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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back to school after the Easter Holidays. Hopefully, everyone will have managed to squeeze in some family time, time to relax and time to get out and about, even if the weather has not been the best!

On Monday this week, our official 'Collaboration' with Austwick C of E Primary School started. This is an exciting opportunity and I am very much looking forward to embracing my new role as Executive Co-Headteacher of both schools.

I would like to reassure parents/carers that leadership at Bentham will continue to be both strong and accessible at all times.

Below is an outline as to how I plan to spend my time each week, across the two schools. Although this may need to change from time to time, I hope to be able to follow this timetable as much as I can.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Bentham	Austwick
Wednesday	Austwick	Austwick
Thursday	Bentham	Bentham
Friday	Austwick	Bentham

Mrs McGregor will continue to be based at Bentham C P School on Mondays in an Executive Co-Headteacher capacity. Whilst at Austwick C of E Primary School I will remain contactable at all times should the need arise. Mrs Chapman, has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher and will be based at Bentham on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

As we start the new Summer Term, class teachers have been busy planning activities and lessons for the next half-term. Over the coming weeks, children in Ladybird Class will be looking at 'growth', including how 'we' grow. Children will also start to think about transition to Reception. In Butterfly Class children will also be looking at 'growth' with lots of activities based around 'green fingers'.

In Hedgehog Class children will be asking 'How can we look after Bentham'? This will include devising questions about transport and parking. Mrs Harrison

has hinted that children will be sending out questionnaires to parents/carers encouraging them to take part in children's projects – please keep checking inboxes over the coming weeks.

Next door in Rabbit Class children will also be looking at local geography and local issues.

Moving up the corridor, children in Badger Class will be learning all about longitude and latitude with a focus on America.

In Fox Class, English lessons will be based around 'The Present' an animation. Children will also be looking at living things and learning all about life cycles.

Our oldest children in Owl Class will be busy revising and practising for their SATS which take place during the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. In PE children will be focussing on athletics.

This week on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, families of children were invited into school to watch the grand final of this year's 'Bentham's Got Talent' competition. All the children that auditioned for a spot in the final were absolutely AMAZING, well done to everyone who took part. Following much deliberation by judges, this year's winner of 'Bentham's Got Talent' was announced as Marley Crossley – a unique and wonderful performance. Thank you to Mrs Duckett for organising this opportunity for children and for all her hard work. Thank you also to our excellent panel of judges, including Governor Mr Hawkins.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> April, our Early Years Team will be hosting a 'Little Explorers Stay and Play' session. Parents/carers of children in Butterfly Class are invited to join children in class from 9.15am to 11.30am, with parents/carers of children in Ladybird Class invited to join children from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. Can we please remind parents/carers of children that on Thursdays, children need to come to school dressed in suitable clothing for the outdoors, bringing with them appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, it might also be an idea for any parents/carers joining children to also bring with them a pair of wellies and a raincoat (just in case).

Also on the 18<sup>th</sup>, our wonderful fundraising FOBS will

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be hosting a School Disco after school for children in Reception to Year 6. More information about this fundraising event will be sent home from the FOBS team.

During the Summer Term, we are also busy planning lots of extra activities and visits for children of all ages to take part in. Mrs McGregor will soon be sending home information to parents/carers of children in Badger and Fox Class about a visit to the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre and Sizergh Castle on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Children in years 4 and 5 will be taking part in their residential between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, with our Year 6 children going to Keswick during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Before Easter, a number of children took part in Class Visits, including to Whitworth Art Gallery and The Judges Lodgings in Lancaster. As a school we strive to enrich children's learning by providing educational opportunities out of school both supporting learning in classrooms and widening children's experiences. The cost of these trips is often quite significant, and school always does its best to help subsidise the cost to parents/carers. Unfortunately, on these two occasions, a high number of parents/carers were not willing/able to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of their child's trip. Whilst we do appreciate that it might be that family finances are tight, we would ask that those parents/carers who have not made a contribution consider making one to help cover the significant shortfall.

Finally, to help with future planning, there will be NO CELEBRATION Assembly on the following dates :

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

On the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 school will CLOSE at 1.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson  
Executive Co-Headteacher

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Battered Fish  
Veggie Sub-Bite  
Jacket Potato

## Tuesday 16<sup>h</sup> April 2024

Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese (v)  
Veggie Chilli and Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-4)

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Roast Gammon  
Creamy Vegetable Pie (v)  
Jacket Potato

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice  
Crispy Potato and Cauliflower Cheese Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.15am to 11.30am Little Explorers Stay and Play session. Parents/Carers of children in Butterfly Class

1.30pm to 2.45pm Little Explorers Stay and Play session. Parents/Carers of children in Ladybird Class

3.30pm – 4.30pm SportsCool (Football themed) Years 3-6 - **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY**

4.30pm to 5.30pm FOBS School Disco

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

Beef Burger in a Bun  
Veggie Dog (v)  
Jacket Potato

1.00pm BADGER Class Swimming Lesson (2/10)

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers invited)  
**Effort Grade Letters go Home**

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

### Watch out in water

*“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”*

Coroner’s report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

**Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can’t speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It’s only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It’s a scary thought.**

**But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.**



**Babies and small children** – mostly drown at home in the bath or in the garden, in just a few centimetres of water. Keep them at arm’s reach.

#### Baths

- Bath seats are great for supporting your baby in the bath but they’re not safety aids – a baby shouldn’t be left alone in one even for a moment as they can slip out
- Get everything you need ready before bath time because you’ll need to stay with your baby or young child all the time they’re in the bath
- Don’t rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby while you pop out for a towel, as they’re still too young to understand danger.

#### In the garden

- Empty the paddling pool out after you’ve used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can’t get to the neighbour’s pond
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people’s homes.

**Older children** – can still get into difficulties. They may over-estimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water. Teach them to float until help arrives.

#### Out and about

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can’t see.

#### At the beach

- Teach children to swim between the two-coloured red and yellow flags – these mark the areas patrolled by lifeguards
- Inflatables can be swept out to sea when the wind is blowing – keep children off inflatables when the orange windsock is flying and always keep an eye on them.

[www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust) [@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)



## INGLETON CRICKET CLUB

Coming to Ingleton again in 2024.

At Ingleton Cricket Club on the sportsfield behind Ingleborough Community Centre, Main Street Ingleton, LA6 3HG

The official programmes will commence on Friday 17 May, led by ECB Level 2 coach John Hughes

- All stars 6-7pm
- Dynamos 7-8pm

You can sign up from 12 April using the websites on the posters below, if you are unsure then come along to some taster sessions in late April/Early May (weather permitting). Contact John on [John.Hughes@cumbriacricket.co.uk](mailto:John.Hughes@cumbriacricket.co.uk) to check dates nearer the time (or Join Ingleton Cricket Club on Facebook)

The official program last 8 weeks, but we will continue running both All Stars and Dynamos through to the schools return in September for those who are not away in sunnier places