



Baildon Church of
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WELCOME

Welcome back to all our families - we trust that you had an enjoyable holiday. A very special welcome to all our new families and staff who have joined our school community.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Our worship this week has been centred on how special we are and the importance of recognising this. In addition, we have looked at the role which we all have to play in our school to make it the special community that it is. This was summed up in the chorus of the first hymn which we sang at our service yesterday;

‘This is our school, our community

Our school, feel the unity

We’re all a part of our school’

Many thanks to Reverend Sandra who lead this special service of blessing at the start of the academic year.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

All families should receive a copy of the confirmed dates for this year with this newsletter. Should we need to change any of these dates, we will notify you as soon as possible. A copy of this calendar will be posted on the website in the ‘**Parent Information**’ section.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

In the last newsletter of last year we did alert you to the fact that we are holding a ‘Curriculum Event’ on Wednesday, 12th September for parents of children in Reception to Year 6.

All parents should have received a letter about this and we ask that you apply for a place at one of these sessions using our online facility.

PARKING

As we start a new school year, please can I remind parents to be considerate in their parking habits before and after school. Please can we ask you to obey the road markings around school and please do not park on corners, within the zig zag lines, or obstruct driveways. Parents are reminded that they need a permit from the office to park in the school carpark and that they are not permitted to park in the carpark when collecting children from clubs.

CONFIDENTIAL FORMS

Following the introduction of the GDPR, we are awaiting instructions from the authority on how to update confidential reports. In the meantime, can we ask you to notify the office if there has been any change in contact details so that we can update these.

DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE SUMMER

As you will have noticed by the scaffolding around school, the improvements on the roof have not yet finished but we do expect that the contractors will be finished by Monday and the scaffolding should be removed by the middle of next week.

MEDICAL DETAILS

As all medication was sent home before the holidays, it is essential that a new medical plan is completed and sent with medication this term so that everything is up to date.

In cases where creams or medicines need to be administered, a medicine request form must be completed, an electronic version of this can be found on the website (Parent Information –Policies) In these instances, creams and medicines must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult and should not be kept by children.

PUPIL ABSENCES

Please can we remind parents to contact school on the first day of absence by phoning 598540. Parents should try and make all medical and dental appointments before or after school if possible. If this is not possible, please can you present the appointment card at the office so that the attendance record can be recorded correctly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that, in line with Governor policy, all sweatshirts and cardigans **must have a logo**. Please also note as stated in the uniform policy :

Boys must wear Navy/Black/Grey Socks

Girls must wear White/Grey/Navy Socks or Grey/Navy Tights.

Watches and one pair of small stud earrings may be worn. Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming. No other jewellery may be worn.

Hair must be neat and tidy at all times. **Small, navy, white and neutral hair accessories** only to be worn in school. No make-up or nail varnish to be worn in school.

If children wear boots to school, please can we ask that you also send in shoes which they can wear in the building.

Uniform can be purchased at Henry Smiths in Shipley or online with Tesco. If parents do not have access to the internet but wish to purchase uniform from Tesco, please contact the office where we will organise the use of a computer for this purpose.

MONEY IN SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that we now a cashless school- this link will take you straight to the login page: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney>

If you are logging in using the website address, please check that you choose the option 'Parent Login' and not 'School Login'.

Breakfast club costs £3.50 a session without breakfast and £4 a session with breakfast.

School dinners now cost £1.90 a day.

Cost for a week: £9.50

Cost for the term: 3rd September to 19th October £66.50

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

Parents are reminded that children should not be left unattended in the school yard before school as there is no supervision. Please can we ask that children do not play on equipment before or after school.

FLUORIDE SIGNING

Staff from the Dental Service will be in school next Friday, 14th September for parents to sign consent forms for the Fluoride Application which will take place on 28th September.

NUTFREE SCHOOL

At the start of this academic year, please can I remind parents that, due to a growing number of children throughout school with nut allergies, we are a 'nutfree' school. If you are providing cakes or treats for school events, please can we ask you to check that they are 'nutfree.' Please be aware that many chocolates contain traces of nuts so we ask that you check carefully before sending any chocolate snacks for birthday treats. Similarly, any food sent for school lunches must be 'nutfree.'

