

10th November 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Firstly, welcome back to school after the October half-term holidays. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed some family time. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this week.

This week I returned to school as Co-Headteacher from maternity leave. Remarkably, on my first day I successfully managed to juggle two young children, a husband, a dog, a commute to work and still arrive on time! Whilst returning to work after almost a year away was always going to be a little daunting, it turned out to be nothing to worry about – thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome back; thank you also to all those children who excitedly announced “Mrs Pearson’s back” when they saw me. If I have not met you yet, please do come and introduce yourselves to me on the playground at the start or end of the day.

Needless to say, this week I have been busy catching up with school business, this includes diary dates! Over the coming weeks school have lots of exciting educational opportunities for children of all ages to get involved in.

On Tuesday, it was the last KANGA Sports After School Club for children in KS2. Next week the first of six KANGA Sports After School Club sessions start for Children in Years 1 and 2. We do still have a limited number of places available at this club. For more information, or to reserve a place please contact Sally in the School Office.

Also, next week, the first of five After School Happy Art Club sessions for children in years 1 and 2 start. Places at the Happy Art Club are limited but we do still have a couple of spaces up for grabs if any parents/carers of children are interested? Thank you to Mrs McGregor for organising these sessions with Alice Strange, a published illustrator of children’s books and crazy kids illustrations.

On Saturday 11th November, Mrs McGregor will be representing the school at Bentham’s Remembrance Service on School Hill and laying a Wreath. Isabella and Archie from year 6 will be reading two poems at the Service.

This year, for Children in Need, we will not be inviting children to come to school dressed in something spotty, instead on Friday 17th November, children will be taking part in lots of special activities over the course of the day, helping to raise awareness around Children in Need.

On Thursday 23rd November parents/carers of children in all classes are invited to join myself and other members of staff for a ‘Coffee and Cake’ get together from 9.00am until 10.00am in the Community Room. Why not pop along for a brew and a slice after dropping children off at school! We will end the session with a walk through school so you can see the classrooms and displays.

As everyone will be aware our wonderful FOBS are always busy fundraising for the school and thinking up the next enterprising activity to help raise even more funds which help all children in all classes. This year, the Christmas Hampers will once again be putting in an appearance! On Friday 24th November, we are inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform in return for the donation of an item (or two) that can be included in a Christmas Hamper. Hampers will be raffled off at the Christmas Fair being held on the evening of Friday 1st December.

By way of a reminder, our Christmas Panto trip for children in years 1-6 inclusive to see Jack and the Beanstalk is taking place on Wednesday 6th December. More information about this festive treat has previously been sent home with children. Can we just remind parents/carers that if you have not already done so, please consider making payment for this trip via Parentpay. At the time of writing, unfortunately, not many payments have been received, and whilst we are sure this is simply an oversight, unfortunately, if not enough parents/carers are willing to make a contribution the visit will have to be cancelled. Currently £910 is owed for this trip from parents with only 50 parents having made the payment out of 120.

This week information has been sent home to parents/carers of children in Fox Class (year 5) detailing arrangements for children’s swimming lessons that will be taking place from January 2024. Again, we are asking that parents of children consider

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making a contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons. Thank you.

Following on from the last Friday News, we are still seeking parent/carers volunteers who would be able to help mount a beautiful railway safety collage that children have created on one of our walls. We are also still looking for volunteers to help construct a 'reading shed' for our outdoor area. If you are able to help, and have some spare time to come into school, please contact Sally in the School Office.

Class Teachers are busy organising 'Stay and Learn' sessions for parents/carers. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity for parents/carers of children to come into school, join children in classrooms and see for themselves what children are busy learning! On Tuesday 14th November, parents/carers of children in Fox Class are invited to join children from 2.30pm to 3.30pm – we look forward to seeing you!

Finally, thank you to Mrs Judith Johnson who many will know from her involvement with St John's Church in Low Bentham for organising a Remembrance Day Service at the School for all children to take part in earlier today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November 2023

Salmon Fish Stars
Crunchy Topped Tomato Pasta
Jacket Potato

3.30pm Happy Art Club – KS1 (1/5)

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Chicken and Tomato Pasta
Seasonal Vegetable Hot Pot
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 (1/6) – KS1

Wednesday 15th November 2023

Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Jacket Potato

FULL DAY : Lantern Making Workshop (KS2)

Thursday 16th November 2023

Chicken Korma
Veggie Korma
Jacket Potato

FEAST Vouchers Issued

Friday 17th November 2023

Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch

Pizza
BBQ Quorn Wrap
Jacket Potato

Children in Need Activities Day

10.30am Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament at Settle College

1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons (8/10)

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers of children in Ruby/Emerald)

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

Future Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th November 2023

11.00am Remembrance Service on School Hill

Monday 20th November 2023

3.30pm Happy Art Club : KS1 (2/5)

Tuesday 21st November 2023

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
Children (2/6) – KS1

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Wednesday 22nd November 2023

9.30am Swimming Gala at Settle Pool
Lantern Workshop : all day : KS2

Thursday 23rd November 2023

1.00pm County Cross Country Finals
9.00am Parent Coffee and Cake

Friday 24th November 2023

Non-uniform day : donation of hamper item
Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (9/10)
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Amber/Sapphire)

Monday 27th November 2023

History Day : Viking Workshops : Yrs 4,5 and 6
3.30pm Happy Art Club : KS1 (3/5)

Tuesday 28th November 2023

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog
3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : (3/6) – **KS1**

Wednesday 29th November 2023

3.30pm Lantern Workshop : By Invite

Friday 1st December 2023

Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (10/10)
3.00pm Celebration Assembly – No Parents/Carers
FOBS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Monday 4th December 2023

3.30pm Happy Art Club : KS1 (4/5)
5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2023

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog
3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
Children (4/6) – **KS1**

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Jack and the Beanstalk (years 1-6)
3.30pm Lantern Workshop – invited children

Thursday 7th December 2023

Yr 5/6 Girls/Boys Football Finals : TBC
3.30pm : Christmas Crafts with Mrs Nelson

Friday 8th December 2023

3.00pm Celebration Assembly : No Parents
1.00pm Nativity REHERSAL (Yrs 1-3)

Monday 11th December 2023

3.30pm Happy Art Club : KS1 (5/5)

Tuesday 12th December 2023

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog
3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
Children (5/6) – **KS1**
6.00pm Nativity Performance (Yrs 1-3)

Wednesday 13th December 2023

2.00pm Nativity Performance (Yrs 1-3)
3.30pm Lantern Workshop : Invited Children

Thursday 14th December 2023

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th December 2023

3.00pm Celebration Assembly : No Parents
Candlelight Procession (TBC)

Tuesday 19th December 2023

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog
3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
Children (6/6) – **KS1**

Thursday 21st December 2023

Christmas Party Day

Friday 22nd December 2023

Last Day of Term

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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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child accident prevention trust

Bentham Community Primary School

Christmas Fair

Friday 01 December | 5-7pm

Santa’s Grotto | Raffle | Stalls | Hot Food

26 NOVEMBER 2023

OUTDOOR POP UP Christmas MARKET

HARROGATE RAILWAY ATHLETIC F.C., HG2 7JA

10am - 3pm

£5 Per Adult (aged 16 and over)
£2 for Children (Under the age of 11)
Under 3’s go free!

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Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#) and follow the process outlined below. If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**

A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.

If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:
 Phone: 01609 533 405
 Email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk

