

25th November 2022

# FRIDAY NEWS

*A nurturing family, learning together*



Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

It always amazes me how quickly the days and weeks seem to go by during term-time. This week is no exception! Unbelievably, next week, December will be upon us and children will be busying themselves practising for their festive performances, and getting ready for seasonal activities and learning. I am sure most parents/carers will agree it is a lovely and magical time of year, especially for our children.

The cost of living is having a huge impact on finances, and Christmas this year might be a worrying time. If your financial circumstances have recently changed, you may be eligible for some additional financial support and free school meals. For more information and details on how to apply for Free School Meals please speak to Sally in the School Office. Children in ALL years are eligible for Free School Meal funding and additional financial support. Eligibility is in ADDITION to the Universal Free School Meal provision that children in Reception, years 1 and 2 automatically receive. Please also remember that our Family Support Assistants are also here to help, if you have any concerns, no matter how big or small, then please speak to either Mrs Duckett or Mrs Fawcett.

On 4<sup>th</sup> December, Bentham Methodist Church are holding a 'Messy Church' FREE Christmas Party from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There will be FREE food and activities provided for all and everyone is welcome.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join me at this week's Parent Coffee and Croissant session. It was lovely to have an informal chat with parents, and to also once again show off the school and what children are learning in classrooms.

Earlier today, children in Badger left school for their visit to the World Museum in Liverpool. I know that children will have a lovely day and engage in lots of educational activities and learning. Thank you to Miss Phillipson for organising this trip. Thank you also to Miss Harrison, Miss Mulligan, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Harrison who accompanied children on the day.

Looking out of the windows at playtime this week, I have witnessed children taking part in some creative old-fashioned play activities during their break and lunchtimes. Hula-Hoop races, skipping, mini-hurdles and lots more. I am reliably informed that at the time of writing, the skipping record is currently held by one of

our boys, at an astounding 87 plus skips! Who knows, we might even break the 100 rotations next week!! Thank you to Mrs Reid for re-igniting this activity in our playground, encouraging children to have a go and for sourcing an extra-long rope!

During December, Libraries across the County will once again be taking part in the 'Christmas Reading Challenge'. Children will need to read four Library books to complete the challenge, collecting Christmassy prizes along the way! For more information, please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries).

Our wonderful fundraising FOBS are as busy as ever planning and organising fundraising events. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 5.00pm until 7.00pm the FOBS will be hosting a Christmas Fair in the school hall. There will be lots of stalls, local traders, games, raffles and refreshments, including hot food. I have also received an anonymous tip-off that the 'man' himself will be making a scheduled visit and setting up a magical Grotto in one of our rooms! Please do come along and help raise all important funds for the school, support the FOBS and maybe start some Christmas Shopping if you have not already done so! Everyone is WELCOME.

Next week, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes will be off to The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to watch Robin Hood. Can parents please ensure that children are at school for 8.30am prompt. Children should be wearing their school uniform bringing with them a packed lunch, waterproof coat and water bottle.

Finally, please remember that children in BADGER class, who missed out on the non-uniform day today because of their school trip, are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Donations for prize hampers in return for this 'treat' are welcome either today or on Monday!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

It can be tricky to keep up with the latest games children are accessing on line or on their games consoles. If you are unsure about what games your children are asking about this Christmas, this is a great website to look at : [www.taminggaming.com](http://www.taminggaming.com). Simply search for the game and you will get an immediate over-view of content and age rating.

## Christmas Fair – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Can you help Mrs Reid fill her jars with sweets? We are looking for donations of sweets – please hand these to Mrs Reid in Fox Class. Thank you.

## Celebration Assembly

Date	Time	Parent/Carer of children in House
25/11/22	3.00pm	Sapphire and Ruby

Please join us by entering school at the main entrance.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 28th November 2022

Quorn Dippers  
Cheese and Onion Roll  
Jacket Potato

BADGERS : Non-uniform Day  
Robin Hood at The Dukes Theatre – Hedgehog and Rabbit

### Tuesday 29th November 2022

All Day Breakfast  
Veggie All Day Breakfast  
Jacket Potato

### Wednesday 30th November 2022

Roast Chicken  
Veggie Bites  
Jacket Potato

### Thursday 1st December 2022

Spaghetti Bolognaise  
Loaded Potato Skins  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm Fun with Coach Mark Gunn (pre-booked)

Years 1,2 and 3)

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Fish Taco  
Pizza  
Jacket Potato  
1.00pm Year 6 Swimming Lessons (4/6)  
**NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

**SELFA** Did you know that SELFA is a charity that offers a wide range of activities to children ensuring they are inclusive for any ability. SELFA are hosting a tea, coffee and cake 'learn more about SELFA' event at Bentham Town Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am. Why not pop along and find out more about this wonderful children's charity?

## Christmas Alert!

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December : FOBS Christmas Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> December : School Christmas Post Box Opens
- 7<sup>th</sup> December : Year 3 singing Christmas Songs at Low Bentham Institute (1.30pm)
- 7<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Crafts
- 8<sup>th</sup> December : Yr1-6 Auction Mart Carol Services with Churches Together (1.45pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day/Yrs 5 and 6 singing at Bowland View (9.30am)
- 12<sup>th</sup> December : Hedgehog and Rabbit (yrs 1-3) Christmas Performance (2.00pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December : Butterfly (N/R) Christmas Sing Song (2.00pm)  
Hedgehog and Rabbit Performance (6.00pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Party Day  
School Post Box Closes
- 16<sup>th</sup> December : FOBS Baby and Toddler Group Christmas Party

Join us for a tea/coffee and a cake and learn more about SELFA!

Bentham Town Hall @10.30am Sat 10th December

Everyone welcome

- Tombola
- Bric a Brac
- Craft area
- Cakes

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**SELFA**  
YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITY

**Our vision**  
A community where all children and young people are celebrated and know they belong

**Our Values**

- Experience happiness
- Believe in yourself
- Have hope for the future

**We promote our vision and values through:**

- Health & wellbeing programmes
- Targeted holiday workshops
- Trips and residential breaks

**Get in touch!**  
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**Visit our website!**  
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North Yorkshire County Council  
Ages 0-11

**Christmas Reading Challenge**

Read four library books before Christmas and earn stickers, a certificate and a personalised decoration for your tree

FREE  
Join the challenge today!

FRIDAY 2ND DEC  
5PM TO 7PM  
Bentham Community Primary School

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SANTA'S GROTTO  
LOCAL STALLS  
GAMES & RAFFLES  
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING HOT FOOD

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**