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RELIGIOUS NEWS

We are now over half way through Holy Week and Christians are currently remembering the final week of Jesus on earth which started with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem which was remembered last Sunday. We hope that you have found the resources which we have placed on our Collective Worship section of the VLE useful this week as you too have grappled with your own week. Within the Christian Church, Easter Sunday, which will be celebrated on Sunday, is a time for rejoicing and celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. It is widely recognised as a time of renewal and hope. In these challenging times, we also are looking forward with hope to the time of celebration once the current pandemic is over and draw courage and inspiration from the many prayers and reflections which are linked with this significant feast.

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.
All Amen.



ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who should receive their certificates by email:

Nursery Imogen S– for being fantastic and ‘wowing’ us all in Care Club. She has adapted well to lots of change. Imogen has involved herself in lots of activities and enjoyed all the opportunities.

FS2Q Oliver M- K – For now being able to sound out and blend words together! Keep developing these skills at home Oliver! I am looking forward to hearing you read when we are back in school! Well done!

FS2M Jacob H – For working really hard on a range of skills: ordering numbers, practising his writing and lovely role play with his brother. You are certainly keeping busy! Well done Jacob.

Y1P Jacob W- For taking part in lots of creative activities at home. I have been very impressed with your creations! From the bunny made of a toilet roll tube to designing your own t-shirt. Well done Jacob!

Y1S Zac S – For his use of natural materials to create an Easter Garden to use as a table centre piece during Holy Week. Well done Zac!



Y2D Otto W- S for his creative talents, in particular ‘Jesus on the cross’ that he made with cardboard and a hot glue gun. Very impressive.

Y2F Oscar N – For all of the fantastic writing he has been completing at home. He has written a character description, acrostic poem and an amazing story. Well done Oscar!

Y3W Harry for his excellent Easter garden. He has really considered the true meaning of Easter. Well done Harry!

Y3FH Toby O’M for his excellent very detailed Tiger research very impressed with the detail and amount you have written well done.

Y4AW Johnny W – For uploading a fantastic character description of Miss Trunchbull to the VLE.

Y4M Billy W – For his science investigative work dissecting a daffodil.

Y5G Joseph H – For his excellent contribution to 5Gs TT Rockstars victory.

Y5B William R for an extraordinary effort in our TTRockstars battle online! Well done Will!

Y6B Eden B-I for working just as hard at home and staying in touch, showcasing all she has been up to.

Y6V Harry C for the time, effort and imagination he has been showcasing in all his online work

OUR READERS RECOMMEND

Nursery - My Favourite Book by Bennie. I love the book Room on the Broom because the witch is kind and lets everyone on her broom. I like it when they scare away the dragon.

Siara likes 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. She enjoys the repetition and we also turn it into a song. The illustrations are wonderful too- bright, interesting and lots to look at!

Reception Annabella – I enjoy reading the Gingerbread Man. It is one of my favourite books.

Lily - 'Oi Frog' is one of my favourite books and 'Little ice skater'. I like to read these with my Mummy before bed.

Otto W- S wrote this review: I recommend 26 Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. It's terrifically funny. It's about 2 people called Andy and Terry. They live in a tree house with really cool things like a lemonade fountain, chocolate swimming pool, marshmallow shooter and a shark tank with sharks in. It will have you giggling all night!

Eli J recommends Billionaire Boy by David Walliams. He likes the message in the story that money isn't everything, in fact having friends and being nice are much more important.

Christie O'B recommends Malory Towers by Enid Blyton because it is funny and a new mystery to solve about the Lady Jane Malory (the ghost of Malory Towers)

Arthur R- My suggestion is called The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan. It is really cool adventure story where they have to rescue their grandad. One of the quotes is believing it is just the beginning.

Finley K- The Mystery of the London Eye by Siobhan Dowd. I like this book because it is full of mystery and you will not expect what a new chapter will be like.

Harriet K- I think that the most amazing book I have ever read is The Hunger Games because you can't put it down. I wanted to read it for 10 minutes and when I had finished I had actually read it for two hours!!! It's a constant pull in book that never fails to intrigue you. There are always twists and turns in the tale and the description makes you feel like you're really there. This book is number 1 for me and I think any boy or girl in the age category of 10-14 would love it.

There are more books in the series. If you read the first two pages, the next time you read four then eight and so on. Katniss Everdeen (the heroin of the story) is feisty and has the spirit to live on, though she has a loving heart which can be her downfall and her uprising for revenge. This is a spoiler quote but my favourite one, 'And it wasn't me. It was Primrose Everdeen.' If you didn't know, Primrose is her younger sister. And she was going to the games. Or was she?

I would recommend The Way Things Work Now by David Macaulay. It's a non-fiction graphic design book that demonstrates how every day, and more unusual, items work using child-friendly diagrams and technical drawings whilst explaining the science behind it in an engaging and fun manner. (Unknown in Year 6)

Please continue to share your recommendations with your teachers. Once more this week, we have received some suggestions which have not been shared this week but will be in next week's newsletter. If parents have any suggestions to share with us about books you are enjoying sharing with your children or indeed adult books, please share these via your children on the VLE or email office@baildonce.co.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We realise that there may be some confusion around concerning Free School Meals and the voucher scheme which the Government announced recently due to the fact that children in Years 1,2 and Reception receive school meals for free. These meals should be identified as Universal Free School Meals and are not actually what the Government is referring to in this announcement.