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Parents will be aware that for the last few years, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals. However, parents should also be aware that there are

additional benefits which may be accessed if they are eligible for free school meals but these need to be claimed for. The latest information about eligibility for Free School Meals is available in the Parents Section of the website, or a paper copy can be obtained from the school office. Bradford encourage parents to apply online for these benefits and there is a link to the application form contained within the document on the website.

SNACKS IN SCHOOL

Free fruit is provided to children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 and children in Years 3-6 are able to buy fruit or toast in school. Fruit, vegetables or bread based snacks may also be brought into school but please do not send sweets, biscuits, crisps or chocolate bars for break time.

DOGS ON THE PREMISES

Dogs, with the exception of Guide Dogs, are not permitted **anywhere on the premises**- please make sure that all dogs are outside the **external gates** at both entrances.

SMOKE FREE SCHOOL

Parents are advised that, as with all public buildings, Baildon Church of England School, including all grounds, is a smoke free school. This also applies to E cigarettes.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS/EVENTS

As a school we organise a huge range of extra-curricular clubs and events throughout the year, all of which involve a huge amount of administration. Once more this year, we intend to use the online facility to organise most of these clubs to try and eliminate slips getting lost etc. A number of extra-curricular clubs are due to start before school, during lunchtime or after school over the next fortnight. Please can we stress how important it is for you to collect your child at the agreed time at the end of the club. These clubs are run voluntarily by members of staff and I am very grateful for their time and commitment. In the course of the year a number of additional clubs will be organised which will be offered to other classes in school. Brass group will start on 10th September, Rock Solid on 13th September and Orchestra on 19th September. If children are attending clubs or groups before school, for fire register purposes, they need to enter through the office and sign in (unless they are attending Breakfast Club).

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country club starts next week at lunchtime with a different running themed activity each week, including: obstacles courses; relay races; beat the teacher races; a house colour cross country

championship and orienteering. Each session will last around 15-20 minutes at the start of lunchtime, with pupils having lunch after the practice has finished.

- Years 3-4 Practice - Monday Lunchtime.
- Years 5-6 Practice - Tuesday Lunchtime.

These opportunities are open to all children in these classes and they do not need to book on.

For more information, speak to Mr Van der Gucht

SCOOTERS/BIKES ON SITE

Please can we remind children to dismount their scooters or bicycles when they are on the school grounds.

RECEPTION INTAKE 2019

An information evening for Reception Intake 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 30th October. An information afternoon session will be held on Wednesday, 31st October.

Further information about these sessions will be issued nearer the date.

COMMUNICATION

There are many ways for parents to communicate with school and the most common method is by speaking directly to the teacher at the end of the day or catching the person who is on the door for messages at the Reception/Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 doors. In addition, parents can drop a line in school diaries to pass on comments to teachers or send in letters to staff. We are aware that many of our parents are not around to drop off and collect and, for many, email is a preferred method of contact. In these instances, please email the office (office@baildonce.co.uk) who will pass on the email to the member of staff. Please be mindful that, due to teaching commitments, it is not always possible for teachers to reply to emails immediately and, whilst they will try to reply on that day, this may not always be possible.

The newsletter is the main source of communication between school and home whereby we try to give you a flavour of what has been happening in school and also to give information about forthcoming events.

Conscious that life is very busy for all of us, we try and give as much advance notice of events as possible and many events are already organised with details in the calendar. Once more this year, the newsletter will be published weekly.

Copies of the newsletter will be placed in the Newsletter section on the Parent Information Section of the website.

Please can we ask that you check the newsletter or the website for information before phoning the office for things like 'how much is a school dinner for the week etc' as they often have to break off

from the many tasks that they are doing to answer things which have already been communicated- we realise that it is the easier option for parents but please can you check communications before you phone?

School uses both letters and text messages to communicate with parents. Copies of the letters are also in the Parent Information Section of the website. We provide letters in electronic form if they have no reply slips, but send paper copies of all letters which need a reply. We encourage as many parents as possible to receive letters by email. We are @baildonce on Twitter also if you want to follow us.

