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Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back after our half term break. Over the coming weeks we have some really lovely experiences and exciting opportunities planned for all our children.

For those parents/carers who did not know, or might not have recently thought about it, every morning from 8.00am, Mrs Askew and Miss Harrison run our wonderful Breakfast Club from the Community Room. Children at Breakfast Club not only get to enjoy seasonal activities such as making bonfire pictures, and Halloween crafting but also get to enjoy a traditional breakfast, or on some occasions enjoy something a little more 'continental'! Sessions at Breakfast Club can be accessed by children in **Nursery to Year 6** Monday to Friday (term-time only) and can be booked online using SchoolComms. A full session is only £4.50 per child per day (8.00am to 9.00am), with half sessions priced at £2.25 (8.30am to 9.00am refreshments only).

Similarly, our After School Club runs Monday to Thursday (term-time only) and is also led by Mrs Askew or Miss Harrison. At After School Club children once again get to enjoy lots of crafting activities, or get outside and let off some steam! A light snack and refreshments are provided, making sessions excellent value for money at only £4.00 each per child. Historically, After School Club was only accessible by children in Reception to Year 6, however, this term we are really excited about being able to **also offer the provision to children in Nursery**. Again, sessions can be booked online using SchoolComms. There is a cut off time for making a booking of 11.55am on the day of the booking. Bookings after this time can be made, but only in an emergency situation, by contacting the School Office. If you have any difficulty accessing this platform, please speak to staff in the School Office.

With the countdown to Christmas imminent, why not make use of our out of hours provisions, and either get an early start, or a little later finish and use the time to start (or maybe finish) some Christmas

shopping!?

Despite it being the first week back after half-term, in classrooms it has been business as usual!

Our youngest children in Butterfly Class have been busy thinking about Bonfire Night, Fireworks, Sparklers and how to keep safe. As part of 'Bonfire' celebrations, children really enjoyed making their very own chocolate sparklers – although rumour has it they enjoyed eating them more! Children have also enjoyed learning all about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of New Beginnings. Children have also started their new class book 'The Magic Paintbrush'.

Meanwhile, in Hedgehog Class children have been learning all about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Learning has involved lots of 'bonfire' themed arts and crafts activities. Children in Year 1 have been busy learning all about what weather forecasts are; they have even performed their own weather forecasts using a class weather map.

In Rabbit class Miss Patel is really excited to be able to continue teaching children having really enjoyed establishing relationships with children in class over the past few weeks. Children have started a new class book 'Leon and the Place Between'. Linked to this lovely book, children have been busy creating persuasive posters encouraging readers to visit a circus. In maths children have been looking at addition and subtraction with or without exchanges, making the most of classroom resources.

Meanwhile in Badger Class children have started their history topic discussing prehistoric life from Stone Age to Iron Age. Children have also been practising their subtraction and addition. In English children have been busy predicting who the character will be in the new class book, using clues strategically placed around the classroom by Mrs Naylor.

In Fox Class children have started learning all about light and looking at what materials are most reflective. In maths learning has been based on

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squared and cubed numbers.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been looking at themes in text and writing a response to an open-ended question. In maths, children have been solving word problems, whilst in Spanish children have been learning some letter sounds. As part of children's fund-raising efforts, children are looking at how to raise some money to help purchase this year's Leavers Hoodies... this year's fundraising scheme will involve 'glass jars' – if you have any glass jars at home that you would like to donate to Owl Class these would be very much appreciated! Thank you.

On Monday 11th November, children in Owl Class will be attending the Remembrance Service at Bentham War Memorial which starts at 11.00am. The Service will last for around half an hour. If you are able to, please do come along to this Service in honour of all those who have fallen at war. Children in all other classes will also be honouring Armistice Day by engaging in their own classroom-based act of Remembrance.

On Wednesday, children in years 3,4,5 and 6 really enjoyed taking part in Samba Workshops with Brian Costello. It might have been a little noisy, but it certainly kept everyone entertained!

As a school we very much prioritise the safety of our children and the wider school community. Behind the scenes staff have regular 'Safeguarding' meetings and briefings ensuring everyone is kept as safe as possible. Mrs Chapman is the school's Designated Safeguard Lead and is always busy working away supporting safeguarding and child safety. As part of some new initiatives Mrs Chapman has recently put together a 'Safety Squad'! This is an opportunity for children across the school to work together, experience leadership, and work alongside staff looking at all things involved in keeping everyone safe! Our Year 6 children have been tasked with designing a logo for our new 'Safety Squad'.

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Children across

School will be engaged in activities and learning around this initiative.

