

18th November 2022

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Firstly, apologies for any inconvenience caused on Thursday 17th November when telephone and internet communication with the school was disrupted due to a fault with the provider. Everyone's patience and understanding is really appreciated.

Unfortunately, this week, we have seen an increase in the number of children falling poorly with sickness and/or diarrhoea. Can I please remind parents/carers that if your child is poorly with either or both of these symptoms, then please keep them at home for 48 hours after the final episode of either vomiting and/or diarrhoea. This protects others and helps stop the spread of these types of bugs. This is a standard procedure for schools and whilst we realise it is an inconvenience, we have to follow the 48 hour rule to try to keep everyone healthy. Thank you.

As a school we like to promote communication and interaction between all our school community and actively encourage interaction and engagement between parents and staff. However, can I please ask that parents/carers are patient with staff when waiting for responses to e-mails, telephone calls etc. Please allow at least 48 hours for staff to respond. As I am sure everyone will appreciate, staff are extremely busy and it is not always possible to give an immediate response to questions and concerns that are being raised. Likewise, school does not open on a weekend, so please bear this in mind when communicating with school.

The school car park and the safety of its users is once again causing concern. Can I please remind parents/carers to park sensibly, to drive slowly, not to double park and not to block the entrance. Please do not park behind the staff cars as this restricts the flow of traffic in and out of the car park. We are very lucky here at the school to have a car park that can be used by anyone visiting the school. Please help protect this privilege by using the car park both sensibly and safely. Thank you.

During the week, I have popped into children's classrooms to take a look at what they are learning. This is one of the lovely parts of my job and it is always a pleasure to catch up with children and what they are up to in class.

Our youngest children in Butterfly have been busy

learning all about fire and making an amazing fire engine!

Next door in Hedgehog children have been outside looking for signs of Autumn and appreciating the wonderful world they live in – they have also created some wonderful autumnal collages. Children have also learnt about why people wear Poppies in November, and what they represent.

Meanwhile, our Rabbits have been busy writing poems about Fireworks, which links nicely with children's learning and study of the book 'The Owl that was Afraid of the Dark'.

Children in Badger have started their whole class reading, and are enjoying sharing the timeless classic by Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Science children have been looking at light and shade, whilst in Geography they have been learning about mountain ranges and volcanoes.

Foxes have been busy in DT designing frame structures for a mountain shelter, that children will go on to construct and have been exploring how shadows are formed.

The 'wise' Owls at the top of the school have started independent writing for the narrative 'The Arrival' whilst in Science they have been studying gravity and how the weight of an object is determined by the pull of gravity.

All children in all classes have joined in with activities linked to Maths week. Well done to everyone for their participation and thank you once again to Mrs Harrison for organising this mathematical masterpiece!

Thank you also to class teacher Miss Harrison, who has been teaching Spanish to all children in KS2. Children have been challenged to design an alien and describe all its body parts using only Spanish. Bien hecho.

Mr Watterson and his puppets were a great hit with children, who all thoroughly enjoyed puppet workshops based on antibullying and friendships. Our theme for the week.

Can I please remind parents/carers of children in Nursery to return completed Parental Consent Forms. Failure to return completed paperwork may result in your child losing their place and/or some of their

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hours.

As a reminder, on Wednesday next week, our next 'Parent Coffee and Croissant' session will be taking place in school from 9.00am until 10.00am. Please do pop into school and join in with this informal gathering. Please enter by the school car park entrance. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about school life, ask questions, meet staff and raise any concerns you might have. We will also be taking a walk through school so you can see the learning taking place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Do you know who is responsible for safeguarding in our school?

Mrs Chapman is our Designated Safeguarding Lead in School.

Mrs Fox is our Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Duckett and Mrs Fawcett support with Safeguarding in school.

Mrs Pearson monitors attendance.

Every week our Safeguarding Team meet to ensure all of our children are safe.

If you ever have any concerns, about your own child or another child, please do speak to us.

Messy Church

Messy Church is back! On Sunday 4th December families are invited to take part in a FREE 'Christmas Family Party' being held at Bentham Methodist Church from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Non-Uniform Day

Please help our wonderful FOBS with their fundraising Christmas Hampers! On Friday 25th November, in return for children coming to school in their own clothes (non-uniform) we are asking that children

bring a donation for Christmas Hampers. Donations can include confectionary, toiletries, stationery, vouchers, tinned goods, candles etc.

World Museum Visit : BADGER

On Friday 25th November children in Badger class will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool. Can parents please ensure that children come to school dressed in their **SCHOOL UNIFORM** bringing with them a packed lunch, waterproof coat and water bottle. Children should arrive at school for **8.30am**. It is anticipated that children will return to school at around 3.50pm and parents/carers should make arrangements to collect children from their classroom. Children will not be allowed to leave school without an adult. **As children in BADGER will be missing out on the non-uniform day, Mrs Pearson has agreed that children in BADGER can come into school wearing non-uniform on Monday 28th November instead! (donations for prize hampers welcome on either Friday or Monday!). Thank you.**

Christmas Fair – 2nd December 2022

Can you help Mrs Reid fill her jars with sweeties? We are looking for donations of sweets – please hand these to Mrs Reid in Fox Class. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Date	Time	Parent/Carer of children in House
18/11/22	3.00pm	Amber and Emerald
25/11/22	3.00pm	Sapphire and Ruby

Please join us by entering school at the main entrance.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st November 2022

Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Quorn Chilli Pitta
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Tortilla Boats
Sweet Potato Curry
Jacket Potato

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Roast Pork
Vegetable Sausage
Jacket Potato

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Bentham Community
Primary School

9.00am-10.00am Parent Coffee and Cake

Thursday 24th November 2022

Meatballs and Pasta

Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake

Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm Fun with Coach Mark Gunn (pre-booked
Years 1,2 and 3)

Friday 25th November 2022

Battered Fish

Veggie Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato

ALL DAY : Non Uniform Day/Christmas Hamper

Donations

ALL DAY : World Museum Visit : BADGERS

1.00pm Year 6 Swimming Lessons (3/6)

3.00pm Celebration Assembly. Parents/carers of children
in **SAPPHIRE AND RUBY**

Christmas Performance (2.00pm)
13th December : Butterfly (N/R) Christmas Sing Song
(2.00pm)
Hedgehog and Rabbit Performance
(6.00pm)

14th December : Christmas Party Day
School Post Box Closes

16th December : FOBS Baby and Toddler Group
Christmas Party

Messy Christmas!
Family Party

Date: Sunday 4 December
Venue: Bentham Methodist Church
Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm Free!!
Family games and food
All Welcome

Coach Gunn Christmas Holidays 2022/23 Multi Sports & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

Mon 19th & Tues 20th Dec 2022 @ Lunesdale Sports Centre (LA6 2HJ) @ QES Kirkby Lonsdale
Tues 3rd Jan 2023 @ Bentham Town Hall (LA2 7HL)

Open to Reception
to Y7 Boys & Girls
**9am-4pm each
day with FREE
8am-5pm
extended hours**
£24 Full Day
£12 Half Day
(9am-12:30pm)
(12:30pm-4pm)
JOIN THE TEAM
Junior (ages 13-
17) & Lead (ages
18+) coaching
opportunities



**Sports &
Activities inc...**
Multi Sports
FUN games
Bouncy Castle
Body Floor Surfing
Supervised
FREE play
Archery & NERF
challenges
Lego & Let's Craft
relaxing areas
Christmas Party
Games &
Surprises
...plus lots more!!!

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic space available at Lunesdale Sports Centre plus Bentham Town Hall encouraging ALL attending children to have **#FUNwithFriends**

For further information or to make a booking please contact Coach Gunn at coachmarkgunn@gmail.com

'Coach Gunn Basketball'



07912 178917

Christmas Alert!

5th December : School Christmas Post Box Opens

7th December : Year 3 singing Christmas Songs at Low
Bentham Institute (1.30pm)

7th December : Christmas Crafts

8th December : Yr1-6 Auction Mart Carol Services with
Churches Together (1.45pm)

9th December : Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper
Day/Yrs 5 and 6 singing at Bowland
View (9.30am_

12th December : Hedgehog and Rabbit (yrs 1-3)

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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