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RELIGIOUS NEWS

We continued our study of parables this week and explored two further parables, 'The Two Sons' and 'The Pharisee and the Tax Collector.' Children discussed the messages in both and looked at how in the first story one of the sons said he would not do something but then changed his mind, whereas the second son said that he would do something but didn't. During our exploration of the second parable we discussed the difference between bragging about things and being proud and how it is much better to be humble about things like the tax collector. In our final story linked to Generosity, we looked at one of the stories from the Old Testament and discussed how sometimes that being generous with our time and helping people with things is often more welcome than the most expensive gifts that people can give. Nowhere has this been more obvious than during this pandemic where people who have been shielding at home have welcomed people dropping by to the garden and even chatting through the windows! Our final Collective Worship explored the concept of Service and what the Galatians quote, 'Serve one another in love.' We used this quote to make links to our discussions about generosity.

*Father God
Thank you for the many different skills, gifts and qualities you have given us,
Help us to serve other with willing hands
With generous hearts
And with kind words
Use our eyes and ears to notice how others serve us
And remind us to show our gratitude and thanks
To our teachers
Helpers in school
Our parents
And our friends
In serving others in love, may we also serve you.
Amen*

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

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

FS2Q Joseph D for creating your own dinosaur fact book at home!

FS2M Aidan M for his fantastic maths work linked to the story of Oliver's Vegetables. Well done!

Y1P Cailin S for taking lots of opportunities to learn new skills during this time of home schooling. This includes learning how to play music on a whistle and magic tricks!

Y1S Ayana A T for the video of herself reading her news report about Barry the fish with fingers saving Puffy the fish with animation and expression. Well done!

Y2D Esme Hands for learning a new skill and knitting her E Quilt square. It was amazing!

Y2F Max M for working hard at home and engaging with all of the learning that has been set on the VLE.

Y3W Amelie S for applying herself to her work with enthusiasm and determination. Keep up the great work Amelie

Y3FH Ethan B for his excellent English work on ‘The Pharaohs Fate.’
 Y4AW Ciaran M for his fantastic stop animation based on the 7 life processes in Science.
 Y4M Thomas S for continuing to support his learning across the curriculum during lockdown.
 Y5G Isabella V for a superb quilt design.
 Y5B Amy & Katie V for excellent work over the VLE, including lovely squares for the quilt
 Y6B Eden B-I for always remaining positive throughout lockdown and continuing to try hard in all her home learning.
 Y6V Imogen M- Having spoken to Imogen and her mum, it was great to hear her engagement with work at the weekends and I would love to see her work on woodlands she produced.

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

Ben I, Olive N, Joshua F, Noah M, Estella B, Richard H, Eli J, Alex G, Harry S, Shankar K, Matilda T, Chloe H, Amelia L, Oscar C, Zander B

SEPTEMBER 2020

Further to the information shared last week, I can confirm that, earlier this week, Mrs Savage, Mr Holmes and I met (virtually) to put the plan and risk assessment in place for September. We are presenting this to a group of Governors this afternoon and, following that, we will amend in light of their comments and suggestions before it is presented to Governors at the final Governing Body meeting next Wednesday, 15th July. Following that, we hope that we will be in a position to share with you all the information about the procedures which we plan to put in place to meet the published guidelines and welcome everyone back to school in September.

PHONE CALLS FROM SCHOOL

As we near the end of term, teachers will be phoning the children in their class next week to have a quick catch up with them. Due to the fact that we only have two lines out of school, one of which needs to be kept free for the office, please be aware that the phone calls may register as number withheld, so we ask you to accept if possible.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	6V and 4M	1P and Reception M
Tuesday	3W	5B and 1S
Wednesday	3FH	6B and Nursery
Thursday	Reception Q and 4AW	5G and 2F
Friday	2D	

MUSIC

Following the letter which parents in Reception to Year 5 received last week, please can we remind you that you need to communicate directly with the music service or Mrs Usher as per the instructions in the letter as, unfortunately, we are unable to deal with enquiries in school.

REPORTS

Reports to children who are not in school will be posted on Wednesday morning and children who are in school will receive their reports on Thursday afternoon.

BAILDON HEROES

This week, I would like to continue my appreciation of the Baildon Heroes by celebrating the work of the Breakfast Club Workers and the Teaching Assistants, with some of the staff as you will notice appearing in both roles.

Breakfast Club provides a much needed service to lots of our families as it enables them to drop off early so as to enable parents to get to their places of work and often we have up to 100 children on site for this provision. Ably led by Ms Jones, this important team of people also

includes Mrs Brown, Mrs Demurtas, Mrs Sokee, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Pearson, Miss Reid, Mrs Tapusoa and Mrs Townshend.

I am sure you are familiar with the saying that 'behind every great man is a great woman' and this can be changed to read 'alongside every great teacher there is a great teaching assistant' who support in so many ways. Whilst on the payroll list, all of these people are labelled in a whole host of ways including Early Years Practitioners, Teaching Assistants, Welfare Officers and HLTAs (Higher level teaching assistants), their importance in the work of our school is no different – they are all important cogs in the machinery. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of these super heroes: Mrs Adams, Mrs Baxter, Miss Bedford, Mrs Clough, Mrs Cooper, Miss Dearden, Mrs Demurtas, Mrs Exley, Mr Gomersall, Mrs Hamer, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Hows, Mrs Jones, Miss Kelly, Miss Lafferty, Mrs McCauley, Mrs Peacock, Miss Reid, Mrs Sokee and Mrs Stead.

There are also a number of people who are not directly employed by school but support us regularly and I am grateful to them for this: Andy R who is our IT technician, Mrs Usher, Mr Griffith, Mr Payne, Mr Denholme, Mrs Lawler and Miss Reading who are our peripatetic music teachers who lead some of our many talented ensembles. Finally, to Mrs Whitehouse who is our external bursar and who has worked with us fortnightly for over 20 years. We thank her and wish her a long and happy retirement.

BOOK AMNESTY

Prior to lockdown, we sent home a number of reading books and text books to families to support learning. Please can we ask that you return these to school over the next ten days so that we can quarantine them and get them back into circulation next week. We will place a box outside for the return of all of these books. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

This term is a time which lots of children really look forward to for Healthy Schools Week and also for Sports Day. Unfortunately, due to the situation, as you are aware, we are unable to hold any of these fun events. Please watch out for a letter next week from Mr Holliday with all the details about a virtual sports day.

STAFFING UPDATE

We look forward to welcoming back Miss Marlborough from her maternity leave next week.

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/>

NURSERY INTAKE 2020

Thank you to everyone who sent in questions to nursery2020@baildonce.co.uk.

Hopefully, you have all received by email our responses to the FAQs which we have already received. We will continue to monitor this email address and share with you any other information which comes to light.

QUIZ UPDATE

Thank you to all the children from Nursery to Year 2 who tuned into and took part in the quiz yesterday – feedback has been very positive.

E-SAFETY

Mr Van Der Gucht has asked me to share a link to information for parents of older children about concerns with a site called OnlyFans which underage teens may be accessing.

<https://twitter.com/EsafeGlobal/status/1280076564160544768>

SUMMER MUSIC CHALLENGE FROM MRS ARMSTRONG

It's really easy to apply for a Blue Peter music badge (designed by Ed Sheeran!) by filling in the form and talking about your musical experiences (on any instrument) - this could include instruments played at school eg ukulele/samba/djembe, or instruments they have lessons on. It would be great if lots of children could follow the link and apply: Suitable for ages 6 and up. Here's the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge>