

24th March 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Besharati and Mrs McGregor

What a week! Firstly a MASSIVE thank you to our wonderful FOBS for organising and hosting the Easter Bingo Event on Tuesday evening. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, for all the donations of Easter eggs and chocolate and to local businesses, the Spar, Total Wellbeing, Country Meats, and Hairlines, for their kind prize donations. Thank you also to Georgina and Mo (G&Mo's) for organising a delicious pie and pea supper! A special mention must go to Leanne and Amanda, who against all odds, and a failed delivery of Bingo Cards, managed to pull the event out of the bag!

As parents/carers may have heard, the school have unexpectedly come across an unforeseen issue with our newly purchased plot of land, our 'Secret Garden'. We would like to reassure everyone, that Governors and Mrs McGregor are working extremely hard behind the scenes to resolve the issue. Unfortunately, it does mean that for the moment, school are unable to use the land and will have to put planned Forest School activities on hold for the foreseeable future. We know this is disappointing, but are confident that the issue will be successfully resolved.

Unfortunately, our 'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading' parent session scheduled to take place on the 29th March has had to be postponed. The reading workshop has been re-scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19th April from 9.00am until 9.30am. Parents/carers of children in Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2 are encouraged to come along and find out how they can support children's reading at home.

This week Mrs McGregor has produced a leaflet about 'Supporting children with SEND at Home'. A copy of this informative leaflet will be sent home to all parents/carers under separate cover. As always, if you have any questions, or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or raise any concerns you may have, then please do get in touch with the school.

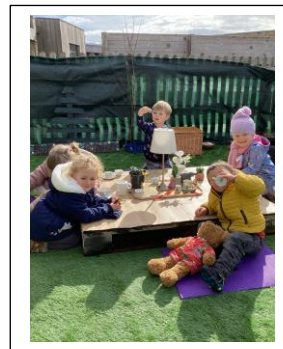
The FOB's Baby and Toddler Group, which takes place in the School Hall every Friday morning, term-time only are looking for donations of toys and craft items for younger

children to enjoy during their Friday morning sessions. If you have any suitable unwanted items that you would like to donate to school they would be very much appreciated.

School are also looking for a 'handy-person' who would be willing to volunteer their time and take a look at the trim trail - potentially repairing a broken 'rope coupling'. This repair would mean that children can enjoy the rope bridge over the coming Summer months. Thank you.

Despite being only a week away from the end of term, children have still been very busy learning and engaging in activities in classrooms.

Our youngest children in Ladybird Class have been learning all about Super-Heroes and finding out what super-powers are. Children have also found out about their super-powers and investigated what is heavy and what is light. Ladybird class would also like to say a special 'thank you' to Bentham Hub for their donation of beautiful cups and saucers for children to use for outdoor tea-parties. Thank you.



Next door in Butterfly class, children have been writing persuasive letters to their mummies and daddies about getting a new pet dog (sorry). By way of warning letters will be coming home with children soon! Children have also been busy looking after the baby chicks and watching them grow.

Meanwhile in Hedgehog class, children have been questioning 'Dead, Alive or Never Alive'. Children have also been looking at mini-beasts, and even enjoyed a class mini-beast hunt in the school grounds.

In Rabbit class, children have been busy embroidering their Ammonite prints and also completing assessments. Mrs Cryer would like to thank all children for trying their very best.

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In Science lessons, children in Badger have been learning about how seeds disperse. In English, children have been writing their own newspaper articles.

In Fox class, children have been busy writing stories that they can share with our younger children in the school. They have also been learning about the different gestation periods of various animals and comparing gestation periods to the size of the animal. Year 5 pupils also took part in Playground Leader training this week, with Ian Simons. The aim of this is for our older children to take more ownership of games at breaktimes. They hope to introduce the new games next week.

This week, during Science, our eldest children in Owl class were joined by Mr Langan, one of our Governors and Head of Science at Settle College. Mr Langan demonstrated the dissection of an Ox Heart. Children were then given time to dissect individual sheep hearts, looking at the structure of the heart and how it works..... they have also been practising for SATS!

Next term it will be the turn of children in Badger class to take part in weekly swimming lessons. Can parents/carers please look out in children's book bags for more information.

On Monday and Tuesday next week children in years 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in some Easter Craft Sessions. We would like to thank Mrs Judith Johnson from St John's Church in Low Bentham for organising these activities.

Also on Monday 27th Children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Class will be walking into Bentham to do some Geography fieldwork. This opportunity will support part of children's learning comparing aspects of life in Hong Kong and Bentham

On Wednesday children in Fox class will be taking part in an educational visit to Tropical World in Leeds. Can we remind parents/carers that children need to be at school for 8.00am wearing their school uniform and bringing with them an appropriate coat for weather on the day, a healthy packed lunch, snack and water bottle. It is anticipated that children will be back at school for 4.15pm and will need to be collected by a responsible adult. As is always the case, if the coach is delayed parents/carers will be notified via text message. Please remember if your child needs any medication on the day, a request to administer medication form must be

completed and medicines handed to Miss Harrison, Class Teacher.

We are still looking for a Co-opted Governor. Following a skills audit, it was identified that the Board potentially has a 'knowledge' gap in the field of construction/surveying. Unfortunately, due to the structure of our Board, the vacancy cannot be filled by a parent/carer of a child who is currently registered at the school. However, if you know of any individual who you might think would be interested and suitable for this vacancy, and who has knowledge and skills within the construction/building industry, then please get them to contact the school on 015242 61412. Whilst being a Governor is hard work, it is also a rewarding role. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

On Friday 31st March key stage 2 children will be walking down to St John's Church, Low Bentham, to take part in an Easter Service. On the day children will take an early lunch and leave school at 12.30pm to walk down to St John's Church. We are looking for volunteers to help walk children down to the church. If you are available, please let Sally in the School Office know.

Also, on the 31st there will be a celebratory Easter Feast! On the menu will be Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Veggie Sausages, Roast or Mashed potatoes, Broccoli and Sweetcorn (or a Jacket Potato) followed by Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce, or fresh fruit and/or yoghurt for dessert. There is no need to pre-order, meals can be ordered during registration. Meals are priced at £2.50 per child in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.95 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 (free for children in receipt of free school meals

Finally, next Friday will be Mrs Cadman's last day at work before she starts maternity leave. On behalf of everyone here at the school, we would like to wish Mrs Cadman the very best, and hope that she enjoys a little bit of time before the arrival of baby twins! Our final Celebration Assembly of the term will be at 9.00am on Friday 31st March and not at 3.00pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe



Attendance really does matter. It is also important to arrive at school on time and ready for learning.

PE DAYS

Hedgehogs :	Tuesday	PE
	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 March 2023

Farmhouse Mac and Cheese
Melting Veggie Slice
Jacket Potato

Walk into Bentham (Hedgehog and Rabbit)

PM : Easter Crafts (yrs 5/6)

Tuesday 28th March 2023

Battered Fish
Cheese and Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato

PM : Easter Crafts (year 4)

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Mince Beef and Dumplings
Veggie Cottage Pie
Jacket Potato

8.00 am Visit to Tropical World (Fox)

Thursday 30th March 2023

Chicken Korma and Rice
Vegetable Lasagne
Jacket Potato

Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Celebratory Lunch
Jacket Potato

9.00am Celebration Assembly : Parents/Carers of children in **AMBER** and **EMERALD** invited

1.30pm Easter Service at St John's Church (3,4,5, 6)

Future Dates for your Diary

Coffee and Cake : with Mrs Cryer

29th March 2023 at 9.00am

'Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1 with Reading : **POST-PONED**

Trip to Tropical World

Wednesday 29th March 2023 : Trip to Tropical World : Fox Class

Easter Service

Friday 31st March 2023 : Easter Service at St John's Low Bentham : Children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

Celebration Easter Dinner

Friday 31st March 2023 : All children are invited to join in with a celebratory Easter Lunch (£2.50 each Nursery children, FREE R/1/2, £2.95 years 3,4,5 and 6 (No charge for those entitled to FSM). Book during Registration

Height and Weight (for children who missed first appointments)

Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 10.00am.

Supporting Children in EYFS and KS1 with Reading

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Swimming Lessons

Friday 21st April 2023 1.00pm. Children in Badger (1 of 10).

Bank Holiday : School Closed

Monday 1st May 2023

King's Coronation

Friday 5th May 2023 : Celebration

Bank Holiday : School Closed

Monday 8th May 2023

KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023

KS1 and KS2 Fire Safety Talks

Tuesday 16th May 2023

Year 6 : Level 1 Cycling Training

Monday 22nd May 2023 (Part 1)

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 1)

Thursday 25th May 2023 (Part 2 : Group 2)

Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Reserve date Monday 3rd July 2023).

Be Brave, Be Bright!

Friday 23rd June 2023 : Fundraising for SELFA

**BE BRAVE,
BE BRIGHT!**

Please support us in dressing down in your school, workplace or home on
Friday 23rd June 2023
All money raised goes towards supporting our children and young people at SELFA!

Contact nicole.morgan@selfa.org.uk
for more info

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**Bentham
well-being cafe!**

at Pioneer Projects
5pm-6pm
Thursday 30th March
Thursday 4th May
Thursday 1st June
Thursday 6th July

Could you child benefit from some small group work?

Lets ...
Build Independence,
Support Positive relationships,
Build resilience,
Promote aspirations,
Build self-esteem.

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