

21st October 2022

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

..... and just like that we have reached half term and got to the half way point of the Autumn term! When we return to school after October's short break we have lots of exciting activities, trips and opportunities planned ready for children to enjoy,

On Wednesday this week, Craig Lyons, who is based at Bentham Fire Station talked to children in KS1 and 2 about Fire Safety. As mentioned last week this is particularly poignant at this time of year, with Bonfire Night just around the corner. Thank you to Craig for taking the time to visit school and talk to children and to Mrs Cadman for organising.

Our School Council, led by Mrs Duckett, have been as busy as ever working together and putting together lots of ideas for the 2022/2023 academic year. At their most recent meeting on the 3rd October, members of the School Council discussed which charities they would like the school to support this year. As a school community we do very much appreciate that there are lots of charities that we would like to fundraise for, but unfortunately this is not always possible, so this year a decision has been made to support a Cancer Charity, a Homeless Charity, the RSPCA and a local charity which this year will be Bentham Playing Fields. Members of the School Council have been busy brainstorming lots of ideas and events that children would like to hold to raise funds for these charities and very soon children will share with everyone some of the exciting events they have got planned!

I will be sending a letter home over the next week about Stay and Learn sessions where you can come and join your child's lesson. I will also be sending home a letter about all our Christmas events so that you have plenty of advance notice about dates and times. Please look out for these.

Please can I remind parents and carers that school staff will always aim to respond to parent phone calls and messages within 48 hours (excluding weekends). Despite our best intentions sometimes we are not able to respond as quickly as you may wish due to existing commitments and teaching timetables. Please be assured that we will respond to you but it may not be the same day.

As I sit here typing this newsletter I can hear Rabbit class listening to a chapter of their class book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, I can see some wonderful art work being produced by Hedgehog class and I have seen Fox class learning all about trade during the Ancient Egyptian times. Lots of wonderful learning, but I can also see that some children are very tired and I hope they all manage to have a rest over half term, enjoy some family time, play with their friends and maybe enjoy a bit of Halloween celebration as well - if this is celebrated in your house.

Have a lovely week and we will see you all on the 31st October.

Mrs Pearson and all the School Staff

Safeguarding – Keeping our Children Safe!

This week we have had to make a few home visits to find out where children are. If your child does not arrive at school at 9am and we have not heard from you by phone or email, then we will always try to contact you using the numbers provided at the start of the school year. If we are unable to reach you then members of staff will come to your home address. This is part of our safeguarding and attendance policies to make sure you and your child are safe. We would therefore encourage all parents to ensure that you make contact with school before 9am if your child is not going to be in school.

A significant number of children have been ill this term particularly with sickness and chicken pox. We recognise that this is unavoidable. However, a number of children have had a lot of days off and this is not acceptable. Children need to be in school to be able to learn and make progress.

As a school, we are focussing on improving children's attendance and we ask for your full support with this. We will always send a child home if they are ill but sometimes on a morning, they may just need to get up and get to school before they feel better. We can all have a bad morning but staying at home should not be the first option. If you would like any support with your child's attendance then please do get in touch with us. Mrs Duckett and Mrs Fawcett are keen to help and support families.

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School Photographs

On our first day back, Monday 31st October, the school photographer will be in school taking individual photos of children. As in previous years, if you have a child who is NOT of school age and you would like to have a family photograph taken, then please arrive at school's main reception for 8.00am so that a group photograph of your children can be taken. For those families whose children are of school age and in school, family group photographs will be automatically taken during the school day alongside individual portraits. Photograph 'proofs' will be sent home with children together with instructions on how to purchase photographs directly from Tiny Pixels. Please note that school are not involved in placing the orders and/or collecting payment for any orders placed.

Christmas Card Designs

This week children have taken home their beautiful hand-crafted Christmas Card designs that can be transformed into packs of Christmas Cards, festive gift wrap or gift tags by Art Projects for Schools. An information leaflet giving instructions on how to order your child's personalised Christmas goodies has also been sent home. We would ask that parents/carers note that the deadline for placing orders is the 2nd November 2022. We have been advised that any orders placed will be dispatched by no later than the 16th November – there is no need to return original artwork to school.

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

On Friday 4th November children in Year 6 will start their swimming lessons at Settle Swimming School. As I am sure parents/carers will be aware, it was planned that lessons would resume when children returned to school in September but, unfortunately, building works at Settle Swimming Pool were not completed in time. The delay in starting lessons, has meant that children in Year 6 will now only have seven lessons as opposed to the ten that were originally planned. As a result, the cost of lessons to parents/carers of children in year 6 has been reduced to £35.00, reflecting the reduced number of lessons being accessed by children. If you have already paid the full £45.00 arrangements will be made to refund £10.00. Alternatively, credit balances can be transferred to other services, e.g. dinners, breakfast and after school club by contacting Sally in the School Office. We would like to say a massive thank you to staff at Settle Pool for all their hard work in getting the pool ready to be opened up for everyone to enjoy once again and also to parents/carers and children for being so patient and

supportive.

Year 6 moving onto Year 7

Hopefully, decisions will now have been made by parents/carers of children in year 6 about where children will start their secondary phase of education in September 2023. The deadline for applying for secondary school places is the 31st October 2022. More detailed information has recently been sent to parents/carers about the application process.

National Height and Weight Programme

Information about the National Height and Weight measurement programme has been sent home to parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6. If your child(ren) are in these two year groups and you DO NOT want your child to take part in this national programme please contact Children's Services at Harrogate and District NHS Trust on 0300 3030916 or hdft.nyorksdtton@nhs.net.

FOBS Meeting On Tuesday 1st November at 2.15pm, the FOBS (fundraising group for the school) are meeting in the Staff Room to discuss fundraising events, including a Children's Disco and a Christmas Fair. Everyone is welcome, please do come along and share some ideas and show your support.

Celebration Assembly

Date	Time	Parent/Carer of children in House
04/11/22	3.00pm	Sapphire
11/11/22	3.00pm	Ruby
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.

Flu Vaccination (Nasal) : 7th November 2022

Consent Forms can be accessed via :

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Code : HD121380

Any questions please contact the School Immunisation Team on : 0300 003 2554.

The deadline for giving consent is 31st October 2022

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st October 2022

Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Quorn Chilli Pitta Pocket
Jacket Potato

Tiny Pixels : Individual Class Photos

5.00pm Governors' Meeting

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Tortilla Boats
Sweet Potato and Vegetable Curry
Jacket Potato

2.15pm FOBS Meeting in Staff Room

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Roast Pork
Vegetable Sausages
Jacket Potato

Thursday 3rd November 2022

Meatballs and Pasta
Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.20pm Fun with Coach Mark Gunn Sessions
Year 1-3 (Letter to follow)

Friday 4th November 2022

Battered Fish
Vegetable Sausage Roll
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Year 6 Swimming Lessons

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

3.30pm Year 6 Parent Meeting re Keswick Residential



Eat Out For Less This October Half Term

Children can eat for just £1 at Asda Cafés.

ASDA
TESCO

Kids Eat For Free All day, every day with any purchase at The Café when you use your Clubcard.

Only one free meal from the kids menu with any one adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over.

Morrisons
M&S

Pick up a FREE main, snack + drink from our Kids' Munch Menu when you spend £5 in the Café.

IKEA

Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am at IKEA.

Bella Italia

Kids three courses & a drink for £1 from 4-6pm Monday - Thursday With purchase of every adult main meal.

PAUSA Dunelm

One Free Kids Menu With Every £4 Spent. Monday To Friday After 3pm.

SIZZLING

For every adult Sizzling meal, you'll also get a kid's main meal for £1. Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm

Harvester **TOBY**

We recommend downloading Harvester & Toby Carvery Apps both have offers and regularly include kids Eat For £1 Offers!

Bentham Community Bonfire and Fireworks

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

Bentham Auction Mart

Gates open at 5.30pm
Fireworks at 7.30pm

Bonfire and Fireworks
Taylors Amusements
Bentham Fire Brigade
Food and Music...

Wristbands available from:
Temptations
Flowerfields/Post Office
Total Wellbeing
Riverside Caravan Park
+ various bars in Bentham
or on the gate

Adults £4.00 Children £2.00

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