

26th April 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

Could it be that Spring is finally in the air? This week we have eventually been able to let children enjoy break-times on the school field! Whilst there still may be a bit of a 'nip' in the air, there has also been the odd appearance of the sun, the grass has shown signs of drying out (for now), and our regular Summer guests, the Oyster Catchers have, once again, been heard around the school grounds.

We would encourage parents/carers to ensure that children are protected from the sun's harmful rays and that a long-lasting sun-cream is applied to children before they come to school in the morning. Please also ensure that children have water bottles and a water-proof coat at school, just in case the day brings the odd shower! Thank you.

This week I have had the privilege of accompanying children in years 4 and 5 on their residential to Carlton Lodge, alongside Mrs Coyle, Miss Phillipson, Miss Mulligan, Miss Harrison and Mrs Voss. For some children this was their first time away from home without family. At the time of writing, children are tucked up in bed fast asleep, (at last), having enjoyed the days adventure activities, and an evening treat of cup-cakes, snacks and hot chocolate with marshmallows (thank you to Mr Roberts who kindly went shopping for these children's treats).

Back at school the ongoing development of our school's Scarecrow for the Wray Scarecrow Festival has continued... a now very identifiable WALL-E is currently residing in the KS2 corridor, almost ready to make its screen debut at the festival! Once again, thank you to Mrs Chapman for working with children on this wonderful creation and wider community project.

I am delighted that, after many months of unofficial closure due to a significant water leak, our School Library is once again ready for children to enjoy! A new heater and carpet have been installed, and already the area is looking a lot more welcoming. Mrs Cryer has been busy re-stocking books so there are lots of new titles awaiting discovery by little book-worms.

Unfortunately, and once again due to unforeseen circumstances, SportsCool were unable to deliver their football themed After School Club session again this week. We have been reassured by SportsCool that this After School Club will start next Thursday. If you booked a place for your child at the after-school club, £6.00 will be transferred to your child's dinner service on Parentpay by way of a refund for the missed sessions. We can only apologise on behalf of SportsCool for any disappointment or inconvenience caused.

Next week, hopefully, children in Badger and Fox Class will be taking part in an educational visit to the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre and Sizergh Castle. This visit will support children's learning in classrooms. Unfortunately, only a very small number of parents/carers have made a contribution towards the cost of this visit, which will have to be cancelled if not enough contributions are received. As a school we are heavily subsidising this activity, enabling a reduction in the price per child to parents/carers. Please do consider making a contribution via Parentpay. It would be really disappointing for everyone if the visit has to be cancelled. On the day of the visit, please remember to send children to school in their uniform bringing with them a suitable coat, packed lunch, water bottle and healthy snack.

This week Ingleborough Community Centre Pop up Café have provided one pack of 'lunch-box vouchers' per family for children in receipt of Free School Meals. Vouchers can be exchanged for a child's lunch box on valid dates throughout the School Holidays. Vouchers have been sent home in children's book bags. Thank you to Ingleborough Community Centre for this extremely kind gesture, which I am sure will be very much appreciated by our families.

Finally, can we please remind parents/carers that our school has a **STRICT NO SMOKING** policy, this includes VAPING. Can parents/carers please ensure that they do not SMOKE/VAPE on any part of the school grounds, this includes the car park, gardens and walkways. Thank you.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson
Executive Co-Headteacher

Monday 29th April 2024

Crispy Fish Bites (Salmon)
Cheesy Bean Parcel (v)
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Chicken Pitta Pocket
Mexican Chilli Pitta (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-4)

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Minced Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Pea-ter Croquette (v)
Jacket Potato

9.00 Visit to Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre
and Sizergh Castle : Badger and Fox Class

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Sausage and Tomato Pasta
Vegetable Risotto (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm – 4.30pm SportsCool (Football themed) Years
3-6 - **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY**
4.30pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 3rd May 2024

**Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a
school lunch**

Pizza (v)
Quorn Dippers (v)
Jacket Potato

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Badger Class (2/10)
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers invited)

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

LOOK OUT in e-mail accounts for our new 'Wake-up-Wednesday' safeguarding leaflets. These will be sent out weekly and will cover a variety of topics all aimed at keeping children and families safe. This week, information is based around on-line shopping platforms.

Free from falls

*"A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family.
And that's just very tragic."*

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That's because babies' heads are twice as big as ours, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact.

It doesn't make sense trying to stop all falls. But there are some serious ones you can easily stop once you know how and why.

Cots, beds and changing tables – now I can wriggle and roll!

- Even small babies can wriggle off a bed or changing table – so change their nappies on the floor and avoid leaving them on a raised surface
- As soon as your baby can stand, remove any large toys they might climb on to get out of their cot, preventing serious falls.

Stairs – I can shuffle and I'm off!

- Even before they're mobile, babies are injured when the person carrying them falls. So keep a hand on the rail going up and down stairs
- As soon as your baby starts moving around, fit safety gates to stop them climbing or falling down the stairs.

Highchairs – is that my drink?

- Children may try to get things that are out of their reach
- They may lean over the side and topple out or push themselves up and try to climb out
- Get into the habit of using the straps on the highchair every time you use it.

Windows – what's that I can see?

- Small children are curious and want to see what's happening outside but have no real understanding of danger
- Take care not to put furniture in front of windows, especially in children's bedrooms
- If you can, get safety catches or locks fitted on your windows
- If you opt for a lock, keep the keys somewhere you can find them, in case there's a fire and you need to get out.

Trampolines – how high can I bounce?

- The biggest risk from trampolines is having two people with very different weights
- Let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together
- Use a safety net or cage so children can't be thrown onto the ground.



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This week Parentpay has **65 accounts showing as having outstanding payments**. Can parents/carers please check their child's Parentpay account and make any payments that are due. If you are struggling to make a payment – please contact the school as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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