

20th September 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

What wonderful weather we have been privileged to enjoy this week! It has been lovely that all our children have been able to get outside, enjoy the sunshine, school grounds and outdoor equipment. Next week is not looking quite as glorious!

In Butterfly Class children have been very busy showcasing their artistic talents and creating their own self-portraits. Making the most of the weather, children have also been outside in the EYFS area washing some socks and practising pairing them up. Children have also really enjoyed finishing The Midnight Panther.

In Hedgehog Class children have been extremely busy setting up a weather recording station in readiness for the autumnal weather. Children have also been investigating where in the world Bentham is on a map! Next week children will be moving on to looking at continents.

In Rabbit Class children have been busy investigating what material is best for curtains that will block out sunlight. Fortunately, there has been lots of sunshine this week to test out their theories! Children have also started to learn some Spanish.

Meanwhile, in Badger Class, Mrs Naylor has also been encouraging children to showcase their artistic flair. In preparation for Harvest celebrations not only have children been busy learning new songs, they have also been creating Harvest themed art.

In Fox Class children have continued to be busy learning all about 'big' numbers; in PE children have enjoyed participating in Multi-Skills. Science has been all about rocks, evolution and inheritance, children have particularly enjoyed learning all about Mary Anning, the unsung hero of fossil discovery.

On Wednesday this week, a delightful aroma of home-made chocolate was wafting its way down the KS2 corridor! For those that followed their nose, a chocolate making workshop was taking place in Owl Class! Children made their own chocolate from cocoa bean to final product, including designing their very own chocolate wrapper. Thank you to 'The FIG Tree' for delivering this wonderful workshop and learning opportunity.

On Thursday next week children in Badger, Fox and Owl Class will be participating in a 'food tasting' morning as part of Geography and DT. Can parents/carers please ensure school are aware of any food allergies or intolerances.

Also, next week, Mr Mather will be on site on both Monday and Tuesday taking individual photos (see dates at end of Friday News). **Unfortunately, due to logistics, there will be no opportunity for sibling photographs at this time.** There will be an opportunity for 'family photos' when 'whole class' photos are taken later in the year. If your child is taking part in PE on the day their photographs are being taken, please ensure they come to school wearing their uniforms, bringing their PE kits with them.

On Monday our Year 4 children will be taking part in a challenging ascent of Pen-y-Ghent with children in Year 5 facing the challenge on Tuesday! On Wednesday it will be the turn of our Year 6 children to face an outdoor challenge when they make their way up Ingleborough! By way of a reminder, if you have not already done so, can parents/carers of children who have taken part in this term's outdoor activities, please consider making a voluntary contribution of £10.00 towards the cost of providing these opportunities via Parentpay. Thank you.

Mrs Coyle has been really busy this week organising an opportunity for children in Fox and Owl Class to take part in Young Voices 2025 which is being held on the evening of the 6th February 2025

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at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester. More information will be sent home to parents/carers of children in these classes in a separate letter.

Over the next couple of weeks, teaching staff working with children in Reception will be completing Baseline assessments with Reception children. These assessments are nothing to worry about and are to simply provide teaching staff with the starting point for a progress measure ensuring school can support children with their progress and educational journey. More information can be found in the Standards and Testing Agency's leaflet 'Information for Parents' which is also being sent home later today.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents/carers who have outstanding balances on Parentpay. Can parents/carers please ensure that payments are kept up-to-date and accounts not left to fall into deficit. Please remember, **if your child transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 this September**, school lunches will now have to be **paid for** unless eligibility for free school meals is secured. Applications for free school meals can be made at :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Finally, in an attempt to streamline, simplify and enhance communication channels between school and home, we will now be sending the vast majority of letters, class newsletters, text messages etc. home on Fridays, so please remember to check your inboxes (including Junk Mail!). We will only be using text messages in rare situations so please do pay attention to information sent home on a Friday in letters as we won't be sending reminders from now on. We hope that this will avoid confusion, reduce the amount of communication via different methods and support parents in knowing when to expect information from school.

Can I also please remind parents/carers to ensure that they return annual paperwork back to school by **no later** than 3.30pm today. This is to ensure

school records are up-to-date with contact details, photo/video consent and medical details.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Monday 23rd September 2024

Vegetable Sausage Roll (v)
Cheese Whirl (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

EYFS/KS1/Year 5 Individual Photos

Pen-y-Ghent (Year 4/Badger Class) **please bring packed lunch/snack/water bottles**

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Chicken Korma
Sweet and Sour Vegetables (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Year 3/4/6 Individual Photos

Pen-y-Ghent (Year 5/Fox Class) **please bring packed lunch/snack/water bottles**

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Vegetable Nuggets and Yorkshire Pudding (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Ingleborough (Year 6/Owl Class) **please bring packed lunch/snack/water bottles**

The Secret Garden : Fox Class

Thursday 26th September 2024

Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetable Shepherd's Pie (v)
Jacket Potato (v)
The Secret Garden : Owl Class

Friday 27th September 2024

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

Fish Fingers

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Veggie Chilli Pitta (v)

Jacket Potato (v)

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (4/10)

3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY in the School Hall.

ALL parents/carers welcome

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Prevent poisoning

“He thought it was a sweetie because it was bright and like a jelly so he gave it to Orla who bit into it.”

Mum talking about washing tabs/pods

Bright bottles of cleaning liquid, squidgy washing tablets, shiny packets of painkillers... Small children are curious and want to learn more by putting things in their mouth.

Unfortunately things that make our lives easier can be harmful to small children, as their bodies process poisons differently. Thank goodness it's easy to keep children safe.

- Laundry products** – small children can mistake brightly coloured products for sweets or toys, especially laundry capsules. But the concentrated chemicals can do serious damage to children's insides, skin and eyes.
- It's tempting to keep products beside the washing machine. Move them to a high up or lockable cupboard
 - Watch out for fast little fingers! Don't leave a washing tablet on top of the washing
 - Put products away out of reach as soon as you've used them
 - When you're shopping, look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex - it tastes so horrible, children spit it out instead of swallowing, preventing accidental poisoning.

Everyday painkillers – the most common way for young children to be poisoned.

- Keep all medicines out of reach and sight of young children, ideally in a high up or lockable cupboard
- Watch out for painkillers left on the bedside table or in the handbag on the floor.

Cleaning products – helpful for you but they can be harmful for small children.

- What's lurking under your sink or next to your toilet? Move cleaning products to a high up or lockable cupboard
- Put them out of reach again as after use
- Don't rely on safety caps – they slow children down but they're not childproof
- Look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex when you're shopping
- Don't pour cleaning products into other bottles like drinks bottles. Children can get confused.



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