WALKING HOME

To encourage independence, many parents of children in Years 5 & 6 wish their children to walk home alone after school. Please can you contact the office for a form to complete for our records if you wish your child to walk home. If you require your child to collect a sibling from a lower class and walk them home also, please note this on the form. If you wish your child to walk around from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 1 to meet you, please can we ask you to either let the teacher know verbally or write a short note in your child's diary.

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Children in Year 6 have all received the information about applying to Secondary School this week. Please note that the deadline for applications is 31st October.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

Spellings, handwriting, further developing reading and speed of recall of tables are the main curricular priorities on our school improvement plan this year. We are also pursuing the area of 'Growth Mindset' and 'Metacognition' this year so as to try and further promote the resilience and independence of our learners as we have identified this as an area where, right from Reception, our children often do not demonstrate these characteristics.

This year achievement certificates will be awarded to children who demonstrate one of the characteristics of learning which we are promoting. This week, Mrs Adams introduced the learning behaviour of resilience to children at an assembly on Tuesday and this will be followed up by an introduction to independence next week.

Observations of some of our children still show that they lack independence, struggle to cope when they get things wrong and have a real fear of failure rather than seizing opportunities and looking for ways to overcome difficulties which is clearly a life time skill.

Therefore, we would like your help in the following ways:

- Please label all belongings so that children take responsibility for their own things
- Please follow the school request not to enter the cloakroom (except in Nursery) at the beginning and end of the day
- Encourage your children to have a go before giving any support
- Allow your children to do their own homework and if you need to help them, please write 'WS' on the work, which we use in school to show work has been completed with support.
- Help your children understand that it is more important to make mistakes and learn from them rather than get everything right all the time, as often this shows that activities are not pitched accurately enough to give challenge.
- Encourage your children to remember things like the days they have PE or need to bring homework etc.
- Talk to your child about the menu choices before school, if they are on school dinners

The following short reflection was shared recently with us which we feel sums up what we are trying to achieve:

If you want our children to grow into capable, independent adults, give them space to make some decisions without you controlling their every move.

Back off! Let them try. Let them fail.

It's not about them always getting it right, it's learning not to be afraid to try.

Brooke Hampton

ACHIEVERS OF THE WEEK

As mentioned above, all children this week received their certificates for demonstrating resilience.

Congratulations to:

Y1 Sam D, Emily N

Y2 Hana W, Malachi T

Y3 Archie R, Henry B

Y4 Amy V, Yousuf M

Y5 Lucy K, Oscar C

Y6 Owen C, Ike P

NATURE RESERVE

Year 6 children visited Denso Marston Nature Reserve yesterday to link with their Creative Curriculum and Science topics. The children really enjoyed exploring the area and discovering a range of creatures and plants. Some of the pictures can be seen on our twitter feed!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Please return any entries for the Summer Challenge to school by Wednesday, 12th September and the winners will be announced at assembly on Friday, 14th September.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please be advised that Governors reviewed and updated the attendance policy last academic year. Parents are reminded that the current law does not give parents the entitlement to take their child on holiday during term time. As a result of criticism which has been raised by authorities, including Ofsted, of schools who do not fine parents and guardians for unauthorised holidays, governors have agreed that we will now fine parents in these circumstances. The policy can be found in the policy section of our website. **Over the years many parents have phoned in to report that their children are sick or have medical appointments, despite children telling us they are on holiday. Please be aware that, in these circumstances, school can mark these absences as unauthorised.**

School Calendar 2018-2019

Monday 3rd Sept 2018 School Opens

Friday 19th Oct 2018 School Closes

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 29th Oct 2018 School Opens

Thursday 20th Dec 2018 School Closes

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday 3rd January 2019 School Opens

Friday 15th February 2019 School Closes

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 25th Feb 2019 School Opens

Friday 12th April 2019 School Closes

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 29th April 2019 School Opens

Monday 6th May 2019 Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May 2019 School Closes

SPRING BANK

Monday 10th June 2019 School Opens

Friday 19th July 2019 School Closes

**FINALLY, A HUGE PLEA TO EVERYONE
TO LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM
PLEASE.**

Bless our school and keep us safe.

Be with us as we travel each day.

*Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in
the people around us.*

*Bless all those who care for us in school and at
home.*

*Help us show our care for them and to say sorry
when we need to.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen