

17th November 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

A little round up of what has been happening in our classrooms this week...

Our youngest children in Ladybird Class have been busy learning all about Diwali, including making Diwali themed sweets and using powder paint to make festival themed patterns. Mrs Williams came to school with a beautiful Henna Mendhi pattern on her hand for children to look at before making their own designs on paper hands using crayons and paint.

In Butterfly Class children have also been talking about Diwali. In PE children's Fairytale Dance was influenced by 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. Children in Butterfly Class have also been busy this week painting poppies and turning cardboard boxes into imaginary objects.

Meanwhile, next door in Hedgehog Class children have been looking and learning all about seasons, including publishing information on 'season information pages'. In History children have learnt all about how, in the past, carrier pigeons were used to send communications. From my office, I could also hear that children have starting learning songs for their Christmas Nativity performance.

In Rabbit Class, I also heard some delightful songs being practiced ready for children's performance of 'A Fireside Nativity'. In English children in Rabbit Class have been busy writing perfect sentences based on storms and floods (which was quite ironic this week!).

Unfortunately, due to the weather, the Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Settle College had to be cancelled. This was due to water-logged pitches! We have been reassured that this fixture will be rescheduled.

Moving up the school, children in Badger Class have been looking at electricity and how to make electrical circuits. In maths, learning has been all about multiplication and division.

This week parents/carers of children in Fox Class were invited to join children at a Stay and Learn session. We hope that those parents/carers who were able to

join children enjoyed learning about and making Anglo Saxon Clay Crosses. Children in Fox Class have also started writing Egyptian Pharaoh biographies. In DT children have started to design Christmas Cards.

Our oldest children in Owl Class all took part in a Lantern Making workshop on Wednesday. When I had a peek through Owl Classroom's door children were all busy constructing beautiful winter themed lanterns using willow and masking tape. Thank you to Poppy and Anna from Pioneer Projects for providing workshops at school. We are all looking forward to seeing finished lanterns paraded at the Lantern Procession taking place on the 15th December. More details will follow soon.

This week school put out a plea for a Christmas Tree donation on Facebook! The response has been fantastic and we are looking forward to being able to create a lovely atmosphere in school this Christmas.

Thank you also to Mr Burrow, Freddie and Huey's dad, for agreeing to mount our wonderful 'Suzy says Stay of the Track' collage.

Our 'Name the Sloth' plea on Facebook drew a huge response from parents and members of the community. Mrs Duckett will let us know the chosen name very soon!

Please remember that next week on Thursday 23rd November, parents/carers are invited to join myself and other members of staff for a 'Coffee and Cake' get together from 9.00am until 10.00am in the Community Room. This is a lovely opportunity to informally meet with staff and raise any questions you might have. There will also be an opportunity for a quick walk through school to take a look at classrooms and displays. Please respond using the link sent to you so that we know how many people to expect.

As a quick reminder, next Friday, 24th November, we are helping our wonderful FOBS with their fundraising activities by inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform in return for the donation of an item (or two) that can be included in Christmas Hampers. Hampers will be raffled off at this year's Christmas Fair being held on the evening of the **1st December**.

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On Tuesday 28th November from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, parents/carers of children in Butterfly Class are invited to join children at a Stay and Learn session. Mrs Fox is looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to class.

Finally, Christmas is just around the corner. As a school we have lots of lovely festive activities and opportunities planned for children of all ages! With this in mind, I will be sending out a separate letter over the next week with further times, dates and details about everything festive taking place here at the school in the run up to Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

In preparation for the Government's expansion of wraparound provision for all primary aged children (Reception to Year 6), NYC are asking if parents/carers would complete a Parent Survey. This will enable the Local Authority to better understand the supply and demand for wraparound places. The survey can be accessed at :

https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169805731173&utm_campaign=2641681_LA%20Weekly%20e-Red%20Bag%20-%2010%20November%202023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorkshire%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1KMC1,34LOWP,7DYL1,1

Next Week:

