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Message from Mrs Pearson

On Wednesday morning, I set off with a group of Year 4 children on their residential to How Stean Gorge. The sun was shining and the children were smiling!

This week, before heading off to How Stean Gorge, I really enjoyed spending some time in Butterfly Class and chatting with children about how people help 'us' in school. It was lovely to see how our youngest children are all flourishing and how their ideas are developing. Children in Butterfly Class have also been enjoying 'Nursery Rhyme Week' which has involved sharing, enjoying and learning lots of different Nursery Rhymes over the week. In art, children have been busy making 'Spider's Webs', I wonder which rhyme this activity might have been linked to....

In Hedgehog Class children have been busy learning all about body parts. In Science children carried out a 'pattern seeking investigation'; does the person with the biggest feet, also have the biggest hands? Children discovered that this theory was not true. Good work Hedgehogs.

Children in Rabbit Class have been focussing on maths-based activities this week, including lots of problem solving! Using 'Children in Need' as an incentive children applied a maths-based approach as to how money can be raised for Charity.

Meanwhile, in Badger Class (for those children not joining the residential) children have been looking at addition and subtraction, they have also enjoyed a whole afternoon of art activities. Mrs Naylor tells me that children have also been given the opportunity to deliver their very own 'lesson' to their friends in class! Who knows this may have inspired children to become teachers.

On Wednesday, in Fox Class, children engaged in a Lantern Making workshop. It was really evident when quickly visiting the class before departing on the residential, that every child was really engaged and enjoying this amazing workshop which involved

crafting willow structures in readiness for a Lantern Procession that school will be involved in nearer to Christmas (more information to follow). Thank you to Pioneer Projects for involving the school in these lovely workshops. On Wednesday next week children in Owl Class will have a turn at making Lanterns.

In Owl Class, children have been learning all about capacity and volume in maths lessons. English has been all about using expanded noun phrases. This week children in Owl Class enjoyed their final swimming lesson. Next term it will be the turn of children in FOX Class to take part in weekly lessons. Can parents/carers of children in FOX Class please check their e-mails for more information about children's lessons. Next term, there will also be an opportunity for those children in Year 6 who might need a few more lessons to join children in Fox Class.

On Thursday Teddy, Harry, Noah, Bobby, Wilf, Freddie, Henry, Oscar, Jacob, Imikan, Lola, Cheska and Jasmine all represented Bentham C P School at a Cross Country Event held at Giggleswick School. Well done to all those children who took part. At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting the results from the competition!

This week we received the exciting news that Mrs Shaw has given birth to a little boy. Both Mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the whole family, and welcome to the world Jethro.

We have also received some sad news this week that Mr Watkinson, our wonderful Assistant Cook will be leaving us on the 6th December. Mr Watkinson will be missed by staff and children. We would like to wish Mr Watkinson the very best for the future and thank him for all his hard work helping to prepare and serve our delicious school meals over the past few years.

With Mr Watkinson leaving us, this does mean we will have a vacancy at the school for a Catering Assistant. For more information about the vacancy, please see the advert at the end of this Newsletter.

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This week we will be sending home new Menu Choices for the Spring Term. We would encourage parents/carers of children that have a school meal to sit down with their children and look at the choices together before selecting meal options. Completed forms should be returned to the school office by no later than Monday 9th December.

Next Tuesday the School Immunisation Team will be on site as part of the Flu Vaccination programme. Please remember that any questions and/or consents around this programme need to be made with the School Immunisation Team who can be contacted on 01904 237695.

Also, on Tuesday morning, children in Hedgehog Class and Reception children in Butterfly Class will be walking to Bentham Fire Station. This visit will enhance class topic 'People who Help Us' and 'Fire, Fire'. Nursery children in Butterfly Class will be getting a special visit from the Fire Brigade at some point in the next couple of weeks.

