

29th November 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

Dare I say it, the countdown has officially begun to Christmas!

Later today, our wonderful FOBS will be hosting this year's Christmas Fair in the school hall from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Please help to spread the word about this lovely festive event. There will be stalls, activities and fund-raising challenges plus lots more to enjoy. I can now confirm that Father Christmas himself will be joining in all the fun of the fair!

Unfortunately, on Monday this week children in Rabbit and Badger Class were unable to take part in their planned visit to Herd Farm in Leeds. The visit was cancelled last minute due to 'Storm Bert' detrimentally impacting conditions at the venue! Whilst this was disappointing for everyone, I would just like to thank all the children, parents and families for being so understanding about this last-minute cancellation.

A number of parents/carers had made payment for their child's visit to Herd Farm. In an attempt to avoid school having to meet unnecessary transaction fees for refunds, if you have deposited payment for this visit the monies (£22.00) will be transferred to your child's dinner money account. If you would prefer a REFUND or the balance to be transferred to another service, please contact staff in the School Office ASAP. Thank you.

On Wednesday this week, I had the privilege of accompanying a mixed team of year 3,4,5 and 6 children to a football fixture at Ingleton Primary School alongside Mrs Voss. Children were a credit to our school, showing great sportsmanship to both their fellow team members and other children from other schools.

Mrs Voss' Year 5/6 team of Logan, Tanaia, Violet, Oscar, Jasmine, Bobby and Henry won all of their 3 matches 3-0. Bobby was player of the match for 2 of the games and Tanaia for the final one. Goals came from Henry (4),

Bobby (2), Jasmine (1), Logan (2). Games were won against Ingleton, Giggleswick and Kirby Malham. Superb playing from the whole team and wonderful coaching from Mrs Voss. BE BENTHAM.

Our Year 3/4 team, made up of Huey, Robyn, Harry, Noah, Owen, Aidan, Elsie and Brandon, coached by Mrs Pearson won their match against Ingleton 1-0 but it could easily have been won by more goals with lots of near misses. Whilst the team lost their other two games 1-0, they played exceptionally well. Brandon got player of the match twice and Harry for the other match. Harry also scored the winning goal against Ingleton. BE PROUD.

A lovely sunny afternoon of football!

On Tuesday Fire Fighters from Bentham Fire Station will be bringing a Fire Engine to school for children in our Early Years Foundation Stage to look at and learn about. A BIG THANK YOU to Bentham Fire Station.

Also on Tuesday children in Fox and Owl Class will be taking part in a Rewind to Christmas activity at Bentham Methodist Church from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Can parents/carers please ensure children come to school with a suitable coat and footwear as they will be walking to the church.

On the Wednesday, once again children in Fox and Owl Class will be out and about! This time, they will be walking down to Low Bentham Institute to sing Carols and Christmas Songs to an audience made up of older members of our community at one of their weekly lunch gatherings. Children will leave school at 1.00pm, meaning that they will take a slightly earlier lunch. Can children please bring to school a Christmas hat or headband to wear whilst they are performing.

Also, on Wednesday 4th December, there will be an online parents/carers meeting for children in Owl Class at 7.30pm all about next year's residential to Liverpool. A link will be sent out soon.

On Friday 6th December during the afternoon the whole school will be involved in making Christingles. At 3.00pm there will be a Christingle Assembly, led by Rev Peter and Mrs Judith Johnson. This will mean that

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there will be **NO** Celebration Assembly for parents/carers to join.

CAN ALL CHILDREN BRING AN ORANGE TO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER. THANK YOU.

This term some children are taking part in Gymnastics lessons as part of the PE with Mrs Hindle (Kanga) on a Tuesday. To support children's safety, we have been advised that children taking part will have to remove their shoes and socks for sessions. If any parents/carers have any questions around this decision, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

FEAST vouchers are now live, and a list of activities that can be secured will be shared alongside this newsletter. We have been advised by North Yorkshire Together that if you are unable to secure transport to any of the activities applications can be made to access free transport via a Transport Request Form. For more information, please contact North Yorkshire Together directly on [01845 522145](tel:01845 522145).

A few weeks ago, information was shared with parents/carers about how children could get involved with designing a Christmas Card for the Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP. This week, Julian Smith MP has contacted the school announcing the winning design and sharing information about runners-up in the competition. We would like to congratulate Emily in Hedgehog Class, whose design was selected as a runners-up entry. We have been promised that school will receive a Christmas Card showcasing both the winning and runners-up entries. WELL DONE!

Finally, can parents/carers of children in Hedgehog Class please ensure that they wait in the playground at the end of the school day when collecting children and avoid waiting in front of the Car Park Gates. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend, it is looking like wellies, waterproofs and umbrellas might be needed if venturing outdoors on Sunday!

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Co-Headteacher

Monday 2nd December 2024

Vegetable Roll (v)
Cheese Whirl (v)
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Chicken Korma
Sweet and Sour Vegetables (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.30pm-3.00pm Rewind to Christmas (Fox and Owl Class) Bentham Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Nuggets and Yorkshire Pudding (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Christmas Carols at Low Bentham Institute (Fox and Owl Class)

1.00pm Rabbit Class (Secret Garden). **Please remember to bring suitable clothing for activities, including footwear, hats and gloves.**

1.30pm Library Visit (Badger Class)

7.30pm Online Parents/Carers Meeting Liverpool Residential (Year 6)

Thursday 5th December 2024

Spaghetti Bolognese
Veggie Shepherds Pie (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

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1.00pm Badger Class (Secret Garden). **Please remember to bring suitable clothing for activities, including footwear, hats and gloves.**

2.00pm Governors' Meeting

Friday 6th December 2024

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

Fish Fingers

Veggie Chilli Pitta (v)

Jacket Potato (v)

1.15pm Christingle Workshops

3.00pm Christingle Assembly (NO Parents/Carers)

3.00pm NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

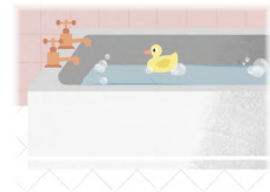
Watch out in water

“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 windssock is flying and always keep an eye on them.

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This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Snapchat.