

24th February 2023

# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

Welcome back after the half-term holidays! I hope everyone had a lovely break and managed to fit in some family time.

Unfortunately, on our first day back, the heating at school decided not to work! Apologies for the early text message asking for parents to ensure children wore extra layers and advising that school might be closed later in the day if the heating issues could not be sorted out! Thankfully, Mr Baren (Isla and Amelie's dad) came to the rescue and managed to temporarily fix the heating. Thank you Mr Baren. Thank you also to our caretaker, Mr Mountain, who very rarely gets a mention, but works tirelessly behind the scenes helping to look after the school. Thank you also to parents/carers for their ongoing support and understanding.

Red Noses are now on sale here at the school in support of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day which this year takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. This year's nose has the ability to magically transform from a tiny flat crescent to a beautiful honeycomb paper sphere! Noses are on sale at £2.50 each. (recommended for children 7 years of age and over due to small parts).

Next Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day. Please look out in children's book bags for World Book Day vouchers. This year, we will not be asking children to dress up for World Book Day, but would like all children to bring their favourite book into school to share. If children would like to bring a teddy or cuddly toy to snuggle up to during class story-time, then this would be lovely too. We will also be having a competition to make a story-in-a-box. More information will be e-mailed out to parents/carers.

This year, we will once again be supporting 'Odd Sock Day' a day dedicated to celebrating and raising awareness about Down Syndrome. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, children are invited to bring to school a voluntary contribution of £1.00 and wear odd socks! All monies raised will go to a Down Syndrome Charity.

Our first week back has been as busy as ever, with our youngest children in Ladybird celebrating Pancake Day and learning all about Space.

Children in Butterfly, also enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day, and trying out lots of toppings on the delicious

pancakes that they made. Butterfly class have also been busy learning all about Castles and the Royal Family.

Meanwhile, children in Hedgehog Class have been very busy learning about explorers in history. Why not ask children what they have learnt about Sir Christopher Columbus and Marco Polo?

Rabbit Class started early getting ready for Wimbledon this year, and enjoyed a game of tennis in PE! Children also investigated how to travel from London to Hong Kong in Geography.

A mere 22 hour flight away, children in Badger have been learning all about Brazil!

This week children in Fox class took part in Forest School activities and visited our newly purchased plot of land. More information and pictures about this visit are on the school's Facebook page. In Science children learnt all about the human Heart and measured their heartbeats.

Our eldest children in Owl class got to practice more SATS papers..... They also looked at El Salvador and created Fact Files about the country. In computing, children finished their multiplication games on Scratch which have been designed by children in Owl class for children in Hedgehog Class to enjoy.

This half term, we have lots of exciting educational activities planned for all children in all classes, including visits, sporting events, craft sessions and much more. Please look out in children's book bags for more information. On Wednesday next week children in Year 6 will be visiting Settle College to watch their dress rehearsal of Aladdin Jnr. If you have not already done so, could parents/carers please consider making a voluntary contribution of £5.00 (via Parentpay) towards the cost of transport for this visit. Thank you.

Finally, I would just like to confirm with parents/carers that teaching staff at the school WILL NOT be on strike on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. School will be open as usual. Have a lovely weekend.

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

**Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.**

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right! ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child’s behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

<https://www.operationencompass.org/SM4/Mutable/Uploads/medialibrary/OE-Parents-Poster.pdf>

**Walking Safely** Can we please remind everyone about the importance of walking to and from school sensibly. Please take care near roads, and be aware of the dangers posed by vehicles, both stationary and moving. Please also ensure that children do not roll, scoot, race or run down embankments that are along the roadside etc. Thank you.

### PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	Forest School
	Thursday	PE
Rabbits:	Wednesday/Thursday	PE
Badgers :	Monday/Thursday	PE
Foxes :	Thursday	PE
	Friday	Swimming
Owls :	Tuesday/Thursday	PE

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 27th February 2023

Fishwich  
Veggie Burger  
Jacket Potato

#### Tuesday 28th February 2023

Pasta Bolognaise  
Cheesy Leek Croquette  
Jacket Potato

#### Wednesday 1st March 2023

Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding  
Veggie Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding  
Jacket Potato

**9.30am Height and Weight Checks (R and Yr6)**  
**1.30pm Aladdin Jnr at Settle College (Yr 6)**

#### Thursday 2nd March 2023

#### World Book Day

Chicken Wrap  
Sweet Potato and Vegetable Curry  
Jacket Potato

#### Friday 3rd March 2023

Pizza  
Vegetable Curry Pastry  
Jacket Potato

3.00pm Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **AMBER** and **EMERALD** invited

#### 1.00pm Year 5 Swimming

Date of Assembly	Families of Children in...
03/03/23 17/03/23 31/03/23	AMBER and EMERALD
10/03/23 24/03/23	RUBY and SAPPHIRE

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## **Future Dates for your Diary**

### Cross Country Event at Giggleswick

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Teams Entered (Mr Edmondson)

### Bentham Library Visit

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 3

### Easter Chicks

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Arrival of some Chick Eggs in EYFS

### Science Workshop at Settle College

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 5 : TO BE CONFIRMED

### Crucial Crew

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Crucial Crew Event at Eshton Grange, Gargrave : Year 6

### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### FOBS Easter Bingo and Raffle raising money for

#### World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : Odd Socks Day

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs McGregor

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 3.00pm.

'Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs'

### Easter Crafts

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 5/6

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Year 4

### Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.00am

'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading.'

### Trip to Tropical World

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : Trip to Tropical World : Fox Class

## Easter Service

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 : Easter Service at St John's Low Bentham (more information to follow)

## King's Coronation

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 : Celebration