Next week we will be hosting a Multiskills Event for the North Craven Cluster! This will involve children from across the Cluster schools visiting Bentham and taking part in some sporting activities alongside our Year 2 children in the School Hall. **Can parents/carers of children in Year 2 please ensure children come to school wearing their PE kits on this day.** Activities have been planned throughout the day on a rotational basis. Also on Thursday, children in years 2,3,4, 5 and 6 will take their turn to be involved with 'Embracing the Difference' workshops all around Diversity Role Models.

Following on from last week's news about our Breakfast and After School Clubs, can I please remind parents/carers that sessions need to be booked (unless in an emergency whereupon office staff can book places if they are available), via SchoolComms. <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>
Support for users is available at : <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en->

[gb/articles/25105435707921-School-Gateway-Parent-Guide#school-gateway-parent-guide-0-0](https://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk/gb/articles/25105435707921-School-Gateway-Parent-Guide#school-gateway-parent-guide-0-0)

On Friday next week our wonderful FOBS will be starting their Christmas fundraising campaign! We will be inviting all children in all classes to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in an item that can be included in a FOBS Christmas Hamper. Items could include a bar of chocolate, a box of biscuits, some smellies, a bottle of wine etc. Festive Hampers will be raffled off at our Christmas Fair being held on the 29th November 2024 from 5.00pm to 6.30pm in the School Hall.

On the 25th November, children in Rabbit and Badger Class will be taking part in their visit to Herd Farm. On the day, can parents/carers please ensure that they get children at school for no later than 7.20am. If you have not already done so, please make payment for the visit via Parentpay and complete the online Consent Form using the link provided.

Finally, to help parents/carers with planning, information about events and key dates in school over the festive season will be sent home under separate cover later today. Information will also be sent home about this year's wonderful Christmas Crafts Evening. To secure a place, please make sure you complete the electronic booking form using the link provided by no later than 9.00am on Friday 29th November 2024.

Have a fabulous weekend, wrap up warm and hopefully get to spend some time outdoors.

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Co-Headteacher

Monday 18th November 2024

Salmon Fish Star
Cheesy Bean loaded Potato Skins (v)
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Curried Chicken Rice
Pasta Bake (v)

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Jacket Potato (v)
9.30am Flu Vaccination (Immunisation Team) R-6

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Minced Beef Pie
Broccoli Cheese Bake (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Lantern Making Workshop (Owl Class)
1.00pm Rabbit Class (Secret Garden)

Thursday 21st November 2024

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Sweet Potato and Vegetable Curry with Rice (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Diversity Workshops (Years 2,3,4,5 and 6)
1.00pm Badger Class (Secret Garden)
1.00pm Multi-Skills Event (Year 2)

Friday 22nd November 2024

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

Pizza (v)
Mexican Veggie Burrito (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

NON-UNIFORM DAY. Children invited into school wearing Non-Uniform in return for an item that can be included in a FOBS Christmas Hamper

**3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY in the School Hall.
ALL parents/carers welcome**

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill. Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- small remote controls
- car key fobs or key finders
- musical cards and books
- light-up toys and novelty items
- nightlights
- digital scales
- thermometers
- old toys in the toy box.

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack. Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

Check your home

- Hunt around your home for button batteries
- Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily.

Has your child swallowed one?

- Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick
- There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.

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Bentham Community
Primary School

Catering Assistant: High Bentham CP School (ED21340)

Location: Bentham Community Primary School

Town: Bentham

Closing Date: 24/11/2024

Closing time: 23:59

Salary: £12.26 per hour

Contract: Permanent

Hours: 10 hours per week term time only (5 core & 5 variable)



Dining Room Assistant Austwick School, Lancaster (095898)

Location: Austwick CE VA Primary School

Town: Lancaster

Closing Date: 22/11/2024

Closing time: 23:59

Salary: £12.26 per hour

Contract: Permanent (term time only)

Hours: 11.25 per week

To collect the lunches from Bentham take to Austwick to serve.

Mileage paid at 45p per mile.

**Children's
Christmas Craft
Afternoon**

FREE ADMISSION

NOV 30TH **2-3.30 PM** **4-11 YRS**

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PLEASE CALL 07587964228**

CHILDREN UNDER 4 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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