

13th December 2024

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

One more week to go! The countdown really has now started!

On Tuesday this week children were invited to join in with a whole school Christmas Dinner! Festive 'tunes' were playing in the background, crackers were cracking, cutlery was clattering away, and I was put on 'gravy and mashed potato' duty! Lunch was delicious and afterwards the children and staff all joined together to thank Lila, our wonderful School Cook, for all her hard work preparing and serving lunch.

On Wednesday morning, all children in Reception through to Year 6 managed an early start, in readiness for their visit to the Pantomime in Lancaster. I have no doubt that children will have gone home later that same day and excitedly filled parents/carers in all about what a fantastic time they had watching Mother Goose! There are still a number of parents/carers who have not made a contribution towards the cost of this visit. Please do reconsider making a contribution towards the cost. If not enough payments are received, school will have to make a decision not to take children to the panto next year. Thank you.

Moving onto Thursday, Christmas Crafts was once again a big hit with children. We hope the families of those children who joined in with this After School Activity are really proud of children's creations and display them with pride this Christmas. Once again, thank you to Mrs Nelson for organising and co-ordinating the evening.

Later today children and families are invited to join in with Pioneer Project's Procession of Light. If you are joining in with this activity, please meet in the school playground at 4.25pm. What an amazing spectacle watching all those beautiful hand-crafted lanterns light a path from the school up to the Auction Mart will be.

At 2.00pm on Monday next week children in Years 1 to 3 will be performing a matinee performance of 'A Christmas Recipe'. For many of our children, this will be the first time performing in front of an audience. For those families that will be unable to watch the afternoon performance, 'A Christmas Recipe' can also be seen at an evening showing from 6.00pm on Tuesday! **Please can all visitors enter school via the Main entrance and make their way to the School Hall for both performances.**

Also, on Tuesday, children in Butterfly Class and Reception children from Hedgehog Class will be performing a Nativity in the School Hall. Parents/carers of children who would like to watch their children in the Nativity are invited into school from 9.00am for light refreshments before the start of the performance at 9.15am. **Again, please enter school through the main entrance before making your way to the School Hall.** If your little one is not in school on the day of the Nativity, but would still like to be involved, they are more than welcome to join children on the day, however, we would ask that parents/carers take these children home after the performance which will be finished at around 10.15am.

All our children have worked extremely hard so that they can 'put on a show' and are very proud of their achievements. Whilst there will be no charge for 'tickets' to any of our Christmas performances, we will be putting out a 'donation' bucket; please help school with their all-important fundraising efforts, and consider throwing some 'spare' change into one of the collection buckets! Thank you.

On Wednesday 18th, an invitation to parents/carers of children in Badger, Fox and Owl Class to join children in a Crafting Event and Festive Afternoon Tea has been sent home! If you are able to take part in this lovely morning of festive fun, please ensure you complete the electronic link provided. This activity will now take place from 9.15am to 10.30am in the School Hall.

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On Thursday, children in Years 1 - 6 will be taking part in a 'Carols at the Mart' Service from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. This is always a lovely community get-together, and we would love to see families of children joining us at this event. Children will be walked back from the Auction Mart to school at 2.30pm. In order to safeguard children, we will not be allowing parents/carers to collect children from the Auction Mart after the service has finished.

On the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, all children in all classes will get to enjoy a Christmas Party! Children are invited to come into school wearing their party clothes for a day of celebration, fun and laughter!

Finally, some staffing news. Unfortunately, Mrs Voss will be leaving us at the end of December. Mrs Voss will be moving house and relocating out of the area over Christmas. This is very sad news, there is no doubt Mrs Voss will be missed by children, parents and staff. Mrs Voss has reassured me that she will call back into school from time to time to see children! We would like to wish Mrs Voss and her family all the very best.

Mrs Cryer has not been at school recently due to long-term illness. We are very fortunate to have secured a very experienced supply teacher, Miss Patel, over the past few weeks to cover Mrs Cryer's absence. We can now confirm that Mrs Cryer will not be returning to the classroom during January. Miss Patel will continue to teach children in Rabbit Class supported by Miss Mulligan. We would like to thank both Miss Patel and Miss Mulligan for all their hard work with children and ensuring that continuity in teaching will continue in January for children in Rabbit Class. We would also like to wish Mrs Cryer a speedy recovery.

Mrs C Pearson  
Executive Headteacher

## Monday 16th December 2024

Battered Fish (v)  
Sweet Potato Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

2.00pm Christmas Performance (Years 1-3)

## Tuesday 17th December 2024

Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v)  
BBQ Rice (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.00am for a 9.15am start Butterfly Class and Reception Children Nativity Performance

6.00pm Christmas Performance (Years 1-3)

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Roast Gammon  
Veggie Sausage (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

9.15am -10.30am Craft Carousel/Festive Afternoon Tea (Badger/Fox/Owl Class)

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

## Thursday 19th December 2024

Nacho Beef Bake  
Veggie Quesadilla (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

1.30pm Carols at the Mart at Bentham Auction Mart

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

Chicken Nuggets (v)  
Veggie Burger (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

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## Christmas Party Day

## No Celebration Assembly

Last day of Term : School Closes at 3.30pm  
School re-opens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school NEEDS TO IMPROVE.

For more information, please see the Attendance and Punctuality sheet sent out under separate cover. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Safety over the Festive Season.

# Safe from burns

*“Everyone in the burns unit was there because of an accident. In a split second their whole life changed.”*

Mum of little boy burned by a hot drink

**A small child's skin burns really easily as it's so thin. Here's how to prevent serious burns:**

**Hot drinks** – can stay hot enough to scald even after 15 minutes. 8 to 18 month-olds are most vulnerable as they love to grab.

- Watch out for fast little fingers when you're making a hot drink. Push your mug to the back of the worktop before you reach for the milk
- Look for out-of-reach safe spots to put your hot drink down
- Make it a habit to put your child down before you pick up your drink.

**Hair straighteners** – can get as hot as your iron and can still burn 15 minutes after they are switched off.

- Keep hot hair straighteners and wands out of reach
- Put them in a heat-proof pouch or on a high shelf to cool.

**Button batteries** – If a child swallows a button battery and it gets stuck, it can burn a hole and cause internal bleeding and even death.

- Keep any loose batteries out of reach and dispose of 'fltar' batteries quickly and safely
- Keep objects with easy to access button batteries out of reach.

**Magnetic toys** – high-strength magnets in toys can rip through the gut if your child swallows them.

- Buy from a reputable retailer or a brand name you know. Avoid online marketplaces.

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**Cooking** – young children won't always pull away from something that's burning them. They may forget the rules about not touching hot things.

- Push kettles to the back of the worktop and use the back rings of the cooker first
- If you're able to, keep children away from the kitchen when you're cooking. Or try to keep them in a highchair and away from the cooker if not.

**Bath water** – these scalds are really nasty and can happen in seconds.

- Put cold water in first then top up with hot.
- Test the temperature of the water with your elbow before putting your child into the bath
- Stay with your child in the bathroom in case they fiddle with the hot tap.

**Staying warm**

- Move cots away from radiators. Then your baby can't get their arm or leg trapped against the heat
- Fit fireguards around fires and heaters
- Check your hot water bottle for wear and tear. Replace every two years.

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