

29th September 2023

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Message from Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Firstly, this week I would like to say a massive well done to all those children who took part in last week's Cross-Country Event at Giggleswick School. All our children tried their very best and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you – you were all amazing.

At the event, a number of our children qualified to take part in the Craven Cross-Country Finals that are being held at Giggleswick on the 12th October. Congratulations to Aidan, Freddie, Bobby, Thomas, Lola, Oscar and Jack for their fantastic achievements. On behalf of the whole school community we wish you the very best of luck at the finals – we will all be cheering for you and cannot wait to hear how you get on. Be Proud. Be Bentham.

The Harvest Festival Service which took place last Friday afternoon was also a lovely opportunity for children in Hedgehog, Rabbit, Badger, Fox and Owl Class to showcase the school in the wider Community. Children were all excellent ambassadors and the service was an absolute delight. Thank you to St John's in Low Bentham for involving the school. Thank you also to everyone who made a food donation – Bentham Food Bank were very grateful for everyone's kindness.

This week I took the opportunity to pop into our Breakfast and After School Club provisions.

Every weekday morning Mrs Askew and Miss Harrison can be found in the school's Community Room running our excellent Breakfast Club.

Upon arrival at Breakfast Club children are immediately made to feel welcome before being offered a delicious healthy breakfast of their choice! On the menu are a range of cereals, toast, crumpets, fresh fruit, pancakes, porridge and, on the odd occasion, a themed breakfast. Children are also offered a range of refreshments, including Milk Shakes!

Recently children in Breakfast Club have been working on crafts and activities themed around Halloween and

Bonfire Night. For those children who prefer to get outside and let some steam off before school, there is a range of outdoor equipment available for children to enjoy, including bicycles, cricket sets and footballs.

Mrs Askew and Mrs Harrison also told me about how last year, children in Breakfast and After School Club repaired a table tennis table – which is now being used daily by children.

After School Club runs Monday to Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm Mrs Harrison looks after children at the provision on Monday and Tuesday, with Mrs Askew taking a turn on Wednesday and Thursday.

Like Breakfast Club, children at After School Club get to enjoy crafting activities, outdoor play and even cooking. This week I noticed some lovely Fruit Flapjack that Mrs Askew had baked with children.

Children attending After School Club are offered a light snack of either toast, yoghurt, biscuits, yoghurt or fresh fruit together with a drink of juice, or the ever-popular option of Milk Shake!

Breakfast and After School Club sessions are excellent value for money, priced at only £4.50 per child for a full session at Breakfast Club, including breakfast and refreshments (8.00am to 9.00am) and £2.25 per child for half a session, refreshments only (8.30am to 9.00am). After School Club is £4.00 per child per session.

Sessions should be pre-booked on our recently launched SchoolComms app. For more information either speak to Sally in the School Office or Mrs Askew.

Please remember that children are welcome to attend either Club anytime, there is no need to attend regularly, one off bookings are also available.

On Monday this week, Mr Whitaker from Settle College visited children in Year 6. Next week, on the 4th October all children in Year 6 have been invited to visit Settle College for the morning. On the day, children will be collected by coach from Bentham and taken to Settle College before returning in time for lunch.

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Our first Coffee Café of the year took place earlier this week. It was lovely to see parents/carers take time to pop along and join this informal session; there will be other opportunities for parents/carers to call into school over the coming weeks, so do not worry if you missed out on an informal chat and a slice of cake this time round.

Finally, information about how to purchase school photographs has been sent home with children this week. If you do wish to make a purchase, please ensure orders are placed within the next seven to ten days. If you have not received an 'order code' please speak to Sally in the School Office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs McGregor

Head Lice and Worms

A number of parents have recently reported to staff that children have had to be treated for Head Lice. Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check children's hair for any signs of head-lice and to treat accordingly.

There have also been a couple of cases of worms reported. Threadworms are common in children and can spread very easily. More information about threadworms and how to treat them can be found at : <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Please remember to visit our school website and Facebook page to see what else our children have been or will be getting up to.

Message from Co-Chair, Mr Mathew Langan

To the children, parents, and staff at Bentham CP School, I'm writing to make you aware of the appointment of myself (Mr M Langan) and Ms C Burrow as Co-Chairs of the Governing Body at Bentham CP School.

As I write this, I think how fortunate we all are to have a busy and thriving school on our doorstep, with a really fantastic team of staff led by capable and efficient leaders. I am writing to make you aware that, as your new Co-Chairs of Governors, we are committed to moving Bentham Primary School forward, from the excellent OFSTED report and Key Stage 2 results last year, into the next phase for Bentham; exploring new avenues and ensuring that our School remains a hub for the community, whilst underpinning the School's ethos of being a nurturing family who learn together.

