

24th January 2025

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

Last week information was sent home from Class Teachers about what children will be up to in class over the coming weeks and the Spring 2025 term. I hope that you have all found this information helpful and enables you to be informed about your child's learning.

Later today, a letter will be sent home about Parent/Teacher meetings which will be taking place on both the 24th and 25th February 2025. To book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher please ensure that you complete the electronic link provided. **IF A REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT IS NOT MADE, AN APPOINTMENT SLOT WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED.** If you are unable to access the link, please contact staff in the School Office so an alternative arrangement can be made. <https://forms.office.com/e/J6Pnhu73N6>

By way of a reminder, as a school we do offer an 'open door policy'. If you have any concerns, questions or problems that you would like to share or discuss with school, then please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment or telephone call with your child's class teacher.

At our recent Governors' Meeting, Mr Langan stepped down as our Chair of Governors. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr Langan for all his hard-work and dedication as Chair of Governors. Mr Langan will continue to serve on the Board as a Co-opted Governor. Following re-election procedures, Mr Chris Hawkins was unanimously agreed as our new Chair of Governors, supported by Dr Lesley Curtis as Vice-Chair.

It may be hard to believe, but at the end of February this year, we will have been in our new school building for 10 years! We are planning to celebrate this anniversary in a number of ways, starting with a Community Coffee and Cake afternoon on Monday 24th February. We will be inviting parents/carers and

members of the community to join staff, governors and children in the School Hall for a brew and some cake! There will be an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing refreshments, helping to cover costs, via our trusty 'donation bucket'. During the afternoon children from each class will join visitors in the hall, showcasing their singing skills.

Over the following days that week, we will be engaging in some 'community pay back events' enabling us, as a school, to say a massive THANK YOU to the local community for all their support over the previous 10 years. More details will follow regarding this.

On Friday 28th February children in all classes will be invited to join in with a very special 'Celebration Party Lunch', complete with party hats and more cake.

Later today, both Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tyrer will be sharing some lovely information about our wonderful Secret Garden. Please do take the time to read this up-date and remember, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Alongside this newsletter, we will also be sending home some guidance from North Yorkshire Council around 'healthy packed lunches' for children. Included in the information are also details about school lunches, and how to safely give children foods such as grapes and cherry tomatoes.

Earlier this week, Mrs Coyle received an unexpected parcel from 'Young Voices' containing T-shirt orders that parents/carers have made in readiness for the event. Unfortunately, Young Voices have not enclosed individual order information. If you have ordered a T-Shirt(s) for Young Voices, can you please send a screenshot of your order to admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk showing what size/number of T-shirts ordered so that these can be sent home with children. Thank you.

Finally, to help support parents of children who will be sitting their KS2 SATs (Year 6) during the week

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Bentham Community
Primary School

commencing 12th May information from the Standards and Testing Agency will be sent home later today. Likewise, for those parents of children in Year 1 who will be involved in Phonics Screening Checks during June, information from the Standards and Testing Agency will also be shared. I hope that this will help you understand more about these assessments that will take place later in the school year.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy some family time.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

Monday 27th January 2025

Vegetable Roll (v)
Cheese Roll (v)
Jacket Potato

Rabbit Class PE
Badger Class PE

2.00pm-3.00pm Parenting Group
07971 543684/07773 652516

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Chicken Korma
Sweet and Sour Vegetables (v)
Jacket Potato

Fox Class PE
Owl Class PE
3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Nuggets and Yorkshire Pudding (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Year 1 (Hedgehog Class) Forest School
Rabbit Class PE
Butterfly Class and Hedgehog Reception : PE
3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club

Thursday 30th January 2025

Spaghetti Bolognese
Veggie Shepherd's Pie (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Forest School (Badger Class)
Hedgehog Class (Year 1) : PE

3.30pm-4.30pm SATs Club (Invited Children)

Friday 31st January 2025

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

Fish Fingers
Veggie Chilli Pitta (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6 children)

Owl Class PE

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome)

Wild Ingleborough/Library Service

For more information, please visit :

[Stop motion animation workshop Tickets, Mon, Feb 17, 2025 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Monday, February 17

Stop motion animation workshop

Learn how to make your own short stop motion animation, bringing the Ingleborough landscape to life.



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Date and time

Monday, February 17 · 1:30 - 3:30pm GMT

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Health and Fitness Apps.

Safe around roads

“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter's death.”

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.

Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



Pedestrians – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they're at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they're moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they're on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.

In the car

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child's height and weight and for your car - not all seats fit all cars

Cycling

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.

Driving – speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. They're 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can't distract you.

www.capt.org.uk

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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.

From £15 per day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

Skipton, Sandylands
HOLIDAY CAMP
 Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February

GOAL KEEPER CAMP
 Wednesday 19th February

Keighley, Marley
HOLIDAY CAMP
 Friday 21st February

Individual Days Available
 Early drop off / late pick up etc

For bookings visit www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/