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Religious News

We continued our theme of Black History this week in Collective Worship with the Faith Council leading worship around 'God's Dream.' This is a book which was written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and asks readers to reflect on what they dream about and what they think God dreams about. The message of this beautiful book is that God dreams of a time when we welcome everyone regardless of race or religion and that we all show forgiveness to each other. This was the last worship which this Faith Council will lead as we will have newly elected councillors after half term and we hope that they will equally lead with such confidence and dignity. We are now busy preparing for our Remembrance Service which will take place on Monday 11th November and will be led by Canon Sandra. On our return to school, all classes in school will start their new topics from Understanding Christianity which will link to the events of Advent and the First Christmas.

Humans are described as being only a little lower than the angels in Psalm 8, so it reminds us that we have a purpose on earth – to look after it

Nobody can prove that your faith isn't real. Faith is a feeling.
Max

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AREA – READING

In our first newsletter of the year, we shared with you the school improvement areas for 2019-2020. A key area for us this year is further development of reading across school. 'Reading is the one ability that, once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself. Readers read. Readers comprehend' Michael Morpurgo.

Our aim in school is to teach our children to become skilled readers who develop a comprehensive understanding of words, language and texts. To do this, we really need your help. It is important that children are reading regularly at home and that they are being read to also. Increasingly, particularly further up school, we are finding that children are not reading to adults at all at home and, if children are to develop any fluency and understanding, this is really necessary.

Miss Brace relaunched Raving Readers and Extreme Readers on Monday and we ask you to support us in this by encouraging your child to read over the holidays and send in their reviews and the photos of where they are reading...staff have also been asked to do the same so we look forward to seeing the entries!

Achievers Of The Week

Our certificates this week were awarded to children for their attitude, behaviour and contribution to school life this half term.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week for demonstrating this characteristic in school:

Nursery: Seb F

FS2 Charlotte O, Bella C

Y1 Lucy N, Cody S

Y2 Benjamin B, Emily N

Y3 Jack N, Archie S

Y4 Spencer B, Billy W

Y5 Omid R, Olivia T

Y6 Zach B, Eve B

On our return to school, our certificates will be awarded for reading.

RACE NIGHT-It is the last chance to buy tickets for the Race Night on **8th November**, available by emailing baldonptfa@gmail.com. Come along on your own or with friends for a fun evening. Tickets £8 including welcome drink, food and entry into cash prize draw. Unfortunately, sales aren't looking good and so it is looking like we might have to cancel. Decision to be made next week.

ATTENDANCE Week of 14th October

FS1am 92.86%

FS1pm 100%

FS1 (30)98.33%

FS2Q 98%

FS2M 98.67%

Y1S 99.33%

Y1P 97.33%

Y2F 97.67%

Y2D 96.67%

Y3W 96.67%

Y3FH 97.33%

Y4M 100%

Y4AW 99%

Y5B 98.67%

Y5G 94.48%

Y6V 98.67%

Y6B 94.14%

Our whole school attendance was
97.46%.

Congratulations to Nursery pm who
won the attendance cup in EY and KS1
and to Year 4M who had 100% to win
the KS2 attendance cup.

ALDI STICKERS

Please continue to send in your Aldi stickers- we have already filled two posters and have sent off for a third one to fill. Remember that all returned filled posters earn a sports kit and also puts us in a draw to win one of the 20 prizes of £20,000!

NURSERY AND RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

We are holding our Open Day for our 2020 Nursery and Reception Intake on Wednesday, 6th November.

The format of the event will comprise of a presentation about the aims and ethos of the school and details about the admissions process for Baildon Church of England Primary followed by a tour of the school. We are holding three sessions on the day at 10am, 1.45pm and 6.15pm.

Please contact the school office on office@baildonce.co.uk to sign up for one of the sessions.

CHILDREN'S WREATH WORKSHOP

We are holding a free workshop for children of school age (with accompanying adult) to make a wreath for the Wreath Festival. The workshop will be at St John's Church Hall on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 12.30pm. To book a place, please contact Sarah Standley: sarahstandley@hotmail.com or 07792991181. Blank wreaths and decorations will be provided or your child/grandchild can bring their own. Includes a drink and snack.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Our local PCSO has asked you to send her photographs of illegal parking around school. She can be contacted on Theresa.green@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 Parents – please make sure that you have submitted your application for Secondary School by 31st October.

WHAT A BUSY WEEK!

There have been lots of exciting things happening all around school this year. To tie in with their Stone Age topic, Year 3 made bread with Nathan on Tuesday and compared the process with that of making bread on the open fire. They followed this on Thursday with an exciting day where they made stone age jewellery, created a mammoth on the playground and practised their spear throwing (with a foam javelin, thankfully!).

Our Year 4 celebrated the end of their topic with a fun filled 'Greek Themed' day yesterday also. As part of their day, children learned about Greek Gods, about the marathon and also learned some dancing – Strictly Come Dancing watch out! For their lunch, Nathan prepared an amazing Greek Feast which the children ate on a long buffet style table. We have also welcomed lots of parents to school this week for a number of events. Year 1 parents enjoyed being back at school for their Come and Learn Phonics sessions with their children on Wednesday and Thursday. Our annual reading evening in Nursery was, once more, a huge success and clad in pyjamas and dressing gowns, children and parents alike enjoyed the story telling and drinks and biscuits! Our Reception parents were also in school for their workshop on Early Reading whilst Year 1 parents were here for a phonic workshop as a follow up to help them understand the testing process and how to support pupils. Thank you all for your continued support.