As parents of children at the School, myself and my Co-Chair are deeply committed to ensuring the best for all in Bentham, and we both look forward to working alongside you all to deliver this.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd October 2023

Pasta Bolognese Bake
Oven Baked Veggie Sausage and Bean Bake
Jacket Potato

1.30pm Owl Class visiting Bentham Library

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Battered Fish
Cheese Whirl
Jacket Potato

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

1.30pm Fox Class visiting Bentham Library
3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited Children (3 of 7)

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Roast Pork
Pea-ter Croquette
Jacket Potato

9.00am Immunisation Team on site. Flu Vaccinations.
Children with consent in Reception to Year 6
10.00am Owl Class visiting Settle College

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6.00pm – 8.00pm Settle College Open Evening.
Presentation sessions to be booked
<https://forms.office.com/e/xA7m6fiBp2>

Thursday 5th October 2023

Mexican Beef Pitta
Cauli-Cheese Bake
Jacket Potato

National Poetry Day
10.00am Butterfly Class Library Visit
1.30pm Badger Class Library Visit

Friday 6th October 2023

Chicken Burger in a Bun
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Jacket Potato

10.00am Ladybird Class Library Visit
1.00pm Owl Class Swimming Lessons
1.30pm Rabbit Class visiting Library
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers of children in Amber/Sapphire)

9.30am to 11.00am : BABY AND TODDLER GROUP in the School Hall.

Future Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 11th October 2023

1.00pm to 3.30pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Thursday 12th October 2023

1.00pm Craven Cross Country Finals
3.45pm to 6.00pm Parent Interviews (more information to follow)

Friday 13th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

1.30pm Hedgehog Class visiting Bentham Library

3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Friday 20th October 2023

1.15pm : Swimming Lessons : Owl Class

3.00pm : Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in AMBER/SAPPHIRE)

Monday 23rd October 2023

1.30pm Fire Safety (Reception and Nursery)
2.30pm Fire Safety (Years 1 to 6)

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Kanga Sports/Music Lessons
AM : Badger, Fox, Owl
PM : Rabbit Hedgehog

3.30p – 4.30pm Multi-Sport After School Club

Wednesday 25th October 2023

5.00pm to 6.00pm Phonics and Reading Parent/Carer information Session (further information to follow)

Friday 27th October 2023

1.15pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers of children in RUBY/EMERALD)

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023
Half Term Holidays.

14th December 2023 : Christmas Dinner
21st December 2023 : Christmas Party Day

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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 padding 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 under-estimate 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 windsock is flying and always keep an eye on them.

www.capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](#) [@capt_charity](#)



Delivering Better Value in SEND : Survey for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND. NYC are currently running a survey that will help them better understand views of SEND support in North Yorkshire. NYC are inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to share their views on what is working well and what can be improved. Your response will be used to help NYC identify areas for improvement and inform an application for a grant from the Department for Education (DfE) to help NYC further improve support and services in North Yorkshire. In line with their local SEND Strategy, NYC want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan and your views as a parent/carer are important to make sure they are focussing on the right areas. This survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until the 6th October 2023 and North Yorkshire Council encourage parents/carers to complete the survey so that the views of as many people as possible can be heard.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=c5w9rTCYoUS0h-EFVEHHDojhH_sMc3tNrlDoONEYFGVUNIBVTjcyQU9aOTFBOFJQWTE5SzRSWFZGVC4u&utm_campaign=2621391_LA+Weekly+e-Red+Bag+-+22+September+2023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North+Yorkshire+Council&dm_i=4BPJ%2c1K6OF%2c34LOWP%2c7AM57%2c1

11-25%

ENJOY WRITING?

WE'RE SEEKING YOUNG REPORTERS

Be part of a youth voice group set up to report on the Yorkshire Festival of Story!

ONLINE AND IN PERSON EVENTS TO REVIEW FROM 3RD - 19TH NOVEMBER

Kick start your journalism career, or simply give it a go! You'll be part of a team writing reviews, blogs and interviewing artists.

EMAIL: samuel.warwick@northyorks.gov.uk or TEXT 07775 652595 for more info!

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Adult Learning
NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Supporting Your Child with Maths

Mondays, 25th September - 23rd October

Key Stage 1: 9:30am - 11:30am

Key Stage 2: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Online delivery

Are you someone who wants to understand how to help your child effectively in maths in either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2? We can give you the tools to support your child.

Key Stage 1: During the course you will:

Learn about the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 National Curriculum
Develop skills in the use of number stones to underpin your child's understanding of mathematics
Learn tips and techniques to better talk about maths and support your child

Key Stage 2: During the course you will:

Learn about SATs test content
Improve your own ability in key areas of maths
Learn tips and techniques to better support your child

Scan the QR code to find out more and enrol.



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