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FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

This week children in Fox and Owl Classes went on an educational visit to Tatton Park, with children making an early start to Cheshire! At Tatton Park all the children experienced a hands-on Stone Age to Bronze Age experience, including fire making, planting and digging seeds, den building and weaving. Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children were here on time and thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on this fantastic trip.

In classrooms children have been busy learning, with our youngest children enjoying reading the whole class book 'The Wild Things'. Children have also been busy making family trees and practicing doing up their own buttons, buckles and zips!

Next door in Hedgehog Class children have now finished looking at different animal groups. This week, learning has been based on amphibians and fish. Children have also enjoyed extending their learning about life cycles using lots of different resources.

On Wednesday afternoon, children in Rabbit Class enjoyed a visit to the Library. It was lovely to see what books children chose to read. Children have also been enjoying their class book 'Dirty Bertie'. In maths, the focus has continued to be around multiples of 10, 50 and 100; year 3 children have started to learn all about subtraction.

Children in Badger Class really enjoyed watching 'The Greatest Showman' this week, helping to inspire their imaginative writing. Mrs Naylor reassures me that the Popcorn had nothing to do with providing some additional inspiration! Earlier in the week, the class visit from Aidan's dad was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

In Fox Class as well as enjoying their trip, children have been looking at addition and subtraction in maths and considering how 'rounding' numbers can help. In English children have been busy writing diary

entries.

Our oldest children in Owl class have been learning all about the four number operations in maths. Whilst in Geography children have continued to look at trade around the world. In Religious Education, children have considered love and Christianity.

On Tuesday, a group of year 5/6 children took part in a Netball Tournament at Settle College. Thank you to Mrs Voss for coaching our team, Elsa, Jack, Wilf, Imikan, Marie, Cameron, Lola, Lola, Megan and Alfie. Everyone really enjoyed taking part in the tournament playing wonderful netball and showing commitment and teamwork. Well done all. Be Proud.

Next week, a group of children from years 3,4,5 and 6 will be taking part in a football fixture at Ingleton School. Details about this fixture have been sent home with children who expressed an interest in representing school.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week Parent Meetings will be taking place for parents/carers of children in Reception to Year 6. Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the online form to request an appointment. If an appointment was not requested, a slot has been automatically generated for a meeting. Please look out in book bags for your appointment time with your child's class teacher. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend, or would like to change the appointment time, please get in touch with the school office. Staff will do their best to accommodate any changes, but alternative times are not guaranteed.

Unfortunately, due to Mrs Cryer not being well enough to be in school at the moment, Rabbit class parent meetings will be postponed for a few weeks. We are really sorry about this but will send an update to parents/carers very soon.

On Thursday it was a pleasure to see all our children enjoying and engaging in the Puppet Workshops with David Watterson. I have no doubt that children will

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have been eager to share the tales of Gus and the other puppets during the day with their families.

The week commencing the 21st October is **Bentham Rocks** week! Each child in school will be invited to decorate their own pebble to display outside. Parents/carers are also invited to join children in their classrooms and decorate their own pebbles in their own unique way using acrylic paints!

Please do try and get along and join your child in class. Timeslots for each class are, as follows :

Date	Time	Class
21/10/24	2.00pm – 2.45pm	Owl Class
25/10/24	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Fox Class
21/10/24	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Badger Class
23/10/24	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Rabbit Class
24/10/24	2.15pm to 3.30pm	Hedgehog Class
23/10/24	11.00am to 12.00 m/d	Butterfly Class

At 2.45pm on Monday 21st October, families are invited to join children in Year 1 to Year 6 in the School Hall to watch our amazing children perform at a **Bentham Rocks Singing Extravaganza!**

Finally, can I please remind families, that children should not 'swop' between having a packed lunch or cooked dinner on different days of the week. To help with the logistics of ordering food etc. we do ask that children commit to either packed lunches or a cooked dinner for the duration of a half-term. If your child would like to 'try' a school dinner, then they are more than welcome to join in with Fun Day Friday. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Headteacher

A Message from the Chair of Governors

I hope this Friday News finds you well. It has been a busy start to the term in school, with many excellent opportunities being offered to children – I have seen many wonderful photos of trips and visits out, and heard about some really exciting things happening in classrooms. I am sure you will all join me in the pride I feel for all the staff at Bentham Community Primary School, providing such excellent opportunities for all.

Last week, I joined with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors at Settle College, alongside the Headteacher of Ingleton Primary School to meet Sir Julian Smith, our MP, to continue the work of making the Council aware of the concerns many are voicing about the proposed transport changes.

This meeting felt useful, and Sir Julian Smith has passed concerns on to contacts at the Council. A bigger piece of work is being undertaken at Settle College to support the community in Bentham and Ingleton to continue to access Settle should they wish, and information will be shared by Mr Whitaker in due course. Sir Julian Smith also asked me to pass on his wishes to meet parents of students affected, perhaps as part of a group – if you wish to discuss how to arrange this, I am happy to support in facilitating a meeting. Please contact me directly at mlangan@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

I hope the march towards Christmas is pleasant for all. I, like many of you, are looking forward to seeing all the festive events and, in the meantime, I hope you all have a pleasant and restful half-term break.

Mr M Langan
Chair of Governors

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Monday 14th October 2024

Vegetable Sausage Roll (v)
Cheese Whirl (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Chicken Korma (v)
Vegetable Sweet and Sour (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.30pm – 4.00pm Parent Meetings in the School Hall

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Nuggets and Yorkshire Pudding (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

12.30pm Football Tournament at Ingleton (team selected)

1.00pm The Secret Garden (Fox Class)

3.30pm – 6.00pm Parent Meetings in the School Hall

Thursday 17th October 2024

Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetable Shepherd's Pie (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm The Secret Garden (Owl Class)

1.30pm Visit to the Library (Fox Class)

Friday 18th October 2024

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

Fish Fingers
Veggie Chilli Pitta (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (7/10)

NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.



A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

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