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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Hopefully, everyone will now be settled back into their school routine!

Earlier this week I took the opportunity in an assembly that I was leading to remind children about the school's Uniform Policy. Recently, there have been a growing number of children coming to school wearing bracelets, necklaces and unsuitable earrings. As a reminder, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn at school, they are a health and safety risk. Children are welcome to come to school wearing a suitable watch. The only earrings that children should be wearing are plain studs. Children should be able to remove their own earrings before taking part in any PE lessons. If earrings cannot be removed children will miss PE – staff cannot remove jewellery. If your child has long hair, this should be neatly tied back for school. Further information about our School Uniform is available on our website.

<https://www.benthamcpschool.org.uk/school-uniform>

Whilst on the assembly theme... over the next few weeks Mrs McGregor would like to start to celebrate children's achievements outside of school as well as in class. If your child has an achievement they would like to share, e.g. gymnastic award, swimming badge, music achievement then please let Mrs McGregor know so that these wonderful achievements can be shared during Celebration Assemblies.

This week our youngest children in Butterfly Class have started a new book! Children are really enjoying reading 'Look Up' together – the book also links nicely to class topic 'Space'. At one point in class, there were lots of little ones quite literally 'looking up' through amazing telescopes that they had hand-crafted from card. Later today, our youngest children will be taking part in a mini-adventure and exploring the gardens at the front of our school.

In Hedgehog Class children have been busy using

maps like 'mini-explorers'. Children particularly enjoyed using a map to explore the school grounds. Back in class children learnt all about a very famous Italian explorer, Christopher Columbus. On Mrs Chapman's day in class, children really enjoyed getting creative and painting some lovely garden pictures based on the style of Monet.

In Rabbit Class children have been learning about some differences between Human Beings and animals in science lessons. Meanwhile in art, Miss Patel tells me that there will be a strong focus on European Art influencing children's masterpieces.

Children in Badger Class have also started a new book! One morning this week, children arrived in class to find the 'Perfect Pets Laboratory' on screen! This led children into thinking about what are important 'qualities' for pets. In maths children have been learning about multiplication and division.

Fox Class have been busy exploring gravity, this has not involved dropping apples from great heights, but instead looking at what shape of parachute works best. On Monday, children in Fox Class joined children in Owl Class and enjoyed some orienteering around the school grounds. Thank you to Oilly for supporting children with this activity.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been as busy as ever! In PE children have engaged in bench ball, whilst in maths they have been looking at fractions. There has also been an opportunity this week to enjoy some New Year poetry and collage illustrations.

Children in Owl Class have also been getting industrious and are raring to get started with an exciting and somewhat unusual challenge helping to raise funds to purchase year 6 leavers hoodies! Year 6 children are being asked to obtain sponsors for challenges, or to secure some cash donations! More information has been sent home about how you can help our year 6 children.

Also, to help raise funding for hoodies, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March Owl Class will be holding a fundraising 'Coffee

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Morning' at Bentham Town Hall. Any donations of cake would be really appreciated, as would any offers of help and support on the day. For more information, or to volunteer some time, please speak to Mrs Coyle.

Finally, this week I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of children from years 3,4,5 and 6 to a Cross-Country Event at Ingleton. All of our children were amazing and excellent ambassadors for the school. Bobby came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oscar came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5/6 race which was an amazing achievement. We are waiting for the final results to be sent to us for all the races. Thank you to the 3 amazing parents who supported us for the afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend, we will be celebrating my son's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Sunday so I have a cake to make and decorate but lack any baking skills so wish me luck!

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

## Monday 20th January 2025

Battered Fish  
Sweet Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

Rabbit Class PE  
Badger Class PE

2.00pm-3.00pm Parenting Group  
07971 543684/07773 652516

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v)  
BBQ Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato

Fox Class PE  
Owl Class PE  
3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE (Book Via Parentpay)**

## Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Roast Gammon  
Veggie Sausage (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Year 1 (Hedgehog Class) Forest School  
Rabbit Class PE  
Butterfly Class and Hedgehog Reception : PE  
1.30pm Library Visit (Owl Class)  
3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE (Parentpay)**

## Thursday 23rd January 2025

Nacho Beef Bake  
Quesadilla (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Forest School (Badger Class)  
Hedgehog Class (Year 1) : PE

3.30pm-4.30pm SATs Club (Invited Children)

## Friday 24th January 2025

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

Chicken Nuggets  
Veggie Burger (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

**1.00pm** Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6 children)  
Owl Class PE

**3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome)**

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about TikTok.



Attendance really does matter. It is also important to arrive at school on time and ready for learning.



## Parenting Group



This is an informal group for parents who would like some support, hints and tips to support their child's social and emotional development.

Each week the group will focus on different subjects but will really be guided by what you, as parents/guardians need.

We can offer support on where to find help and guide you through some of the tough challenges parenting can bring.

Plus of course Tea and Biscuits



Venue: Bentham Primary School

Dates: Monday 20th January 2025  
Monday 27th January 2025  
Monday 3rd February 2025

Time: 2-3pm

Contact: Liz - 07971 543684 or Linda - 07773 652516



## Parent/Carer Support Group

### About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

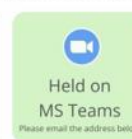
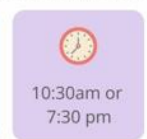
Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Topic: "Supporting your child: Autism and mental health".



## Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

**AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH**



At this months Parent Support Group we will be discussing the relationship between Autism and mental health, how we can support children with Autism who are struggling with Mental Health challenges.

[mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school NEEDS TO IMPROVE. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.