

10th March 2023

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

No doubt everyone will have noticed, this week Winter appears to have returned with vengeance! With this in mind, can I please remind parents/carers to ensure that children come to school with suitable warm/waterproof clothing and footwear to ensure that they stay warm and dry during breaktimes. With snow forecast, it might also be a good idea for parents/carers to send children into school with some spare footwear (including wellies).

Unfortunately, due to the weather, the Cross County Event at Giggleswick School was cancelled. Whilst this was extremely disappointing for all those children who were taking part, Giggleswick School have reassured us that they will be re-scheduling this event.

Children in Year 3 also missed out on their 'author' visit at Bentham Library earlier today, again due to the weather. We have been reassured that this activity will also be re-scheduled.

This week coughs, colds and sickness bugs continue to do the rounds. Can I please remind parents/carers that if children are absent from school then to contact the School Office on 015242 61412 or e-mail admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk with a reason for their child's absence as quickly as possible. By way of a reminder, children who have either sickness and/or diarrhoea should remain at home for at least 48 hours from the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea, this helps to contain the transmission. Thank you.

On Wednesday this week PSO Craig Lyons called into school to talk to children in Year 6 about keeping safe outside of school, and who to report any concerns to that they might have about out of school issues. Many of you may have seen PSO Craig Lyons on the school playground later in the day, engaging with parents/carers about any concerns they might have. Hopefully, PSO Lyons will be re-visiting the school and speaking to parents/carers on the playground again in the not-too distant future. In the meantime, please remember that school have two very approachable and friendly Family Support Assistants who are also available to speak to. Both Mrs Duckett and Mrs Fawcett are on the playground at drop off and pick-up times throughout the week.

One of the concerns that has been highlighted to both the senior Leadership Team and PSO Lyons is about

vehicle safety both in the school car park and in the close vicinity of the school. Can we please, once again, remind parents/carers to use the car parking at school sensibly. Can drivers please be mindful of their speed, not block other vehicles in spaces, or block entry and exit points. Please also DO NOT park on the zig zag yellow lines directly outside of the school. Parking on zig-zag-yellow lines may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Police and three penalty points on an offender's Driving Licence. It also endangers the life of pedestrians by blocking the view of oncoming vehicles.

Earlier this week I sent home a letter to all parents/carers with details about strike action that will be taking place at the school on Thursday 16th March. Butterfly, Hedgehog, Rabbit and Badger classes will be CLOSED for the day with Ladybird and Fox classes being open as usual for children to attend. Children in Owl will be taking part in a Crucial Crew Event at Gargrave accompanied by myself and a teaching assistant as previously planned.

Can I please remind parents/carers of children taking part in the Crucial Crew event to ensure that Consent slips have been returned to the office. Please also remember that on the day of the visit children need to arrive at school for 8.20am wearing their school uniform and bringing with them a packed lunch, drink and healthy snack.

Miss Phillipson has also sent information home this week to parents/carers of children in Badger class about a visit to Settle College and participation in a Science Week Activity. This visit will be taking place on Tuesday 14th March during the school day.

Children in Fox class will be taking part in a visit to Tropical World in Leeds on the 29th March 2023. Again, can I please ask that parents/carers ensure that they have completed and returned Consent Forms for this visit to school. Thank you.

With lots of fundraising events being planned at the school, a decision has been made to make things a little easier for everyone, and fundraise for Red Nose Day, World Down's Syndrome Odd Socks Day and the FOBS Easter Egg raffle all on the same day. On **FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2023** children are invited to join in with a non-uniform day and wearing odd socks for a voluntary

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contribution of £1.00. All proceeds will go to a local Down Syndrome Charity. Red Noses continue to be on sale at the school for £2.50 each in support of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Our wonderful, hardworking FOBS are also busy raising funds for the school and are planning for an egg-stravagant 'Easter Egg Bingo event'. We are asking that on Friday 17th everyone considers making a donation of an Easter Egg to School so that the FOBS can organise their egg-citing event! Please remember that all funds raised by the FOBS supports ALL CHILDREN in ALL CLASSES.

Finally, meal choices for the Summer Term will be sent home with children later today. Can parents/carers please sit down with children and go through what meals they would like to order for the Summer Term and return completed forms to Sally in the School Office, ideally by the 24th March 2023. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Child exploitation is form of **child abuse** and sadly it is happening here in North Yorkshire.

Exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an **imbalance of power** to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child (under the age of 18 years):

(a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants and/or

(b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator.

Money, gifts, accommodation, affection, status, food, drugs or alcohol may be freely given to the child but then they will be expected to engage in sexual and/or criminal activities in return.

Parents are often the first to notice that their child is being exploited.

The best way to **tackle** and **disrupt** this is with knowledge and information about what Child Exploitation is; what the signs are, what to do if you are worried and what support is available for families in North Yorkshire.

Lots more information can be found at...

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/be-aware-parents-and-carers/>

PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	PE
	Thursday	PE
Rabbits :	Wednesday/Thursday	PE
Badgers :	Monday/Thursday	PE
Foxes :	Thursday	PE
	Friday	Swimming
Owls :	Tuesday/Thursday	PE

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th March 2023

Pasta Parcels
Sticky Vegetable Noodles
Jacket Potato
5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Crispy Chicken Bites
Cheese and Onion Whirl
Jacket Potato
12.15pm Science Week at Settle College (Children taking an early lunch) : Badger Class

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Roast Turkey and Stuffing
Sweet Potato and Spring Veg Bake
Jacket Potato

Thursday 16th March 2023

Chilli Con Carne
Cheesy Bean Enchilada
Jacket Potato
8.20am Crucial Crew Event (Owl)
PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

Friday 17th March 2023

Fish Fingers
Quorn Chilli Wrap
Jacket Potato
3.00pm Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **AMBER** and **EMERALD** invited

1.00pm Year 5 Swimming
Non-Uniform Day

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Date of Assembly	Families of Children in...
17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE

Future Dates for your Diary

Easter Chicks

Monday 13th March 2023 : Arrival of some Chick Eggs in EYFS

Science Workshop at Settle College

Tuesday 14th March 2023 : Year 4

Crucial Crew

Thursday 16th March 2023 : Crucial Crew Event at Eshton Grange, Gargrave : Year 6
Thursday 16th March 2023 : School CLOSED to children in Butterfly, Hedgehog, Rabbit and Badger.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17th March 2023

FOBS Easter Bingo and Raffle

Tuesday 21st March 2023 : 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Coffee and Cake : with Mrs McGregor

22nd March 2023 at 3.00pm.
'Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs'

Easter Crafts

Monday 27th March 2023 : Year 5/6
Tuesday 28th March 2023 : Year 4

Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29th March 2023 at 9.00am
'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading.

Trip to Tropical World

Wednesday 29th March 2023 : Trip to Tropical World : Fox Class

Easter Service

Friday 31st March 2023 : Easter Service at St John's Low Bentham : Children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

Celebration Easter Dinner

Friday 31st March 2023 : All children are invited to join in with a celebratory Easter Lunch (£2.50 each Nursery children, FREE R/1/2, £2.95 years 3,4,5 and 6 (No charge for those entitled to FSM). Book during Registration

King's Coronation

Friday 5th May 2023 : Celebration

Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

NEW WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES

THE COURTHOUSE KIDS THEATRE SETTLE

Updated Times

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