

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back to school after half term, and to the start of the second half of the Spring Term! Hopefully everyone will have managed to have a rest over the holidays and enjoyed some family time - even if the weather was not the best!

Over the next few weeks, we have lots of exciting opportunities, learning and activities planned for children, including educational visits for children in Hedgehog, Rabbit, Badger, Fox and Owl classes. As a school we always try to subsidise the cost of visits for parents/carers, meaning that the contributions we have to ask for are kept to a minimum. Can we once again just remind parents/carers that, if they have not already done so, to consider making a contribution towards the cost of their child's class visit via Parentpay. Thank you.

Earlier this week parent/carer meetings took place with teaching staff. It is always a privilege to share with family members details about children's learning and wonderful achievements. I hope there are some very proud parents/carers. Please remember if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning at school teaching staff are always available to speak to.

Now some lovely news, over the half-term Mr and Mrs Fox welcomed their baby daughter Esme into the world. On behalf of our whole school community we would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Fox.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Naylor who this week has started to teach children in Ladybird Class. Mrs Naylor has really enjoyed getting to know the children. This week our youngest children have started talking about pets, learning all about the number 6 and doing some good listening in Phonics. If you see Mrs Naylor around school, please do say hello and introduce yourself.

Next door in Butterfly Class, Mrs Williams has been busy getting to know more about our Reception children. In Butterfly Class children have also been busy learning all about pets and what they might need to stay fit, healthy and happy. Mrs Williams has been really interested to learn about the many different

types of pets children have at home.

Meanwhile, in Hedgehog Class children have been very busy writing sentences about 'The Storm Whale'. In maths, children are starting to learn more about multiplication and division.

This week, Mrs Cryer has returned to Rabbit Class. We are all very pleased that Mrs Cryer is feeling better and is back in the classroom teaching. As part of learning this week, children in Rabbit Class have enjoyed learning all about the countries and Capital Cities that make up the United Kingdom.

As we move up the corridor in Science lessons, children in Badger Class have started looking at different living organisms. Children have also started to look at and learn all about the Lake District in Geography.

In Fox Class children have all enjoyed making their own felt; whilst in Science children have been busy involved in some experiments all about sound.

Finally, our oldest children in Owl Class have been busy practising decimals in Maths. In English children have been reading 'Letters from The Lighthouse'. Children have also been writing recounts about child evacuees in World War II.

On Monday evening, both Mrs McGregor and Mrs Shaw held a meeting for parents/carers of children in Owl Class all about this year's residential visit to Keswick. If you were unable to attend this meeting, please do not hesitate to pop into Owl Class and have a quick chat with Mrs Shaw.

Unfortunately, earlier this week the wind and the rain finally took its toll on our main gate adjacent to the main road. This is now very much looking worse for wear! Are there any parents/carers who would be willing to help make a temporary repair to the gate to help it last just a little bit longer before we replace the gate? Thank you in advance for any kind offers of help.

Also, this week, North Yorkshire Council have shared information about a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

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Parents/carers of children are encouraged to respond to the consultation by no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023. If you have a child who will potentially use school transport in the future (younger sibling), I would urge you to read and respond to the document.

The necessary information can be found on the Council's website :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation>

Finally, parents/carers who are eligible for FREE Holiday Activities under the FEAST scheme should now have received vouchers for activities that will be taking place over the Easter Holidays.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson  
Headteacher

## Monday 26th February 2024

Lasagne Bolognese (v)  
Sweet and Sour Vegetable (V)  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm Art Club with Alice Strong

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Chicken Korma  
Vegetable and Sweet Potato Bake (V)  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm 'This Girl Can' KANGA After School Club

## Wednesday 28th February 2024

Roast Pork and Stuffing  
Vegetable Cottage Pie (V)  
Jacket Potato

## Thursday 29th February 2024

Beef Chilli Wrap  
Vegetable Quesadilla (V)  
Jacket Potato  
3.30pm SportsCool After School Club (3,4,5 and 6)  
FINAL session.

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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

Fish Fingers  
Vegetable Roll (V)  
Jacket Potato

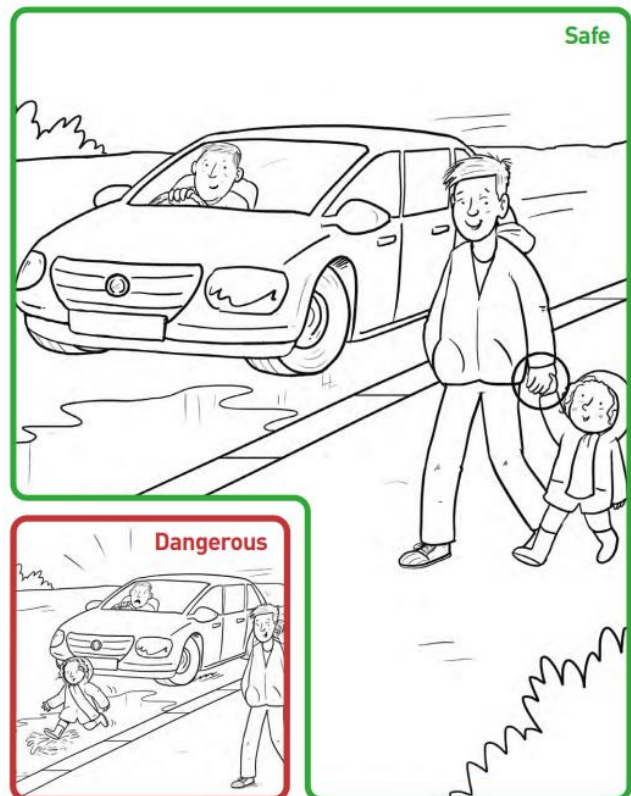
1.00pm FOX Class Swimming Lessons

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (all parents)

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024** Remember to bring your decorated spoons into school for World Book Day.

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

**Safety makes sense for children**



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Bentham Community  
Primary School

Our ref: CM 2024/Feb



## Community Messenger — Free Service

Hello from your Neighbourhood Policing Team!!

North Yorkshire Police have recently updated the Community Messaging service to ensure that we offer the best available communication tool to send out messages.

This means that you can receive news, crime appeals, alerts and events from your local police team straight to your email.

We will also be able to share information of our pop-up surgeries, allowing you to come and see what we are doing in your community and how we can work together to make it safer and improve your quality of life.

We are appealing to residents and businesses within our communities in Skipton to sign up to Community Messenger. This will allow us to create an appropriate list of contacts and be able to reach out to you with more relevant crime prevention advice

Sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging for up to date information about what is happening in your area: [Home Page - North Yorkshire Community Messaging](#)



This is a free service, and the information comes through to your email only.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to speaking to you soon,

Inspector 647 Julie Earnshaw

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team - Craven