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RELIGIOUS NEWS

We used part of Matthew 10 as the starting points for our discussions this week and explored the fact that Jesus sent the disciples to spread His good news and we are also entrusted to do the same.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10

We also started looking at the theme of Generosity this week which has been highlighted in many guises during this pandemic in the manner in which many people have supported those around them. The children explored the story of The Widow's Coin which exemplifies what true generosity is in that the widow only gave a small amount but this was extremely generous in comparison to the fact that she had so little to give in the first place. Over the next weeks, we will be continuing this theme as well as looking at a number of parables. This week children explored the Parable of the Sower and prayed that we would be like the good soil referred to.

Teach us Lord your wisdom

The wisdom of listening with open ears

The wisdom of waiting with patient hearts

The wisdom of responding with ready wills

So that we may be like the good soil and live lives that bear good fruit.

Amen

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

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

Nursery Benji W – we have loved looking at all the photographs of the learning you are enjoying at home. Keep up all the hard work, Benji. Well Done!

FS2Q Mia P for thinking and writing down your own superhero powers for your character.

Well done Mia!

FS2M Louis G for all the fantastic work he has completed with his home learning. Well done!

Y1P Sienna S for her hard work and commitment to her home learning. Brilliant effort!

Y1S Arthur W for exploring Shipley Glen to find different types of tree. Then using the leaves to create his own tree, complete with labels. Well done Arthur!

Y2D Sienna S for her hard work and commitment she has continued to show during lock down.

Y2F Reuben L-O has been working hard at home during lockdown on all areas of his learning, but has particularly embraced using TTRockstars. Well done Reuben!

Y3W Ted A- C whose weekly videos never fail to make me smile. It's lovely to see his strong work ethic continuing through this period of home schooling

Y3FH Zach L for consistently working hard during lockdown and remaining engaged with his learning in a tricky time. Well done, keep it up!

Y4AW Mary H for organising and preparing the food and decorations for a tea party, for her family.

Y4M Arthur R for his continued motivation to complete a variety of work across the curriculum in his home schooling.

Y5G Ashley K for his hard work at home this week including a 3K run.

Y5B Nieve L for displaying a brilliant attitude to home learning.

Y6B. Harriet C for her exceptional 'storm' piece which she created inspired by her music lesson this week.

Y6V Oliver R who has consistently produced creative work of a high standard throughout lockdown as well as being unfailingly polite in his emails. Well done.

The following children received their certificates for their learning in school:

Siara B, Henry C, Arabella T, Max I, Zac S, Joseph R, May W, Malachi T, Jay W, Johnny W, Corey G, Edward H, Ryan M and Sam M.

STAFFING UPDATE

We offer our congratulations to Miss Quinlan who leaves us at the end of the year to take up a new position in Lees Primary School and to Mrs Fairchild who leaves to take up a new position in Blakehill Primary School. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Mullen to the staff in September.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents have started to contact us about what will be happening in September and unfortunately, at this moment in time, we are unable to share concrete news with you. We have been promised guidance on this to be published next week and, whilst Senior Leaders and Mrs Savage have been in discussion about some tentative plans, we are hoping for more definite guidance before we are in a position to share these with you. We can, however, confirm the staffing arrangements for September 2020 will be:

Nursery Miss Marlborough

FS2PM Miss Perry and Mrs Morgan
FS2M Mrs McCaul

FS2Q will move to Y1D with Mrs Dunne
FS2M will move to Y1P with Miss Patterson

Y1S will move to Y2W with Mrs Woodwiss
Y1P will move to Y2F with Miss Firth

Y2F will move to Y3S with Mrs Senior
Y2D will move to Y3HS with Mrs Hanson and Mrs Smith

Y3W will move to Y4AW with Mrs Z Armstrong and Mrs Wilkinson
Y3FH will move to Y4M with Miss Mullen

Y4AW will move to Y5G with Mr Greenhalgh
Y4M will move to Y5B with Mr Buckley

Y5G will move to Y6V with Mr Van Der Gucht
Y5B will move to Y6B with Miss Brace
Mr Holliday will also teach in Year 6.

Mrs Akam, Mrs B Armstrong (Music) and Mr Holmes will be non-classed based in September and teach various classes throughout school. Miss Melvin will continue to work from home until her maternity leave starts later in the term.

BAILDON HEROES

Since March, the media has been heralding the different heroes in society for their part in rising to the challenges of the current situation. I would normally extend my thanks to all the staff in my final newsletter of the year but, this year, I have decided to share with you my thanks and appreciation of different groups of people in my final five newsletters.

Today I would like to highlight the work of a group of staff who many people may not even know their names but they have been catapulted to the forefront of all the work in the school recently due to their increased workload to ensure that the site is kept clean and that is our hardworking cleaners.

Headed up by Mr Cottrell, our Site Manager, Mrs Parker, Mrs Price, Mrs Thornton and Mr Hacking have been adjusted to additional cleaning throughout the school day and of course the deep clean on Fridays. I am extremely grateful to them all for the manner in which they have risen to the challenges, which have been many.

Our Office Staff, Mr Hiley, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Capon, have also been real heroes as they have had to respond to an increased number of emails and queries from a wide range of people including suppliers, parents and the authority. In addition to also manning the phones, they have also been extremely busy organising all the normal end of year activities including the letters for our new entrants, preparing the envelopes for reports which will go out on 16th July as well as liaising with the high schools regarding transition of information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVIDERS

Parents may be unaware that Henry Smiths was taken over in November by a company called Whittakers. Currently, they are operating an appointment system for customers which can be arranged through their website www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk through the BOOK APPT tab. It is also possible to place orders online through the same website.

Parents are also still able to purchase uniform online through <https://myclothing.com/>

RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

We hope that you all managed to log onto the link which you were sent regarding September 2020. If you have any queries after receiving the informative packs, please send these to reception2020@baildonce.co.uk by 30th June and we will compile a FAQ to send out to you by email next week.

NURSERY INTAKE 2020

All parents of children who are due to start in Nursery in September should have received a letter about the information evening and some information about starting in September. The link to the presentation which will be posted on our website on 30th June will be sent out prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, parents can send any queries to nursery2020@baildonce.co.uk . Following this, the packs will all be sent out.

SUMMER PLANS

A number of parents have enquired as to the plans for school during the school holiday and whether it would be open for children. Please be advised that schools have been informed that they are not expected to open in the holidays for children of key workers so we will be closing for the holidays on 22nd July.

WELLBEING

Mr Holmes has been liaising with one of our parents who has devised a plan to utilise creative and therapeutic means to help children connect with their pre-existing peer communities and lessen feelings of isolation. This is because research suggests that the main concerns facing children and young people currently are around loneliness, isolation and sleep difficulties.

The first task- which children will receive a message about on the VLE today- will result in each class making an e-quilt. Children are being challenged to make a square for their class quilt that says 'home' to them. They can choose the colours and patterns they would like to use and also decide whether they would like to draw, paint, sew, or knit their square. When they have designed their square, they have been asked to photograph it (no selfies please!) and attach it to a message to their class teacher on the VLE before Friday 3rd July. Their class teacher will then put the squares together to make a class quilt and then hopefully each of the class quilts can be put together to make a whole school quilt.