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# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Welcome to this week's edition of the Friday News and today's Fund-Raising Friday! Thank you to everyone who has supported today's fundraising efforts for Comic Relief, World Down Syndrome Day and our wonderful FOBS Easter Bing.

We still have a few noses left and for sale, so there is still time to grab a red nose before the weekend! Noses are priced at £2.50 each and can be purchased from the School Office.

There is also still time to make a chocolate donation in support of the FOB's Easter Bingo Event that will be taking place on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please remember all funds raised by our wonderful FOBS support ALL children in ALL classes. Thank you.

Earlier this week, a delivery of unhatched chicken eggs were delivered to school. The eggs have been kept warm inside an incubator for our younger children to wait, watch and enjoy whilst hatching! On Tuesday, patience paid off when our first baby chick appeared much to the delight of our younger children. Our first hatchling has been named 'Pom-Pom' by children. At the time of writing, 9 chicks have successfully hatched much to the delight of children.

Also this week, our younger children were intrigued by a wasp's nest that was kindly brought into school by Alfie for show and tell. (thankfully, the wasp house came with vacant possession at the time of viewing)!

At our Governors' Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, discussion took place about the current Co-opted Governor vacancy on the school's Board of Governors. Following a skills audit, it was identified that the Board potentially has a 'knowledge' gap in the field of construction/surveying. Unfortunately, due to the structure of our Board, the vacancy cannot be filled by a parent/carer of a child who is currently registered at the school. However, if you know of any individual who you might think would be interested and suitable for this vacancy, and who has knowledge and skills within the construction/building industry, then please get them to contact the school on 015242 61412. Whilst being a Governor is hard work, it is also a rewarding role. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

On Tuesday, children in Badger Class enjoyed a visit to

Settle College where they took part in the College's Science Week activities. Children engaged in Biology looking at Sea-Moss, and also Chemistry, where an excited audience reported that Mr Langan (also one of our Governors) mixed acid with Magnesium, creating gas in soapy water before igniting the same! **PLEASE DO NOT TRY ANYTHING LIKE THIS AT HOME.** Thank you to Settle College for inviting children to join in with these activities, thank you also to those members of staff who accompanied children on the day.

On Thursday, Mrs Nelson and myself had the pleasure of accompanying children in Owl Class to this year's Crucial Crew event at Gargrave. This educational visit is always popular with our older children and encourages good citizenship. Well done to all our children, who were a credit to their school.

As mentioned in last week's Friday News, children in Fox class will be taking part in a visit to Tropical World in Leeds on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not already done so, please remember to complete and return consent forms.

We have received information from North Yorkshire County Council about FREE Easter FEAST activities that will be taking place in North Yorkshire. If your family are in receipt of free school meals (FSM) then information should have already been sent home in children's book bags. The FEAST programme is open to ALL children and young people, not just those eligible for FSM. Holiday activities provided include sports, outdoor activities, creative workshops and much more. For more details please see the information leaflet at the end of this newsletter or visit <https://bit.ly/NYCCEYT> (e-mail [hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk)).

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June school will be supporting SELFA with their 'Be Brave, Be Bright' fundraising campaign. Lots of children and families at the school and in the wider community have benefitted from the support of SELFA. SELFA is a local children's charity, where everyone belongs!. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> children are invited to 'dress down' at school in return for a VOLUNTARY contribution. All monies raised will go to SELFA to help support their important work. For more information, please visit [www.selfa.org.uk](http://www.selfa.org.uk) or contact [Nicole.morgan@selfa.org.uk](mailto:Nicole.morgan@selfa.org.uk).

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Mrs Cadman and Mrs Shaw have been busy organising this year's Leavers' Hoodies for children in Year 6. Children have agreed colour options this year will be a stylish Hawaiian Blue, a subtle Peppermint or a relaxing Dusty Green. Can parents/carers of children in Year 6 please ensure that they return order forms for hoodies to school by no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Due to logistics, and the unavailability of suitable dates, school will unfortunately, not be in a position to take children in Year 6 on their visit to the Houses of Parliament later in the school year. If you have deposited monies for this trip via Parentpay balances can be transferred to pay for leavers' hoodies. Any remaining funds will be refunded. Apologies for any disappointment caused.

This week will be the final swimming session for those children in Fox class and other children who have been joining the 'Foxes' over the past ten weeks. Next term, it will be the turn of children in Badger Class to take part in swimming lessons. More information will be sent home under separate cover. As I am sure parents/carers will appreciate, taking children swimming on a weekly basis is a very costly exercise, and we would encourage parents/carers to consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of lessons and transport via Parentpay. Swimming is already heavily subsidised by the school, and we are also fortunate to receive a grant from the Friends of Settle Swimming Pool towards the weekly cost of transport. Without everyone's additional support, we would struggle to deliver important swimming lessons.

Finally, on our last day of term, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be offering children the opportunity to join in with a special Celebratory Easter Feast! On the menu will be Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Veggie Sausages, Roast or Mashed potatoes, Broccoli and Sweetcorn (or a Jacket Potato) followed by Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce, or fresh fruit and/or yoghurt for dessert. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered during registration. Meals are priced at £2.50 per child in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.95 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 (free for children in receipt of free school meals).

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

'What 3 Words' was an app mentioned at Crucial Crew on Thursday to Y6 pupils. It is a useful app to use in emergency situations.

## PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	PE
	Thursday	PE
Rabbits :	Wednesday/Thursday	PE
Badgers :	Monday/Thursday	PE
Foxes :	Thursday	PE
	Friday	Swimming
Owls :	Tuesday/Thursday	PE

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 20th March 2023

Fishwich  
Veggie Burger  
Jacket Potato

### Tuesday 21st March 2023

Pasta Bolognese  
Pea and Potato Croquette  
Jacket Potato

### 6.00pm FOBS Easter Bingo

### Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Sausages and Yorkshire Puddings  
Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Puddings  
Jacket Potato

### Thursday 23rd March 2023

Chicken Wrap  
Sweet Potato and Vegetable Curry  
Jacket Potato

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## Friday 24th March 2023

Pizza  
Vegetable Curry Pastry  
Jacket Potato  
3.00pm Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **RUBY** and **SAPPHIRE** invited

Date of Assembly	Families of Children in...
17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE

## Future Dates for your Diary

### FOBS Easter Bingo and Raffle

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : 6.00pm to 7.30pm

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs McGregor

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 3.00pm.  
'Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs'

### Easter Crafts

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 5/6  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 4

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.00am  
'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading.'

### Trip to Tropical World

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Trip to Tropical World : Fox Class

### Easter Service

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : Easter Service at St John's Low Bentham : Children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

### Celebration Easter Dinner

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : All children are invited to join in with a celebratory Easter Lunch (£2.50 each Nursery children, FREE R/1/2, £2.95 years 3,4,5 and 6 (No charge for those entitled to FSM). Book during Registration

### King's Coronation

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 : Celebration

### Sports Day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023).

### Be Brave, Be Bright!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

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# EASTER BINGO

**Tues 21st March  
6pm - 7.30pm**

**Easter chocolate prizes  
Tea and Coffee available  
Bring your own dabbers!**

**Pie and peas  
supper**

**Bingo  
books**

**£3**

**£2**

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**EVERYBODY WELCOME!**