

22nd March 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson

We made it to the end of the Spring Term, and what a very busy week we have had at school!

The week has very much had an 'Easter' theme running through it, starting with an absolutely wonderful evening of Easter Bingo organised by our fundraising FOBS. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Money raised at this event will go towards our aim of purchasing new computing devices to support children's learning.

On Wednesday children in years 4 and 6 took part in an Easter Crafts Event led by Churches Together with children in year 5 enjoying an Easter Crafts event on Thursday. Thank you to Churches Together for leading these activities.

Also, on Thursday, our 'showcase' Art Gallery took place in the School this was a wonderful opportunity for parents/carers to see some lovely artwork that has been created by children in all classes. Thank you to Ruth's mum and dad for lending the school some display boards.

In classrooms, children have been busy as usual, our youngest children in Ladybird Class have been busy in class practising writing their names, and setting each other challenges, like zipping up coats.

In Butterfly Class children have been looking at the Easter story. Children also enjoyed tasting yummy Hot Cross Buns. Our Little Explorers also got busy making their own Easter Garden, going on an Easter Egg Hunt and decorating Easter bonnets.

Next door in Hedgehog Class, on Wednesday, children took part in a visit to the Judges Lodgings in Lancaster alongside children in Rabbit Class. Thank you to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Cryer for organising this visit for children. Also this week, Mrs Horton, a former Teaching Assistant at the school, surprised children in Hedgehog Class with a lovely Easter Egg Hunt.

In Rabbit Class, as well as taking part in a class visit, children have been busy using their imaginations and pretending that they are at the seaside – children then wrote post-cards home about their imaginative

experience at the coast.

Further down the school, children in Badger Class have been focussing on art this week, this has involved looking at a felt artist's work who is based in the Lake District; children have then been given the opportunity to have a go at making their very own felt as part of an art project.

Next door in Fox Class children have been studying and learning all about Whitby. In Science children have been looking at materials; children have also continued to work on their collage crowns.

Finally, our oldest children in Owl Class have all enjoyed learning about and playing Cricket in PE. Children have also been very busy practising English and Maths ready for their SATS. By way of a reminder, SATS week for children in Year 6 is the week beginning Monday 13th May 2024. Can parents/carers please ensure that children are in school this week and avoid taking any time off. Thank you.

Earlier this week, lots of children took part in our very own 'Bentham's Got Talent' auditions. I would like to thank all those children who took part in the auditions, we really do have some very talented children here at the school and it was lovely to see them showcase their skills. The buzz and excitement in school that day was magical. Mrs Pearson announced who the finalists are in assembly on Thursday and as it was so hard for the staff to choose, we now have 12 acts going through the final.

Last week, information was sent home to parents/carers of children in years 1-4 about Kanga's Summer Term multi-sport after school club which takes place every Tuesday after school. There are still some places available at these Summer Activity Sessions. If you would like to secure a place, please hand reply slips into the school office by the end of school today.

SportsCool will once again be running an After School Club on Thursday evenings during the Summer Term – all activities will be football based. Again, there are still places available at this after school club which can be secured by making payment via Parentpay.

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When we return to school after the Easter Holidays it will be the turn of children in Badger Class to start their weekly swimming lessons at Settle Pool. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution towards the cost of lessons via Parentpay. Please also remember to send children to school on Fridays with their swimming kit.

Our Book Fair, organised by Mrs Cryer, was a resounding success, it was lovely to see so many families purchasing lovely books to share with children and read together. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and helping to raise all important funds for the school.

Finally, we hope that those parents/carers who were able to join in with today's Easter Service enjoyed taking part.

Have a lovely Easter Break, enjoy the rest and some family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 9th April.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Chicken Pitta Pocket
Mexican Chilli Pitta (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-4)

Wednesday 10th April 2024

Minced Beef and Yorkshire Puddings
Pea-ter Croquette (v)
Jacket Potato

2.30pm Bentham's Got Talent Showcase
(Parents/Carers invited)

Thursday 11th March 2024

Sausage and Tomato Pasta
Vegetable Risotto (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.30pm SportsCool After School Club
(Football themed) Years 3-6

Friday 12th April 2024

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

Pizza (v)
Quorn Dippers (V)
Jacket Potato

1.00pm BADGER Class FIRST Swimming Lesson
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers invited)

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Fire safe families

“He ran upstairs and into a wall of black smoke and could feel intense heat coming through the walls.”

Coroner's report, death of 5-year old who played with a lighter

You and your family are eight times more likely to die in a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm. That's because, if a fire breaks out at night, you won't smell the smoke and wake up. Instead, the poisonous fumes will send you deeper into sleep.

So it makes sense to have a smoke alarm upstairs and downstairs, to save you from smoke that can kill in minutes, before you even wake up.



Prevent fires

- Cooking fires are the main cause of fires in the home – stay in the kitchen if children are cooking
- Keep matches, lighters and lit candles or tea-lights well out of reach of young children and teach children not to play with them
- Take care not to plug lots of chargers and equipment into an extension lead from one electrical socket - the socket will be dangerously overloaded
- Stay close by when you have fat heating and never pour water onto hot fat
- Store things like hair straighteners safely – avoid leaving them switched on or where a child might be able to switch them on
- Double check your cigarette is out and be careful smoking if you're really tired (or in bed) in case you fall asleep with it in your hand.



Check your smoke alarms

- You need a working smoke alarm upstairs and downstairs
- Test your alarms every month
- If you live in rented housing your landlord is responsible for providing alarms.



Plan your escape

- Work out your escape route in case of a fire and practice it with your family
- Keep the stairs and escape route clear of clutter at night
- Keep keys to any doors on your escape route in one place so you know where they are in an emergency.



Teach children what to do if they see a fire

- To tell someone straight away – a grown-up if possible
- Don't try to put the fire out yourself
- Get outside as quickly as possible. Don't try to hide from the fire
- Never go back inside for anything.