



Baildon Church of
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Religious News

On Tuesday, we looked at various images of Jesus and discussed how they differ. We looked, in particular, at those pictures which featured Jesus as a King to link in with the Feast of Christ the King which was celebrated in churches last weekend. On Thursday, we welcomed Open the Book again to school to lead Collective Worship for Key Stage 1 where they looked at the story of Noah's Ark. Mr Holmes led Collective Worship for Years 3-5 on Saint Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, whose feast day is tomorrow, 30th November. In hymns, we have continued practising a selection of both traditional and new carols and hymns which will be incorporated into our services. As identified on our calendar, these services will take place on the last day of term, 20th December. Our EYFS and KS1 service will take place at 9.15am in the school hall to be followed by the KS2 service at 10.15am in Church. All parents are invited to these services.

*Faith does not need evidence because it comes from the
heart
Lottie*

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT Parents will now have received the information from Mr Kinsley regarding my intention to retire at the end of this academic year. As I am sure you can appreciate, this was not an easy decision to make and my letter of resignation was, perhaps, the most difficult one that I have ever had to write. I feel blessed that, nearly 38 years after qualifying, I am still in a job which I thoroughly enjoy and which has been extremely rewarding as well as challenging. Over the years, I have been fortunate to work in 6 great schools and the last 6 years in Baildon have been wonderful. Whilst the nature of my job has changed tremendously over the years, the reason why I went into teaching has not – children. I have loved getting to know the children in Baildon and I have been amazed by their fantastic achievements and contributions to all aspects of school life. Parents will often have heard me say that, when times have got tough in the office, I always take myself down to Nursery and Reception to remind myself of why I went into teaching in the first place. My time here has been exciting and, with the support of a happy, committed and highly professional staff, and an outstanding leadership team, we are proud of all we have achieved. Baildon is a warm, friendly and very 'special' place for pupils to thrive, flourish and excel with supportive parents and Governors and I look forward to enjoying my last 8 months!

Achievers of The Week
As a school, we continue to place a huge emphasis on children demonstrating creativity in their learning and across the curriculum.

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

Nursery: Emily H

FS2 Jude N, Charlie E

Y1 Charlotte W, Zac S

Y2 Arthur C, Maddy H

Y3 Anya B, Malachi T

Y4 Ciaran M, Shankar K

Y5 Llewyn R-M, Joseph H

Y6 All of Year 6

Next week, our certificates will be awarded for Religious Education.

TREE PLANTING

Thank you to the children from the Eco and the Fairtrade Councils who joined Mrs McCaul and Mr Holmes on a very wet Saturday morning between Denso Marston Reserve and Buck Lane to support with the Baildon Community tree planting event. Children, parents and staff helped to plant the 500 trees along the River Aire flood plain. Well done everyone and thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE Week of 18th November

FS1am	100
FS1pm	100%
FS1 (30)	91.67%
FS2Q	97.67%
FS2M	96.33%
Y1S	96%
Y1P	97.33%
Y2F	98%
Y2D	98%
Y3W	95.33%
Y3FH	98.67%
Y4M	98.62%
Y4AW	98%
Y5B	98%
Y5G	98.28%
Y6V	97.33%
Y6B	93.10%

Our whole school attendance was 97.12%. Congratulations to Nursery who won the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Year 3FH who won the KS2 attendance cup.

RED CROSS VISIT

We welcomed Imogen Fletcher from the British Red Cross to school on Tuesday to lead a workshop for both our Year 6 classes on Refugees. The workshop was extremely enlightening and thought provoking and supported the understanding of the pupils of some of the many challenges which refugees face on their journeys.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

If you missed the Open day and have a child who is due to start Nursery or Reception in 2020, a further information event will be held next **Thursday, 5th December at 1.45pm**. Please contact office@baildonce.co.uk to register your attendance at this event. Following our Nursery feasibility study, we will be offering 5 different options for Nursery in 2020: Mornings, Afternoons, 30 Hours, Monday to Wednesday lunchtime and Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

DIARY DATES AND TIMINGS

As we enter Advent, it is an extremely busy time with lots of things planned for the next three weeks and parents will have received letters about the diary of events. For your information, below, please find details of all that is planned for the next few weeks:

2nd December Aire Valley Athletics at Beckfoot

5th Open Afternoon for Nursery and Reception 2020 Intake at 1.45pm

9th Peace Museum 6B

10th Peace Museum 6V

10th Reception Nativity at 2pm

10th Reception Nativity at 6pm – children to come back to school at 5.30pm

11th Nursery Carols at 11.15am and 2.45pm

12th Tom Palmer Skype Call to Year 6

12th KS1 Nativity at 2pm

12th Choir singing at Hillbro Nursing Home

12th KS1 Nativity at 6pm. Children to come back at 5.45pm

13th Christmas Dinner – children invited to wear Christmas Jumpers (we are not asking for any Charity donations)

13th Year 4 Carolling in Baildon Village

13th Year 3 Signs of Christmas in Baildon

16th F2Q Crafts and F2M party– children invited to come in their party clothes (Weather appropriate)

16th Nursery Crafts 8.45am-9.45am or 2pm-3pm

17th F2M Crafts and F2Q party – children invited to come in their party clothes (Weather appropriate)

17th Nursery Crafts 8.45am-9.45am or 2pm-3pm

18th Nursery Party Day

18th Music Concert – 1.45pm

18th Music Concert -6.30pm- children are asked to come back to school at 6.00pm.

19th KS1 Parties – children invited to come in their party clothes

20th EYFS and KS1 Service at 9.15pm in the school hall – all welcome

20th KS2 Service at 10.15pm in St John's Church – all welcome

20th KS2 Parties – KS2 children are asked to bring their party clothes with them to change into after the services.

20th School Closes for holidays

LAND ART SUCCESS

Earlier in the term, you may remember that a group of our Year 3 children were involved in the Land Art installation at Hollins Hall. This was a joint project with local schools orchestrated by the artist Tim Curtis. Following a public vote for the best land art for the World Championships, we are delighted that this won the award for the best installation. Mrs Stead, accompanied by two of the Year 3 children, were delighted to attend the awards ceremony yesterday where the group were awarded their prize. Well done everyone and thank you to Miss Brace for co-ordinating the project for Baildon.