



Baldon Church of  
England Primary School  
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### RELIGIOUS NEWS

Yesterday, we should have gathered together in the hall to celebrate a special service with Canon Sandra for St George's Day and to celebrate Eastertide. As part of our care club provision, we have started looking at some of the events which followed the Resurrection of our Lord and His appearances to His disciples before ascending into heaven. Earlier in the week, Mr Holmes led a worship about the Road to Emmaus and today we have looked at the story of how Jesus appeared to some of his disciples in the room. We discussed how these appearances made the disciples feel and how they helped their faith.

Lord Jesus,  
when you walked with us on earth  
you spread your healing power.  
We place in your loving care  
all who are affected by Coronavirus.  
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.  
Bring relief to our sick,  
console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.  
We lift our prayer to you Lord,  
and trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.  
Amen.

### ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

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

Nursery Stanley G - each week we love receiving his photo collages of all the amazing learning he is doing at home. Thank you for sharing the pictures and keep up the hard work.

FS2Q Jenson for carrying out a range of Math's challenges on the Carol Vorderman website.

FS2M Ted D P for working well exploring pattern. Well done.

Y1P Bonnie S for being kind toward others whist in the care club.

Y1S Daniel B for all the Maths work that he has been doing at home. Well done Daniel. Keep up the good work!

Y2D Millie R – you have been very busy practising lots of life skills as well as doing lots of work.

Y2F Ted L for all of the effort he is putting in to complete tasks. Keep it up Ted!

Y3W Rupert F for taking part in our TTRockstars battle

Y3FH Phoebe W for working hard in Care Club and being very helpful and kind.

Y4AW Lorelei C for completing the creative challenge - creating a fantastic shoebox scene linked to a story she had read about spies.

Y4M Elsa T for her motivation and drive to complete a variety of tasks set both on and off the VLE, this including her individual contributions to the TT Rockstar battle.

Y5G Isaac W for working hard at the daily maths.

Y5B Edward H for engaging with the Baldon 10 Challenge, the VLE and PurpleMash – great effort Edward!

Y6B Matthew H for engaging with the VLE and sending in messages this week – what a great start to the summer term!

Y6V Jess L she completes pretty much every task set on the VLE, replying with a polite message each time.

### OUR READERS RECOMMEND

Miss Perry – The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse by Charlie Mackesy - A beautifully illustrated book  
Reception The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Mrs McCaul has uploaded a video recording of this.

Mrs McCaul also recommends The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and she is sending a video link to this.

I like the Ice Monster by David Walliams because the girl saves the animal and really looks after it. By Reuben –L-O

4AW Rent a Bridesmaid by Jacqueline Wilson, as it is amazing and funny. (Millie S)

Warrior Boy by Virginia Clay – I am on chapter 2 already and I love it! (Johnny W)

Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams - It is full of great twists and turns if I could read it again I would. (Mary H)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Meltdown by Jeff Kinney - because it is really funny and makes me laugh. Also, the book has hilarious illustrations. This book is definitely guaranteed to make your day seem brighter! (Zade S)

5G Lucinda B - The Tale of Emily Windsnap – she was reading it to her Grandparents.

6B Jess L recommends The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd.

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](mailto:office@baildonce.co.uk)

## 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:

[www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking) For easy baking ideas.

<https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/> 10 minute challenges from authors

<https://www.earlyyearsstorybox.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Pack-of-positivity.pdf>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/> Reading books are now accessible online for those children who want to access them.

Art- Feeling creative and want to create a master piece, click the link below and learn to draw with Art kids Hub. Take photos of your creations and share them on your emails as an attachment with your teachers and friends. <https://www.artforkidshub.com/>

To make it interactive- FaceTime or video call a friend and do it together. Share your progress towards your master piece and have fun together. Create an ART hub working wall at home **to present your pieces and see your progress.**

## SAFEGUARDING

Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and support for parents and carers (NSPCC)

The NSPCC has created a number of resources to support parents and carers during this difficult time.

