

25th October 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

We have finally arrived at half-term, a well-deserved rest and, hopefully, some family time!

All our children have been really busy in class over the past few weeks and have all settled amazingly well back into school life and new classes following the long Summer holidays.

On Monday it was lovely to see so many parents/carers come into school to watch children perform in their **Bentham Rocks Singing Extravaganza!** We hope that those parents/carers who were able to come into school and join in with children's Rock Painting activities also enjoyed their visit!

Over the course of the week, I have taken the opportunity to pop into classrooms and find out a little bit more about what children have been up to this week!

Our youngest children in Butterfly Class have enjoyed getting outdoors and taking part in a Welly Walk; children really relished exploring their outdoor environment and looking at all the different Autumn Colours. Back in the classroom children enjoyed looking at pumpkins and learning all about their texture. All our children in Butterfly Class were amazed at the number of seeds inside one single pumpkin. Some children decided to plant some seeds outside to see if they will grow.

In Hedgehog Class, children have been busy learning all about compass points, and ways in which to remember North, East, South, West, including 'Never, Eat, Shredded, Wheat and Naughty, Elephants, Squirt, Water'. No doubt parents/carers will know which was the favourite acronym. Children have also been busy learning about the seven continents.

In Rabbit Class, Miss Patel has continued to teach children supported by Miss Mulligan. Thank you to both Miss Patel and Miss Mulligan for all their hard

work with children over the past couple of weeks and for providing children with teaching continuity. As part of maths lessons in Rabbit Class, children in Year 2 have been adding two-digit numbers, with children in year 3 adding double digits. Children have also been busy creating their own Information Leaflets all about 'saving the planet'.

On Tuesday this week, children in Rabbit Class enjoyed their final Ukulele lesson with Mr Hills. Next half-term it will be the turn of children in Rabbit and Badger Class to take part in Forest School Sessions.

Meanwhile, children in Badger Class have been busy writing a story and then making this into a book. On Wednesday morning, children read their stories to a captive Hedgehog Class. In maths children have been practising their times-tables, whilst in art, children have used Black History Month as inspiration for the creation of individual masterpieces.

In Fox Class children have been looking at how animals and plants adapt to their environment. As part of writing, children have been writing a biography about Phillippe Petit. In maths children have been looking at common factors, including multiplication.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have started a new class book, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'. As part of Black History Month, children have looked at the works of artist Alma Woodsey; looking at this artist's works provided inspiration for children's rock art. In maths, children have looked at prime, square and cube numbers. As part of Religious Education, children have considered beliefs around 'forgiveness'.

When we return to school after half term, our Hedgehog Classroom will have relocated! This change has been made due to a number of reasons but particularly so that our Reception children in Hedgehog class can access the outdoor provision easily. The classroom that they are currently using has proved to make this a little tricky. Hedgehog class will enter school via the gate at the bottom of the

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Early Years Outdoor Area. The children will have been told about this change today in class.

Time really does fly! For those parents/carers of children who have joined our Nursery in September it is now time to apply for a Primary School place for September 2025! Applications have already opened, with the deadline for applications being the 15th January 2025. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online via :

www.northyorks.gov.uk/NYC-PRIML

For those parents/carers of children in Year 6 the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2025 is **31st October 2024**. Again, applications can be made on line at :

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

We are delighted that Settle College have recently shared the wonderful news that as from September 2025 Settle College will be offering FREE bus transport from pick up points in Burton, Bentham and Ingleton to those children who choose to attend Settle College and begin their studies in September 2025. For further information, or if you have any questions about this provision, please contact Mr Gareth Whitaker, Headteacher.

We have been advised by FEAST, part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme group, that vouchers enabling eligible children and families to access FREE activities over the Christmas Holidays 2025 will be going live on Monday 25th November at midday. If you think you are eligible, and do not receive a link to access these activities, please contact staff in the School Office.

On the first Wednesday back, during the morning, children in Years 1 - 6 will be taking part in Samba Bamba workshops in the school hall. On the Thursday children in Reception and Year 1 will be visited by Rebecca Wilmott. Rebecca will be talking to children all about Animal First Aid.

Still around the theme of Christmas (which is quickly approaching), we have been invited on behalf of the House of Commons by MP Sir Julian Smith to take part in an annual Christmas card competition. Primary School children are invited to design a card based on the theme 'A North Yorkshire Christmas'. The winning design will be featured on Sir Julian Smith's official Christmas Card. Designs need to be submitted to :

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP

House of Commons

WESTMINSTER

London SW1A 0AA

Digital copies can be submitted to :

julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk

All entries should be submitted by no later than **Friday 15th November 2024**

Designs should be on a flat sheet of A4 (no glitter, cotton wool, tinsel etc as the design needs to be scanned). Please ensure your child's name, age and school are clearly written on the reverse of any entries.

On Monday 11th November, children in Owl Class will be attending the Remembrance Service at Bentham War Memorial which starts at 11.00am. The Service usually lasts for around half an hour. Two of our year 6 children will be reading the poem 'In Flander's Fields' with two children laying a Memorial Wreath. Please do come along to this Service in honour of all those who have fallen at war. The Service is also perhaps a time to reflect on those personnel currently serving in the armed forces.

Finally, once again, and before school closes for the week, can I just remind parents/carers to ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up-to-date and not showing any outstanding debts. Thank you.

Have a lovely half-term. With the clocks 'falling backwards' on Sunday 27th October, enjoy the extra hour in bed and not having to get up for school in the morning!

Mrs C Pearson

Executive Co-Headteacher

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Monday 4th November 2024

Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish
Sweet Potato Bake (v)
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 5th November 2024

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

Wednesday 6th November 2024

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

9.00am-12.00m/d Samba Bamba Workshops
1.00pm Rabbit Class (Secret Garden)

Thursday 7th November 2024

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

1.00pm – 3.30pm Visit from Rebecca Wilmott (Animal
First Aid) children in Reception and Year 1
1.00pm Badger Class (Secret Garden)

Friday 8th November 2024

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

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

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall
12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (9/10)

3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY in the School Hall.
ALL parents/carers welcome

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

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

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Bentham Community
Primary School



Has your child
had their eyes
tested yet?

This leaflet provides important information
on looking after your child's eyes and
booking an eye test for children

Children
in North
Yorkshire should
visit an optician
for a free eye
test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost.**

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.