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# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

What a difference a week makes! This week the weather turned against us, impacting children in Year 4's planned ascent of Pen-y-Ghent. Instead, on Monday morning last minute alternative arrangements were made for children to venture out and explore the nature trail in Clapham, then go on to visit Ingleton Show Cave. I would just like to say how fantastic the children were. Despite the wet weather, not one of our children complained about getting soaked in the rain, nor did one of the children make a fuss about the last-minute change of plans, everyone adapted and showed resilience. Thank you also to Olly Roberts Outdoors, Mrs Naylor, Mrs Green and Mrs Burrow for ensuring children enjoyed their day.

On Tuesday, Children in Fox Class were successful in their bid to walk up Pen-y-Ghent. Once again, all our children were wonderful and all successfully reached the summit, although rumour has it that the views were not their best and it was quite cloudy at altitude!

On Wednesday children in Owl Class faced the challenge of conquering Ingleborough, the second highest of the three peaks! Once again well done to all our children all reaching the summit at an altitude of 724m. With the sun shining for most of the day, children were able to make the most of the remarkable views and stay dry throughout the day.

On all three visits, it was lovely to receive feedback that everyone showed determination, got on with the task in hand and enjoyed themselves. Once again thank you to everyone who has accompanied the children on these outdoor days. We have more planned for Spring and Summer term where the children will cave, climb and abseil.

Mrs Duckett has been busy recruiting and setting up this year's new School Council. This year, the School Council is made up of, Mason, Iris, Megan, Teddy, Eddie, Elsie, Nathan, Ivy, Thomas, Heidi, Daniel and Indy. The first meeting of Council

members will be taking place next week, and I cannot wait to hear what wonderful ideas children come up with this year.

On Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, I will be hosting a short meeting via Zoom for parents/carers of children in Year 4. At the meeting I will be sharing information about the residential to How Stean Gorge which will take place from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> November later this year. Please do try and join the meeting, which will last approximately 30 minutes.

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81255527559?pwd=9Nbr7SfWF2izPujRdidetBbcaadDgO.1>

Meeting ID: 812 5552 7559

Passcode: eLz64M

Next Thursday, there will be an opportunity for all children to join in with a special 'Build a Burger' lunch! Children can choose whether they would like a chicken, beef or veggie burger served alongside a mixed salad and skinny fries! For dessert there will be a choice of a Muffin, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt. There is no need to pre-order this special lunch, which can be ordered in class during registration. By way of a reminder, meals are priced at £2.50 each per Nursery child, £3.06 each for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 (unless in receipt of Free School Meals) and FREE to ALL children in Reception, years 1 and 2.

Next Friday, our wonderful fund-raising FOBS (in collaboration with Mrs Coyle) will be hosting their very own 'Bake Off'! We are asking that families get baking and help raise some funds to purchase some new globes and atlases for children's Geography lessons. To enter the 'World Bake Off' all you need to do is bake a cake, biscuit or tray-bake the inspiration of which is from any country around the world! Please bring bakes to school on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> October in a suitable

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container with your name clearly marked ON THE BOTTOM (names should not be visible so that entries can be fairly judged). If you like, you can label your bake with the name of the cake and the country of it's origin! All bakes will be sold on a cake stall at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Also on Friday, Mrs McGregor has organised a Harvest Celebration assembly. Parents/Carers are invited to join children and members of the Bentham Parish Church at this special Harvest Celebration which will be taking place in the School Hall from **2.50pm**. If you wish, donations of tinned or packaged produce can be brought along to the Service. All donations will be sent to The Pantry in Bentham.

The week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October will be 'Bentham Rocks' week in school. We will kick off the week with a House Choir Competition. Parents/carers of children in Years 1-6 will be invited into school to watch children's performances on Monday 21st October at 2.45pm in the School Hall. We are also planning a large 'rock' based exhibition for our outdoor area. Each child in school will decorate their own pebble at some point in the week to display outside. Parents/carers will be invited to join their child's class to also decorate their very own pebble! All pebbles will be included in the exhibition. More information about dates and times will be shared soon.

If your child is in Reception or Nursery, can you please ensure that a copy of their Birth Certificate is provided to staff in the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Finally, Miss Hards is asking for families of children in Butterfly Class, and Reception children in Hedgehog Class to bring in a photograph of their family. This is so children can talk about families over the next few weeks. Photographs can be

brought into school or sent via Tapestry. The photographs might be used on a display in classrooms, so if you do not want to share the picture, please let Miss Hards know.

Another busy week and lots to look forward to! Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs C Pearson  
Executive Headteacher  
**Monday 30th September 2024**

Fish Star (Salmon)  
Cheesy Bean Loaded Potato Skins (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

2.30pm Mr Whittaker from Settle College visiting children in Year 6

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Curried Chicken Rice  
Pasta Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

12.00 m/d School Council Meeting  
1.30pm Hedgehog Class visiting Bentham Library  
7.30pm-8.30pm How Stean Gorge Parent Meeting (via Teams)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**

Minced Beef Pie  
Broccoli Cheese Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.30pm Badger Class visiting Bentham Library

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta  
Sweet Potato and Vegetable Curry with 50/50 Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

6.00pm Settle College Open Evening – Please contact Settle College for more information.

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Pizza (v)

Mexican Veggie Burrito (v)

Jacket Potato (v)

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (5/10)

**2.50pm HARVEST CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** in the School Hall. **ALL parents/carers welcome**

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

# 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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## School Council

## News

Please welcome the new School Council

Team:

Mason– Year 6

Iris– Year 6

Megan– Year 5

Teddy– Year 5

Eddie– Year 4

Elsie– Year 4

Nathan– Year 3

Ivy– Year 3

Thomas– Year 2

Heidi– Year 2

Daniel– Year 1

Indy– Year 1

UP COMING EVENTS AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES TO LOOK FORWARD TOO.....

School fundraising stall at our Christmas Fair.

Our new School building turns 10 years old in February– THIS CALLS FOR A PARTY!

A plea to local businesses to help sponsor us a new sports kit.

Fundraising ideas to support local charities.

Plus so much more.....

