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# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

This week we have some staffing news to share with the school community. We are delighted to confirm that following a successful recruitment process, Mrs A Coyle has been appointed as Class Teacher for Fox Class.

Mrs Coyle is a very experienced teacher and as a school we have absolutely no doubt that Mrs Coyle will be a further attribute to our already excellent team of staff. If you see Mrs Coyle around school, please do introduce yourself and offer a warm welcome to our wonderful school community.

We can also confirm that Mrs Pearson will be returning back from Maternity Leave as Co-Headteacher alongside Mrs McGregor on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Aidan, Freddie, Bobby, Thomas, Lola, Oscar and Jack all left school after an early lunch to take part in the Craven Cross-Country Finals. Well done to all those who took part. MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS to Bobby, Freddie, Lola and Aidan who qualified for the County Cross Country Finals. BE PROUD. What exciting news.

Also, this week, Parent Interviews took place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It is always lovely when parents/carers can visit school and see for themselves what children have been busy learning. We hope that all our parents/carers are as proud of their children as we are. Be Proud, Be Bentham.

Unfortunately, Parent Interviews for children in Owl Class had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Appointments will be re-arranged at a later date.

This week we celebrated Mental Health and Wellbeing Day. Miss Phillipson started the day with a special assembly with children all across school taking part in a range of activities over the day all of which helped children understand what mental health means and what strategies can be used to support well-being.

The following link provides lots of information to support parents/carers with mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/mental-health-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

Next week at our Breakfast and After School Clubs, Mrs Askew and Miss Harrison will be celebrating Halloween with some very special activities and breakfast treats alongside the usual activities and breakfast/snack options.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Breakfast Club : Fried Eggs/Boiled Eggs.

After School Club : Pizza/Pumpkin Carving.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

After School Club : Hot Dogs/Apple Bobbing (no water involved).

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

After School Club : Hot Dogs/Apple Bobbing (no water involved).

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Breakfast Club : Sausage Butties

After School Club : Pizza/Pumpkin Carving.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Breakfast Club : Surprise Breakfast.

There will also be a 'Mystery Quiz' running all week....

If you would like to secure a place for your child at either Breakfast or After School Club, sessions should be pre-booked on our recently launched SchoolComms app. Children are welcome to attend either Club at any time, there is no need to attend regularly, one off bookings are also available. Children in Nursery are also welcome to join Breakfast Club. After School Club is only available for children in Reception to year 6 inclusive.

To download the App, please see the Gateway <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>

This week we will be sending information home to Parents/Carers of children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) about an opportunity to take part in a KANGA After

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School Multi-Sports Club. The first session will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Due to unforeseen circumstances, children who have been attending Tuesday's KANGA After School Club missed a session on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, this session will be replaced by a session on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The multi-sport After School Club will not affect places at our regular After School Club which will be running as usual.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October our wonderful fundraising FOBS are having a meeting at school from 2.30pm. Rumour has it preparation for our Christmas Fair will be on the agenda. The FOBS are a lovely friendly group and would really love to welcome new faces. There is no need to commit to every meeting – just pop along to those that you can make. Everyone welcome.

Finally, we think there may be a number of parents/carers missing out on some additional financial support or free school meals. If your circumstances have recently changed, you might now be eligible for some additional support, this includes parents/carers of children who are entitled to Universal Free School meals which should not be confused with Free School Meals. ALL children in Reception to Year 6, and in some instances children in Nursery, can be eligible for Free School Meals and some additional financial support. For more information, please either speak to Sally in the School Office or complete an on-line application (details provided at the end of this newsletter). All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Please remember to visit our school website and Facebook page to see what else our children have been or will be getting up to.

## Dates for your Diary

### **Monday 16th October 2023**

Fish Star (Salmon)  
Crunchy topped Tomato Pasta  
Jacket Potato

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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

10.30am Years 5/6 Girls Football

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited Children (3 of 7)

### **Wednesday 18th October 2023**

Sausages and Yorkshire Puddings  
Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding  
Jacket Potato

### **Thursday 19th October 2023**

Chicken Korma  
Veggie Korma  
Jacket Potato

### **Friday 20th October 2023**

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

Pizza  
BBQ Quorn Wrap  
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers of children in Amber/Sapphire)

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

### **Future Dates for your Diary**

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

1.30pm Fire Safety (Reception and Nursery)  
2.30pm Fire Safety (Years 1 to 6)

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons  
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl  
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club



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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

5.00pm to 6.00pm Phonics and Reading Parent/Carer  
information Session (further information to follow)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of  
children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Half Term Holidays.

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 : Christmas Dinner

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 : Christmas Party Day

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

### Fire safe families

*“He ran upstairs and into a wall of black smoke  
and could feel intense heat coming through the walls.”*

Coroner's report, death of 5-year old who played with a lighter

**You and your family are eight times more likely to die in a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm. That's because, if a fire breaks out at night, you won't smell the smoke and wake up. Instead, the poisonous fumes will send you deeper into sleep.**

**So it makes sense to have a smoke alarm upstairs and downstairs, to save you from smoke that can kill in minutes, before you even wake up.**

#### Prevent fires

- Cooking fires are the main cause of fires in the home – stay in the kitchen if children are cooking
- Keep matches, lighters and lit candles or tea-lights well out of reach of young children and teach children not to play with them
- Take care not to plug lots of chargers and equipment into an extension lead from one electrical socket – the socket will be dangerously overloaded
- Stay close by when you have fat heating and never pour water onto hot fat
- Store things like hair straighteners safely – avoid leaving them switched on or where a child might be able to switch them on
- Double check your cigarette is out and be careful smoking if you're really tired (or in bed) in case you fall asleep with it in your hand.



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

#### Check your smoke alarms

- You need a working smoke alarm upstairs and downstairs
- Test your alarms every month
- If you live in rented housing your landlord is responsible for providing alarms.

#### Plan your escape

- Work out your escape route in case of a fire and practice it with your family
- Keep the stairs and escape route clear of clutter at night
- Keep keys to any doors on your escape route in one place so you know where they are in an emergency.

#### Teach children what to do if they see a fire

- To tell someone straight away – a grown-up if possible
- Don't try to put the fire out yourself
- Get outside as quickly as possible. Don't try to hide from the fire
- Never go back inside for anything.

## 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](mailto:schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk)



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