Free School Meals are available for families if they meet certain criteria and, in these challenging times, due to changes in circumstances regarding employment, many families may now be eligible. Please find the eligibility criteria below:

You can apply for school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit

- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the school or call the Education Service on 01274 439393)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

How to apply

You can apply online by following the link below which will connect you directly with Bradford
https://online.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS.eb?ebd=0&ebp=10&ebz=1_1586260237824

If you are eligible, school will receive an update and we will add you to our list and communicate directly with you about how we are supporting families on Free School Meals. We are grateful to Community Champion Sharon at Morrisons in Guiseley who is continuing to support us ensure that we have food in school for children attending and for eligible families on Free School Meals.

In addition to free school meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits including housing support and all these details can be found at www.bradford.gov.uk

We also have a section on our school website in Parents which has all the details.

WORKING AT HOME

Thanks to everyone who responded to last week's art challenge with fantastic 'Easter' inspired creations where, once more, a huge range of approaches were used. Well done everyone!

As we are just about to enter Eastertide, we are offering you more opportunities to share your 'Easter' inspired creations next week and then we will issue a different challenge next week.

Take a picture of your child's work and upload it as a message on the VLE – sending it to Mr Van der Gucht, so he can share the wonderful work on Twitter. Or, alternatively, tweet it and tag the school @baildonce

BBC ANNOUNCE DAILY PROGRAMMES

The BBC will offer daily programmes to help parents and children with schoolwork at home during the lockdown. Starting on 20 April, videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles will appear on BBC Bitesize Daily via the BBC iPlayer, red button, BBC Four and BBC Sounds.

Children's lessons will feature presenters including Oti Mabuse, Katie Thistleton and Karim Zeroual. BBC director general Tony Hall called it "the biggest education effort the BBC has ever undertaken."

The corporation said every child in the UK would "have their education supported" and it has teamed up with organisations such as the Royal Shakespeare Company, Premier League and Puffin Books to keep the lessons fresh. The initiative will include 14 weeks of core subject learning to offer "rhythm and routine" for pupils "whatever your child's age".

He said the BBC was offering six 20-minute programmes on air daily on BBC iPlayer and red button, and would cover core subjects including Maths, English and science, with guidance from experts and teachers. "Life's been turned on its head this will hopefully show people that support is there, with lessons for the whole day if you choose to use them," he said.

The presenter added that the curriculum would be for years one to 10, and that for Year 10s there would be an Instagram live with a teacher and experts exploring questions asked by pupils.

"The answers they'll get and the immediate effect from the teacher will be great," he said.

Lord Hall said the "comprehensive package is something only the BBC would be able to provide" adding: The content will be divided into age groups and BBC Bitesize online will publish a new Maths and English lesson for every child every day with more subjects to follow.

The lessons will be nation specific, and the BBC has "worked closely" with teachers plus "trusted education providers such as Twinkl and White Rose Maths, the Department of Education in England, the Welsh Government, Scottish Government and Northern Ireland Executive".

RESOURCES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL

It is difficult to stay up to date with the number of additional resources which are being made available for children to access to support their learning, but below please find links to some which you might find useful:

Please follow this link to online resources for the Ocean Agency

<http://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/celebrate-your-love-ocean-virtually>
www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning

This includes bird watching/ nature hunts and lots more!

<https://tpet.co.uk/downloads/tag/home-learning/> - learning packs added each day.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/post/free-downloadable-coronavirus-book-for-children-with-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler> - this is a book about the Coronavirus to be shared with pupils.

The DFE has also released a wide range of resources which can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

COMMUNICATION

Thanks to everyone who continues to upload things to the VLE and stay in contact via Twitter also. This week, Mr Van Der Gucht has set up a school YouTube channel which we are planning on using going forward for uploading some of our messages.

As mentioned last week, when teachers are in school, they are starting to phone parents just to stay in touch. Thank you for the positive feedback which we have received from parents who have been called so far. Please note that, currently, staff are manning the office email all day every day but they will be taking a break now until next Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

SAFEGUARDING

As mentioned last week, in these days of increased activity online, we are keen to promote safety. Attached to this newsletter you should receive communication from Thinkuknow which is the national online safety education programme from CEOP, the online child protection command of the National Crime Agency which has some useful information on how to stay safe online. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please email these to the office and they will be passed on to the relevant person to deal with.

Thinkuknow have also produced a number of activities for children to complete which teachers will upload over to their learning areas for pupils to complete. These can also be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS GOING FORWARD

As identified last week, to help us with our planning, we are asking parents who need to use our Emergency Care Club to complete a survey which will be sent out **weekly** so that we can organise our staffing rotas around this. If you have not completed this already for next week, please can I ask you to complete this as soon as possible. Please note that we will not be open on Monday. We do appreciate that many people who work shifts are subject to changes in shifts and some requirements may therefore need to change. In these cases, please can I ask you to contact the office on office@baildonce.co.uk with details of changes. Please can I ask that when parents drop off and collect children from Emergency Care Club that they exercise social distancing and that children enter and leave on their own. Once more, I can't stress enough that this facility should only be used when it is absolutely necessary and that parents should aim to keep children at home as much as possible.

How Could the Father Tell the World?

How could the Father tell the world of love and tenderness?

He sent his Son, a newborn babe, with peace and holiness.

How could the Father show the world the pathway we should go?

He sent his Son to walk with men on earth, that we may know.

How could the Father tell the world of sacrifice, of death?

He sent his Son to die for us and rise with living breath.

What does the Father ask of us? What do the scriptures say?

Have faith, have hope, live like his Son, help others on their way.

What does he ask? Live like his Son.

May we wish you all the peace and joy of Easter.