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## Message from Mrs Pearson

This week the weather has definitely turned a little cooler! Can I please remind parents/carers to ensure that they send children into school with appropriate clothing for the weather, including hats, gloves and winter coats!

Thursday was extremely busy at school with children in Year 2 not only taking part in a Multi-Skills Event alongside children from other Cluster Schools, but also being involved in Diversity Role Models workshops alongside children from years 3,4,5 and 6.

On Wednesday in Butterfly Class, our younger children really enjoyed getting outside and exploring the ice. Children found it really interesting how many different patterns 'Jack Frost' had left behind to be discovered... On Tuesday, Reception children joined children from Hedgehog class when they visited Bentham Fire Station. When they returned to their classroom, children got busy crafting making their own model Fire Engines.

Miss Hards is currently looking for donations of spare clothes for our younger children, spare trousers, tights and socks are currently in short supply!

In Hedgehog Class, children also really enjoyed their visit to Bentham Fire Station. During their visit children were given an opportunity to look at Bentham's Fire Engine, look around the station and also learn about being safe in the Dark. In Science, children have been learning all about 'senses'. During experiments Hedgehog Classroom was filled with the aroma of bananas, lemon juice, garlic, coffee and shower gel. With the imminent start of festivities, children have also started learning songs for their Christmas Nativity.

In Rabbit Class children have been busy in maths learning all about multiplication. In English learning has been all about using noun phrases to write descriptive settings whilst in History children have been looking at the Stone Age through to the Ice Age

and considering how things progressed over this timeline.

In Badger Class, Mrs Naylor has really enjoyed having Year 4 children back in school after their exciting residential to How Stean Gorge last week. Children have enjoyed sharing tales of their experiences whilst away on their adventurous trip. On Thursday children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Secret Garden equally enjoying getting stuck into Forest School activities. In class children have continued learning all about the Stone Age ready for their exciting trip to Herd Farm on Monday. If your child is in Rabbit or Badger Class and taking part in this visit, please consider, if you have not already done so, making a voluntary contribution of £22.00 towards the cost of this visit via Parentpay. **If you are unable to access Parentpay, cash can be handed into the School Office.** On the day, also remember to be at school for **no later than 7.20am**. Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch (unless this is being provided by school), water bottle, a couple of healthy snacks and a suitable coat/outdoor clothing for the weather. It is anticipated that children will return to school for 4.45pm when arrangements need to be made for a responsible adult to collect children.

Science lessons in Fox Class have involved looking at how light travels. In maths children have been busy comparing and ordering fractions, whilst in English children have been practising using expanded nouns. On Friday next week, children in Owl Class will be taking part in a 'Squimbies Workshop'.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been busy lantern making this week ready for a community Lantern Procession which will be taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Other classes will be taking part in these workshops next week.

Children in Owl Class have also been very busy making some gorgeous clay Christmas Decorations that they will be selling at this year's Christmas Fair. As part of the School Fair fundraising efforts, Mrs Coyle is also looking for donations of glass jars filled with items

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such as sweets, Christmas decorations, beads, edibles, or anything that will fit! Please hand any donations directly to Mrs Coyle. Thank you.

Last week I shared information about children who represented the school in at a Cross County event held at Giggleswick School. I was absolutely delighted to hear from parents who went along to support children at this event how well our children behaved, and what a credit to the school they were.

This week, I have received confirmation that Teddy, Harry, Bobby, Freddie, Henry, Jacob, Oscar, Lola and Francheska have all successfully qualified to take part in the Craven Final. Well-done to ALL those children that took part, and congratulations to those children who will be going on to represent the school at the Craven Finals.

By way of a reminder, for those families who are eligible, FEAST vouchers will be 'going live' from mid-day on Monday. A list of activities will be sent to parents/carers under separate cover.

Mrs Duckett has been very busy with The School Council who are trying to secure some funding to purchase new sports kits for children to wear when representing the school. Mrs Duckett and Council members have written to a number of local companies trying to drum up some financial support and sponsorship! If any parents/carers know of any local companies who might like to sponsor a sports kit, please get in touch with Mrs Duckett.

Unfortunately, this week we have been contacted by a member of the local community with concerns about the amount of litter that is being dropped on the school route! I would like to remind families to ensure that they do not drop litter and instead either take this home or put it in a community bin – please help to keep our local area clean and tidy.

We have been asked by John Frankland from Bentham Library to ask parents/carers of children in Butterfly Class (or any other year group) to complete an online Library Form for children so that they can join

Bentham Library. **If your child is ALREADY a member and has a Library Card, there is no need to complete another form.** More information has been sent home under separate cover.

We still have some places available on this year's Christmas Crafts evening for children in Reception to Year 6. Places can be booked via the below link. Children's places will only be secured once payment has been received via Parentpay. If you are unable to access Parentpay, **cash can be handed into the School Office.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/HPNFiSyMYi>

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. As a school we managed to raise £70.96 for The Royal British Legion.

Finally, thank you to all those children who took part in today's non-uniform day helping to support our wonderful FOBS with their Christmas Hamper Campaign. Thank you also to parents/carers who kindly made donations to this cause.

Remember that the Christmas Fair will be taking place next Friday in the School Hall from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a wonderful festive event with stalls, activities and fundraising challenges! Please do come along and support our FOBS, help raise all important funds for the school and perhaps get a little bit of Christmas Shopping done at the same time! Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word! Rumour has it Father Christmas might also be dropping in.

Have a lovely weekend, it looks like it might be one that requires waterproofs and an umbrella!

Mrs C Pearson  
Executive Co-Headteacher

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## Monday 25th November 2024

Battered Fish  
Sweet Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

7.20am Visit to Herd Farm (Rabbit and Badger Class)

## Tuesday 26th November 2024

Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v)  
BBQ Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

## Wednesday 27th November 2024

Roast Gammon  
Veggie Sausage (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Rabbit Class (Secret Garden). Please remember to bring suitable clothing for activities.

1.30pm Library Visit (Owl Class)  
Lantern Making Workshops

## Thursday 28th November 2024

Nacho Beef Bake  
Quesadilla (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Badger Class (Secret Garden). Please remember to bring suitable clothing for activities.  
1.30pm Library Visit (Fox Class)

## Friday 29th November 2024

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

Chicken Nuggets  
Veggie Burger (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Squimbies Workshop (Fox Class)

**3.00pm NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

## 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.



[www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)

[ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident  
prevention trust

### 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.

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Educating Children on Spending and Saving.



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