



Baildon Church of  
England Primary School  
and Nursery  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Religious News

In light of the fact that we returned to school on 6<sup>th</sup> January, which is the Feast of the Epiphany, Canon Sandra was in school to lead a special service for us on Monday. At the service, we discussed how the Kings felt when they visited the baby Jesus and explained how we are now in the season of Christmastide. We have changed our cloths in school to gold and our cribs will be in place until 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of the Presentation and the end of the 40 days of Christmastide. All classes throughout school are now studying units of work linked to Other Faiths and a number of classes will visit places of worship this half term, including the Mosque, the Mandir and the Synagogue. Parents are invited to join us at our annual Education Service which will take place at 10am at St John's Church on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Refreshments will be served in the hall in celebration of the event. Children in both choirs should have received a letter about this and are asked to return it to Mrs Armstrong.

*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.*

### **When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

**Howard Thurman**

Now that the tinsel and the twinkling lights have been put away, we are now trying to see how we can live out the true meaning of Christmas as highlighted in the poem above. One thing which still causes us lots of distress is, in light of the amount of poverty and need in the world, our children show absolutely no respect for property and we regularly have more lost property than Northern Rail. Please can we ask for your support in this by naming all items of clothing.

### **Achievers Of The Week**

In light of the importance of Reading for both enjoyment and to support learning, we have awarded our certificates to children who have impressed staff in this area.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week:

Nursery: Matilda L

FS2 Joshua F, Oliver G-H

Y1 Ella R, Ethan A

Y2 Oscar N, William I

Y3 Caitlin B, Theo B

Y4 Arthur R, Martha A

Y5 Edward S, Mia N

Y6 Henry D, Josh M

Our certificates will be awarded to children who demonstrate resilience next week.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR 2020**

Parents are reminded that, the closing date for applications for Reception 2020 is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

If parents are applying for a place in Baildon Church of England on religious grounds, they are reminded that they need to complete a Supplementary Information Form which also needs to be returned to our school office by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 16<sup>th</sup> December

FS1am 92.86%

FS1pm 87.27%

FS1 (30)94.17%

FS2Q 97%

FS2M 94.33%

Y1S 96%

Y1P 94.67%

Y2F 96%

Y2D 94.67%

Y3W 94.67%

Y3FH 97.33%

Y4M 92.41%

Y4AW 92%

Y5B 97%

Y5G 91.03%

Y6V 98%

Y6B 93.79%

Our whole school attendance was 94.79%. Congratulations to F2Q who won the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Y6V who won the KS2 attendance cup.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

As a school, we are constantly seeking ways to promote the love of reading and also to highlight the importance of reading and being read to.

To support us in this, we have amended our daily timetable to provide an opportunity for adults to read to children right through school. Please can we encourage you also to share books with your children.

### DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

13<sup>th</sup> Jan Robinwood 2020 Meeting for Year 5 parents 6.15pm

13<sup>th</sup> Jan PTFA Meeting 7.15pm

14<sup>th</sup> Table Tennis KS2

14<sup>th</sup> Year 2 visit to a Mosque

15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for applications for Reception 2020

21<sup>st</sup> Dogeball KS1

22<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Castle Races 2.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Bradford College Students in school to observe drama with Mrs Adams

23<sup>rd</sup> Early Maths Afternoon 2.15pm

24<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Bun Sale

27<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Multiskills

27<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 Sats Information Session 6.15pm- Year 6 Parents

29<sup>th</sup> Y3 /4 Multiskills

31<sup>st</sup> EYFS and KS1 PTFA Pyjama Party

31<sup>st</sup> Bags to School

3<sup>rd</sup> Service for the Feast of the Presentation

3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 to Synagogue

3<sup>rd</sup> Panathlon

5<sup>th</sup> Year 3 to Mandir

11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Hockey

11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

12<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Sats Information Session – Year 2 2.45pm & 6.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> Winter Games

14<sup>th</sup> School Closes for half term

### DRAGON EXCITEMENT IN YEAR

On Tuesday, Year 2 excitedly arrived at school dressed as dragons prepared to be dragonologists for the day. We eagerly went in search of dragon clues, finding a footprint, claws, part of a spade tail and a scorched container, before finally discovering five brightly coloured, scaly eggs in a nest made from twigs and feathers! Throughout the day, we watched to see if the dragon mother would return to her eggs, but sadly she didn't, so we decided to take the eggs into class and care for them. We can't wait to see what will happen over the next few weeks!

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

We are absolutely delighted with the work which was carried out over the holidays -both the hall and gym floors look absolutely amazing after the work!

### PTFA UPDATE

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

### CHANGE OF DATE

Unfortunately, both Mrs McCaul and Miss Quinlan are at training courses on 16<sup>th</sup> January so we have to move the Early Years Maths session to 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please use the online booking system to book onto this.