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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

As I am sure parents/carers will be aware from last week's Friday News, unfortunately, Mrs Cryer has not been in class over the past couple of weeks due to illness. This meant that our 'Coffee and Cake' event scheduled to take place on Thursday had to be postponed. Mrs Nelson has continued to lead Rabbit Class with their learning, ensuring continuity, supported by both myself and Mrs Chapman. Thank you to Mrs Nelson for stepping up. We all wish Mrs Cryer a speedy recovery.

Earlier this week I once again took the opportunity to make my way along the corridor and call into classrooms to see what children were learning about.

In Ladybird Class, our youngest children were busy learning all about rectangles and squares, this linked very nicely to children's artwork which was heavily influenced by the abstract artworks of Dutch artist Piet Mondrain.

This week, in Butterfly Class children have absolutely loved learning all about Penguins! Children have been busy observing penguins via a live web-cam at Edinburgh Zoo; this led to children writing to the zoo asking if they could 'borrow' a penguin for class! In art children have used charcoal to make castle pictures – they even had a go at using feathers and paint, pretending to write using a Quill like they used to centuries ago.

Meanwhile children in Hedgehog Class have been looking at Bentham Community Primary School in the past and learning all about the old school building that was on Main Street. Children compared features of the old school, which many parents and grandparents learnt at, with our new school. The whole class then went on to write poems about 'If I were in charge of school'... there were certainly some interesting ideas.

In Rabbit Class children have been writing a poem based on 'The Sound Collector'. In Maths learning has been around height and length. In art children have been mixing water colours and thinking about what makes a colour 'warm' or 'cool'.

Further up the corridor, children in Badger Class have

been looking at the Magna Carta and researching all about the first time a King of England had to follow some rules. In maths, children have been looking at multiplication and division.

Fox Class have been busy designing their own 'Value Crowns' and looking at emotions in PSHE. As part of World Religion Day, children thought about different religious journeys and considered a variety of religions and their different beliefs.

Finally, in Owl Class children have enjoyed learning about the Bayeux Tapestry and developing their own sketchbooks. In maths children are looking at area and perimeter. As part of History our oldest children have really enjoyed writing their own Anglo Saxon Battle Speeches.

This week schools have received some guidance about the recent localised outbreaks of measles. With cases of Measles rising across England, parents/carers are being encouraged to have their children vaccinated if they have not already done so. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. If you suspect a case of Measles you should request an urgent GP appointment. If your child does catch Measles, they should stay off Nursery or School for at least four days from when the rash first appears avoiding contact with babies, anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. With most children being protected from Measles, if a case is confirmed at school, there is no need to keep your child off if they have had both their MMR Vaccinations. More information can be found at :

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Next week I will be holding a meeting for parents/carers of children in Years 4,5 and 6 about the residential visit to Carlton Lodge. This meeting will be at 7.30pm and via Zoom. Please keep checking e-mails (including junk folders) for details of the link to the meeting.

Finally, next Friday Mrs Fox will be leaving us and starting her Maternity Leave. We would like to pass on our very best wishes to Mr and Mrs Fox as they start this new chapter.

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On Monday details of who will be covering Mrs Fox will be sent to parents/carers. We apologise that this has not been communicated yet but we are almost there with securing a highly experienced teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

## Monday 29th January 2024

Lasagne Bolognese  
Sweet and Sour Vegetables  
Jacket Potato

## Tuesday 30th January 2024

Chicken Korma  
Vegetable and Sweet Potato Bake  
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited children (2/5) – KS1

7.30pm Carlton Lodge Parents/Carers Meeting

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Roast Pork and Stuffing  
Vegetable Cottage Pie  
Jacket Potato

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Beef Chilli Wrap  
Vegetable Quesadilla  
Jacket Potato

10.00am Keyboard Lessons (NYC)

3.30pm SportsCool After School Club (3,4,5 and 6)

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch**  
Fish Fingers  
Vegetable Roll  
Jacket Potato

1.00pm FOX Class Swimming Lessons

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (all parents)  
Mrs Fox (Butterfly Class Teacher) last day

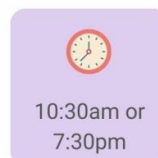
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## Parent/Carer Support Group

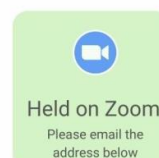
Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday  
20th February



10:30am or  
7:30pm



Held on Zoom  
Please email the  
address below

### THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: SELF ESTEEM



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing self esteem. During the session, we will think together about what self esteem is, what can impact self esteem and how to build and support building positive self esteem.

✉ [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

# Watch out in water

*“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”*

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

**Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It's a scary thought.**

**But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.**

**Babies and small children** – mostly drown at home in the bath or in the garden, in just a few centimetres of water. Keep them at arm's reach.

### Baths

- Bath seats are great for supporting your baby in the bath but they're not safety aids – a baby shouldn't be left alone in one even for a moment as they can slip out
- Get everything you need ready before bath time because you'll need to stay with your baby or young child all the time they're in the bath
- Don't rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby while you pop out for a towel, as they're still too young to understand danger.

### In the garden

- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.



**Older children** – can still get into difficulties. They may over-estimate how strong a swimmer they are or underestimate risks in the sea or open water. Teach them to float until help arrives.

### Out and about

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.

### At the beach

- Teach children to swim between the two-coloured red and yellow flags – these mark the areas patrolled by lifeguards
- Inflatables can be swept out to sea when the wind is blowing – keep children off inflatables when the orange windsack is flying and always keep an eye on them.

[www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)

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