

As we start the new term, can I please emphasise the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Can parents/carers please ensure that children arrive at school on time and ready in class for registration. School opens doors to children from 8.50am and children should be in class by 9.00am prompt. We have a growing number of families arriving after 9.00am and this disrupts the start of the school day.

To support attendance at school, we will be asking parents/carers to provide evidence of medical appointments, including routine dental appointments. If possible, please do try and make appointments for children out of school time. I do know that this is not always possible, but please can we ask that you try. Thank you.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Fox back to class following her return from maternity leave. Mrs Fox will be working alongside Mrs Naylor teaching children in Badger Class. Mrs Smith, who many will know from teaching children in Badger Class, returns to school as our new SENDCo. We wish them both lots of luck in their new roles.

Welcome also to new staff members, Mrs Wilby who joins us as Assistant Cook supporting Lila in our School Kitchen and Ms Sanderson who joins our Cleaning and Caretaking Team.

Over the coming weeks we have lots of exciting opportunities planned for children across the school. Class Newsletters will be shared with parents/carers very soon, please take the time to read these Newsletters as they contain important information about what children will be up to in class.

Over the Christmas break, I sent an e-mail to all

parents sharing information about PE days, swimming, After-School Clubs and Forest School. If you have not seen this e-mail, please check your 'junk' folder in the first instance. If you cannot locate the e-mail in any of your folders, please contact the office to check that the school holds the correct e-mail address for communications.

As we face what appears to be a 'cold snap' of weather, can parents/carers please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves (a pair of wellies or spare footwear might also be a good idea on some days). Whilst it is lovely that children can get outside and enjoy 'Jack Frost', it is important that they keep warm!

Today you will receive your child's Effort Grade letter highlighting progress and effort that your child has made in the Autumn Term. Please remember that the assessments made for your child are at this point in the school year. If you wish to discuss your child's Effort Grade Letter, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

One aspect of my job that I really enjoy is popping into classrooms and finding out what children have been up to in class. This week, children in Butterfly Class have started looking at 'Space'. They have also started reading a lovely new class book 'How to Catch a Star'. Miss Hards has asked me to share with parents how well children have settled back into school and their daily routines following the Christmas break.

Next door in Hedgehog Class children have really enjoyed looking at signs of weather. Children also enjoyed an opportunity this week to 'dance in the Hail'. A new class topic looking at exploring and journeys has been started as has a new class reading book 'Oi Frog'. This book has been causing lots of giggles from children.

In Rabbit Class maths lessons have continued to be all

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about multiplication and division. Children in year 2 have been looking at odd and even numbers alongside practising their two, five and ten times-tables. Children in Year 3 are looking at their three and four times-tables. Can parents/carers please keep practising times-tables with children at home. In Geography, children have started a topic all about Australia, looking at different states and territories.

In Badger Class children have been finishing off their history topic and, this week, put themselves in the position of a time-travelling child who is exploring the Stone Age to the Iron Age. On Monday next week, Freya's dad will be visiting children in class and talking about all about growing up in Egypt. Thank you to Freya's dad for taking the time to come into school and sharing his experiences with children.

Meanwhile, in Fox Class, children will be busy learning all about forces and investigating forces in action. In Geography, children will be looking at the Alps and where they are in relation to other mountain ranges.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have enjoyed starting fitness circuits in PE. In Geography children have also started studying the Alps. Mrs Coyle has asked me to remind parents/carers to ensure that they have completed the electronic Consent Form for children who will be taking part in the visit to the Houses of Parliament next month. Can parents/carers please also consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this visit via Parentpay. If you are unable to access Parentpay, cash can be deposited in the school office.

I am delighted that our school Parent and Toddler Group will once again be taking place in the School Hall every Friday from 9.30am until 11.00am. Thank you to Mrs Tyrer for starting this lovely informal session back up again. If you know any parents of pre-school children who might be interested in bringing their little one along to this lovely informal group, please share the information.

Next week on Thursday 16th, we will be inviting all

children in all classes to join in with a special Celebration Lunch! On the menu will be Chicken Pie or a Cheese and Bean Pasty or Jacket Potato. For dessert children can choose from Syrup Sponge and Custard, fresh fruit or yoghurt. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered during registration.

Finally, and by way of a reminder, can parents who use our school car park please ensure that they drive slowly, carefully and considerately. Please also ensure that entrance and exit routes are not blocked. When picking up and collecting children, please be mindful that all children should be supervised at all times, including younger and older siblings.

Have a lovely weekend, wrap up warm and enjoy some family time!

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Monday 13th January 2025

Fish Star (Salmon)
Loaded Potato Skins (v)
Jacket Potato

2.30pm Governors' Meeting
Rabbit Class PE
Badger Class PE

Tuesday 14th January 2025

Chicken Curry Rice
Pasta Bake (v)
Jacket Potato

12.50 Cross Country at Ingleton
Fox Class PE
Owl Class PE
3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club

Wednesday 15th January 2025

Minced Beef Pie
Broccoli Cheese Bake (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

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Bentham Community
Primary School

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 16th January 2025

Chicken Pie
Cheese and Bean Pasty (v)
Veggie Shepherd's Pie (v)

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

Friday 17th January 2025

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

Pizza
Veggie Burrito (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

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

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers
welcome)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the
importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**. If
you need any support with your child around either
attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch
with the School.

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about JustalkKids.

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.babyslingsafety.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

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Friday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary

Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Climbing Hub/Ilkley

Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's

Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

Advanced: Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing

Ages: 11-16 (Silsden) 8-12 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)



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