On Wednesday, children in Fox Class will be taking part in a Lantern Making Workshop, with children in Year 4 heading off on their residential to How Stean Gorge. Also, on Wednesday children in Rabbit Class will be visiting the Secret Garden. Can parents/carers please ensure that children come to school with suitable outdoor clothing for the day, including footwear! Likewise, can parents/carers of children in Badger Class please ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear with them on Thursday, when they will be visiting the Secret Garden. On Thursday, Rabbit Class will be visiting the Library.

This year, for Children in Need, children will be taking part in Pudsey themed mathematical challenges during the week! Please feel free to ask children what they have learnt about Children in Need and why we fundraise. This year we will not be fundraising at school, but would encourage any families who would like to make a donation to this worthy cause to do so via the usual channels.

If you ordered a school photograph of your child, this will be sent home with them later today. If you have not received your order, please contact Mr Mather via <https://www.joemather-photography.co.uk>. Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Card project! We managed to raise £132.50 from commission sales.

Mrs McGregor is busy with children in Rabbit and Badger Class designing and making a Bug Hotel. Mr Hawkins, one of our Governors will also be helping and supervising with this activity! The construction of the hotel will form part of Forest School activities. Over the next week can children in Rabbit and Badger Class please find and bring to school any materials suitable for the Bug Hotel. (See list at end of Newsletter).

Have a lovely weekend, the weather is looking glorious for Saturday, and not so sparkling on Sunday!

Mrs C Pearson (Executive Co-Headteacher)

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Monday 11th November 2024

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

9.00am PCSO Jayne Grace leading Assembly (Yrs 1-6)
9.30am 'Hate Crime' workshop led by PCSO Jayne Grace (years 5 and 6)

11.00am Remembrance Service at School Hill (Year 6)

Tuesday 12th November 2024

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

Wednesday 13th November 2024

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

Lantern Making Workshops (Fox Class)
10.00am Year 4 depart for How Stean Gorge Residential
1.00pm Rabbit Class (Secret Garden)

Thursday 14th November 2024

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

1.00pm Badger Class (Secret Garden)
1.30pm Library Visit (Rabbit Class)

Friday 8th November 2024

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

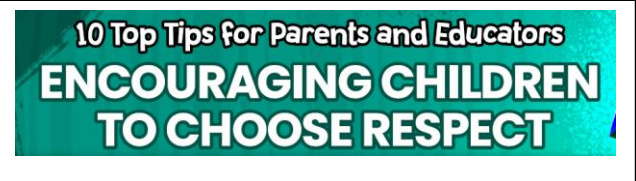
Fish Fingers
Veggie Chilli Pitta (v)
Jacket Potato (v)
12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Owl Class (Final Session)

**3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY in the School Hall.
ALL parents/carers welcome**

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This week, we will be sending THREE 'Wake-up-Wednesday' information leaflets home to parents/carers.

Topics will include :



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to Bentham Community Primary School – a parent engagement app that will allow you to book and pay for Breakfast and After School Club any-time from anywhere!

All Breakfast and After School Club bookings go through School Gateway. To make a booking make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download. Simple.

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information (e-mail address) Bentham Community Primary School already holds, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date!

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

Kind regards,

Bentham C P School

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Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

Children's Speech & Language Therapy



ADVICE SERVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE

"Supporting your child's speech and language development is one of the most important things you can do"

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language skills, we offer an advice service where Parents/Carers can contact us to book an initial telephone consultation with a Speech & Language Therapist.

This is a triage appointment and lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. You will be able to discuss your concerns with the Therapist.

Your child does not need to be with you for this consultation

From this appointment the Therapist may:

- ✓ Give reassurance that your child's speech and/or language skills are developing appropriately
- ✓ Provide advice over the telephone to support your child's speech and/or language development
- ✓ Provide leaflets/information on how best to help your child with their speech and language development
- ✓ Ask you to book a follow up appointment so that your child's progress can be reviewed. This appointment may take the form of a further telephone review, video consultation or clinic appointment.

To book your initial appointment, or if you have any further questions, please call our Admin Team on:

01535 292821

We look forward to talking to you



You will need:

- Wooden pallets x4



- Bricks



- Plastic bottles*



- Bamboo canes



- Straw



- Leaves



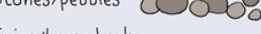
- Tiles



- Cardboard



- Stones/pebbles

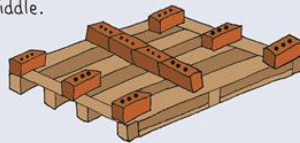


- Twigs/loose bark



*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

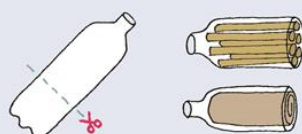
- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.



- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.



- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.



- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.



- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!



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