

15th September 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

This week children in class have been as busy as ever, with our youngest children in Ladybird Class learning all about themselves, painting self-portraits and eating yummy 'face cakes'. Mrs Williams, class teacher in Ladybird, is really pleased with how all the children are settling into their new class so beautifully, getting to know their classroom and making friends.

Next door in Butterfly class, children have also been getting creative and painting pictures of themselves. Children have also started to learn first phase phonics, S, A, T, P.

Meanwhile, children in Hedgehog Class have been busy talking about 'feelings'; children have also started to look at setting up a weather station so that they can monitor the weather over the coming weeks.

In Rabbit Class, Mrs Cryer has been busy helping children investigate pitch with boomwhackers. Children have also been writing about feelings and emotions. Just like children in Hedgehog Class, children in Rabbit Class will also be studying weather and using their newly set up class weather station!

Moving up the school, children in Badger Class have been learning about 'sound' and looking at 'rivers'.

In Fox Class children have started to learn about Earth and space. Children have also started adding and subtracting in columns. In art, children will be looking at 'landscapes' before being given the opportunity to create their very own water colour landscapes.

Finally in Owl Class, children have started reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; taking inspiration from the book children have started writing their very own adventure stories. In Maths children have been learning all about place value. Later today, children in Owl Class will take part in their first Swimming Lesson at Settle Pool. If parents/carers have not already done so, please consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of lessons via Parentpay. Thank you.

Earlier this week, children in Hedgehog, Rabbit, Badger, Fox and Owl class all engaged in their first 'carousel' session involving KANGA Sports, Music and

RE! From the smiles on children's faces, this was a fun afternoon of learning, and one that will be repeated over the duration of the Autumn term.

As a school, we have recently received some guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) about clinical and public health perspectives on mild illnesses and school attendance. With agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people, being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation. The DfE have suggested that it is usually appropriate for parents/carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms, a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children **SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL** if they have a temperature of 38c or above. Additional NHS guidance can be found at 'is my child too ill for school'. We would also encourage parents/carers to consider the health and wellbeing of other members of the School Community.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It has also been acknowledged that children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety (more than before the Covid Pandemic). Being in school can often help alleviate any underlying issues, with prolonged absences likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future.

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child then do not hesitate to speak to either their Class Teacher or Mrs Amy Duckett our Family Support Assistant.

This week, a number of children in years 3,4,5 and 6 have expressed an interest in representing the school at the Johnny Walker TAG Rugby Event being held at Giggleswick School on Thursday 21st September. If your child has come home with a letter, can you please ensure that consent is completed and returned to school by no later than 3.30pm today.

Also this week, children in years 3,4,5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a Cross Country Event at Giggleswick School on Friday 22nd September 2023. If your child would like to take part, please ensure consent forms are returned to the School Office by no

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later than Monday 18th September. Unfortunately, late entries cannot be accommodated. Children who are not taking part in the Cross Country Event will take part in this year's Harvest Festival Service at St John's Church in Low Bentham.

As part of the Harvest Festival Service, we are asking that parents/carers consider making a 'food' donation; donations can be dropped off at school any morning next week – please consider shelf life and if goods are perishable. All foods collected will go to Bentham Food Bank on Friday 22nd.

We are also looking for some parent/carer helpers to walk down to St John's Church with children. If you are free and would like to help on the day, please get in touch with the School Office.

Finally, we do still have two vacancies for Co-opted Governors. Unfortunately, due to the structure of our Board, these vacancies cannot be filled by a parent/carer of a child who is CURRENTLY registered at the school. However, if you know of any individuals who you think might be interested in these vacancies, then please get them to contact the school on 015242 61412. Whilst being a Governor is hard work, it is also a rewarding role. Any appointments will be subject to an enhance DBS and Section 28 check.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

PE and Jewellery

Can we please remind parents/carers about our Uniform Policy, in particular, jewellery, earrings and PE. Children cannot take part in PE wearing earrings. Staff are unable to remove earrings, and taping ears is also not an option. Please can parents/carers ensure that either earrings are removed at home on the day of PE, or that children can remove their own jewellery in class.

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 18th September 2023

Creamy Mac n Cheese
Lightly spiced Bean and Veg Curry with Rice
Jacket Potato

9.00am Library Assembly with John Frankland

3.30pm Welcome to our Class (Badgers/Fox/Owl)

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Nacho Beef Bake
Cheese and Bean Enchilada
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 (2 of 7)

Wednesday 20th September 2023

Roast Chicken and Stuffing
Homemade Veggie Cottage Pie
Jacket Potato

Thursday 21st September 2023

All Day Breakfast
Veggie All Day Breakfast
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Johnny Walker TAG Rugby Event

Friday 22nd September 2023

Fish Fingers
Italian Style Vegetarian Lasagne
Jacket Potato

1.15pm Cross Country Event at Giggleswick School
2.15pm Harvest Festival Service at St Johns (Hedgehog/Rabbit/Badger/Fox/Owl) : **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

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

NO SWIMMING LESSON : OWL CLASS

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Future Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th September 2023

Visit by Gareth Whittaker from Settle College (Owl Class)

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 29th September 2023

1.15pm Owl Class : Swimming Lessons.

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

Monday 2nd October 2023

Libraries Week : more information to follow

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 4th October 2023

School Vaccination Team : Influenza

Thursday 5th October 2023

School CENSUS Day

National Poetry Day

Friday 6th October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in AMBER/SAPPHIRE)

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 11th October 2023

1.00pm to 3.30pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Thursday 12th October 2023

3.45pm to 6.00pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Friday 13th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

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

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Friday 20th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in AMBER/SAPPHIRE)

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons

AM : Badger, Fox, Owl

PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 25th October 2023

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

Friday 27th October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of

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children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023
Half Term Holidays.

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Safe around roads

“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter's death.”

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.

Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



In the car

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child's height and weight and for your car - not all seats fit all cars

Cycling

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.

Driving

- speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. They're 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.
- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can't distract you.

Pedestrians – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they're at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they're moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they're on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.

 www.capt.org.uk

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Little Notes



Music and Fun for 0-5 year olds

Join us and Sally-Anne for free interactive music fun for 0-5 year olds.

Develop confidence and communication skills, sharing, social interactions in a fun musical environment specially designed for your little ones!



Tuesdays, 9.30am - 11am
Bentham Community Library,
The Looking Well, Bentham

Spaces are limited so please ensure to book on each week. For more info email: office@pioneerprojects.org.uk



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Bentham Community
Primary School

Bentham Pantry Club

Open to ALL
Wednesday
30th August

Methodist church hall
Station Road

Wednesdays
11.00 - 12.30
& 3.30 - 4.30
free refreshments

Membership £5
(includes first shop)
Weekly charges
one-person household:
£3, for 9 items
Multi-person household: £5,
for 15 items

TEL: 07942 364606

A MINISTRY OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENTHAM

Bentham well-being cafe!

at Pioneer Projects
4pm-6pm
Thursday 28th September
Thursday 19th October
Thursday 23rd November
Thursday 14th December

Could you child benefit from some small group work?

Lets ...
Build Independence,
Support Positive relationships,
Build resilience,
Promote aspirations,
Build self-esteem.

For more info or to book contact
nicole.morgan@selfa.org.uk
or
01756 533110

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