Topics include:

- Talking to a child worried about coronavirus
- Parents working from home
- Children staying home alone
- Lockdown and separated parents
- How to cope with tantrums and other difficult behaviour

The advice can be found on the NSPCC website here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

## WORKING AT HOME

Thank you to everyone for all the work which you have been doing this week where all teachers have reported that they have been really impressed by the amount and huge array of work which is being done. It has been an absolute delight to see the amazing range of shoebox creations which displayed real ingenuity and imagination and lots of them had a number of very intricate details. I am very pleased that we are not judging them as that would prove a very difficult thing to do!

Our creative challenge for next week is to recycle a plastic bottle. We look forward to seeing your creations! Mr VDG is enjoying sharing all the fantastic work the children are producing through our Twitter feed. If you have anything you would like to share, please send it to him through the VLE with a message acknowledging your parental consent for him to tweet the pictures.

Or, alternatively, tweet it and tag the school @baildonce.

Although school may be closed, our teachers are all excited about starting their new topics through sharing resources and tasks using the VLE

Year One - Local Geography and Spring Seasonal changes

Year Two - The Royal family

Year Three and Four - The Egyptians

Year Five - Natural Disasters

Year Six - The Mayans

Check the VLE for their weekly Curricular Learning Tasks and we look forward to seeing all our pupils' amazing and creative work.

Teachers has asked me to remind you to check out the 'Learn' tab on the VLE for particular classes as well as using the different programmes such as TTRockstars and Spelling Frame etc.

Sending emails and attachments is a key skill and please can we ask, particularly for children in Key Stage 2, that they are sending things themselves to the teachers. If they are not sure how to do this, please can you show them? In addition to working on a rota in school, phoning parents and producing documents, videos and lessons for the VLE, staff are also tasked with looking after their own families so please be aware that they will not be able to reply to all messages which are posted and, often, not even to acknowledge them so please do not be surprised if you do not receive a reply.

Please note that staff are not able to set personalised learning for 30 children in their class and they are doing their best, and in my mind, going above and beyond to support children, so please can I ask you to be understanding in these circumstances and appreciate the conditions which we are all working in when you send communication.

I have been told off on numerous evenings this week for looking at my phone and been asked what am I doing – the answer all the time has been looking at Baildon Twitter which has been incredible this week. The manner in which you have all responded and continue to respond to the music challenge, Baildon10 challenge and the creative challenges has been wonderful and Mr Van Der Gucht continues to update us immediately on our Whats App group when we have the famous tweets like those from Matt Lucas and OMD this week.

If you have not yet discovered Twitter, please check us out @baildone and tonight you will see a very special message there from staff which we hope you will enjoy!

### **SPECULATION ABOUT OPENING**

You will be aware from the media that there is intense speculation at the moment about when schools will open and whether it will be primaries or secondaries which will open first. It is natural for us all to be wondering when this will happen and, as a school, we are very keen to be able to open up and carry on with our real purpose which is to provide quality education to all. However, please can I emphasise that the Secretary for State for Education has stated publicly that "no decision has been made on when we will reopen schools. I can reassure schools and parents that they will only reopen when the scientific advice indicates that it is the right time to do so." We have started to think about the logistics about opening up and some of the many ramifications of this virus but, at this moment in time, there is no date set for our return. We continue to monitor the situation and we will contact you once we have any further information.

### **YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE**

For Matilda in Year 3 who is clearly a Liverpool fan from looking at her shoebox creation to people all over the world, the song 'You'll Never Walk Alone' has a huge significance. However, the challenge of a 99 year old in these difficult times and how his story has captured not just the United Kingdom but also the world has also brought this song to have increased significance at the moment. It is hoped by many that the song will be Number 1 this weekend which would be a wonderful achievement for someone to say on their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday that they were number 1 in the charts! Whilst we are not seeing each other at the moment, we cling on to the hope which is central to our biblical quote, the song and our hope that we will all be together at the end of this particular storm.

At the end of a storm  
There's a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark  
Walk on through the wind  
Walk on through the rain  
Though your dreams be tossed and blown  
Walk on, walk on  
With hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone  
You'll never walk alone.