Monday 20th November 2023

Pasta Bolognese Bake
Oven Baked Veggie Sausage and Bean Bake
Jacket Potato

3.30pm Happy Art Club – KS1 (2/5)

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish
Cheese Whirl
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 (2/6) – **KS1**

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Roast loin of Pork
Pea-ter Croquette
Jacket Potato

9.30am Swimming Gala at Settle Pool (invited children)

FULL DAY : Lantern Making Workshop (KS2)

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Mexican Beef Pitta
Cauli-Cheese Bake
Jacket Potato

9.00am Parent 'Coffee and Cake'

1.00pm County Cross Country Finals (Good Luck Aidan, Bobby, Freddie and Lola) Mrs Pearson will be meeting children at the event.

Friday 24th November 2023

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

Non-Uniform Day in return for Hamper Item

Chicken Burger in a Bun
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons (9/10)

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

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

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Bentham Community Primary School

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Safe from burns

“Everyone in the burns unit was there because of an accident. In a split second their whole life changed.”

Mum of little boy burned by a hot drink

A small child’s skin burns really easily as it’s so thin. Here’s how to prevent serious burns:

Hot drinks – can stay hot enough to scald even after 15 minutes. 8 to 18 month-olds are most vulnerable as they love to grab.

- Watch out for fast little fingers when you’re making a hot drink. Push your mug to the back of the worktop before you reach for the milk
- Look for out-of-reach safe spots to put your hot drink down
- Make it a habit to put your child down before you pick up your drink.

Hair straighteners – can get as hot as your iron and can still burn 15 minutes after they are switched off.

- Keep hot hair straighteners and wands out of reach
- Put them in a heat-proof pouch or on a high shelf to cool.

Button batteries – if a child swallows a button battery and it gets stuck, it can burn a hole and cause internal bleeding and even death.

- Keep any loose batteries out of reach and dispose of ‘flat’ batteries quickly and safely
- Keep objects with easy to access button batteries out of reach.

Magnetic toys – high-strength magnets in toys can rip through the gut if your child swallows them.

- Buy from a reputable retailer or a brand name you know. Avoid online marketplaces.



Cooking – young children won’t always pull away from something that’s burning them. They may forget the rules about not touching hot things.

- Push kettles to the back of the worktop and use the back rings of the cooker first
- If you’re able to, keep children away from the kitchen when you’re cooking. Or try to keep them in a highchair and away from the cooker if not.

Bath water – these scalds are really nasty and can happen in seconds.

- Put cold water in first then top up with hot.
- Test the temperature of the water with your elbow before putting your child into the bath
- Stay with your child in the bathroom in case they fiddle with the hot tap.

Staying warm

- Move cots away from radiators. Then your baby can’t get their arm or leg trapped against the heat
- Fit fireguards around fires and heaters
- Check your hot water bottle for wear and tear. Replace every two years.

www.capt.org.uk

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Let's get your child prepared for winter!

We want to make sure you have everything you need for you and your child to be winter ready. Use these resources for advice!



Healthier Together

This website provides parents, carers, pregnant women and birthing people, babies, children and young people across Humber and North Yorkshire with consistent and high-quality advice from local health professionals.



Let's Get Better

With Let's Get Better, you can find all the information you need to help live a more healthy and active life whilst learning about the health services in your area.



Let's Get Vaccinated

Getting vaccinated keeps you and your family safe from catching serious, and potentially fatal diseases.



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The Little Orange Book

'The Little Orange Book' contains advice and tips on how to manage common illnesses and problems in babies and young children.



When should I worry?

'When should I worry?' is a booklet that provides information for parents about the management of respiratory tract infections (coughs, colds, sore throats, and ear aches) in children.



Digital Health Passport

Making asthma self-management for children and young people smarter. Available to download now.



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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



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Had a baby in the last 18 months? Live in North Yorkshire?

We would love to hear from you about your experiences of postnatal care when you arrived home after the birth.

What support did you receive for yourself and your baby?

Take our survey and be part of improving community postnatal care for everyone.

The feedback we gather will be used to produce a report which will be shared with service providers to help influence how services are designed and delivered.

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