



RELIGIOUS NEWS

We continued our study of Parables this week by looking at The Parable of the Pearl and The Parable of the Yeast, both of which investigate the kingdom of heaven. Children discussed things which are precious to them and where pearls are found and the differences you can find between them. They then discussed how Jesus described the kingdom of heaven as being like a perfect pearl and worth everything a person might possess. In the second parable we looked at how something so small like yeast can make such a huge difference to dough to make it rise and similarly that the kingdom of heaven is like the leaven that touches all it's mixed with, changes it and makes it grow. In our study of Service, we looked at stories from both the Old Testament and the New Testament and how people responded to the call to serve. We discussed how Samuel sought out David (who was still a young boy) to carry on his work. In the New Testament we responded to the story of the calling of Simon and Andrew who left their fishing boats to go and serve and follow Jesus. We recognised that we are all called in different ways and that it is our response to the call which is important.

As a school, we normally gather for our End of Year services on the last day in the hall and in Church to give thanks for the year and look for blessings on the summer. Unfortunately, this is another thing which is not possible this year but we will send you a link to a short virtual service which children in school will also access at 9.15am on Wednesday, 22nd July. Year 6 children will also receive information about their End of Year Service which will be held virtually next Wednesday at 10am and not on Tuesday evening as originally planned.

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who should receive their certificates by email:
Nursery Matilda L for a great update on her life at home.

FS2Q Annabella F for your excellent Maths work you have done on the VLE.

FS2M Zakiryah R for continuing to work hard on his school work packs. Well done!

Y1P Archie D for his excellent English and Maths work on the VLE.

Y1S Joshua P for completing so many of your own 'learning at home' books. You should be really proud of yourself!

Y2D Penny P-H for her super research into famous historical people.

Y2F. Isabelle M for working really hard at home on all of the tasks set on the VLE.

Y3W Louie E for his super Egyptian headdress.

Y3FH Hollie I for her excellent Egyptian costume and accessories.

Y4AW Zade S for working extremely hard throughout lockdown on the home learning tasks set. He has continually challenged himself and should be proud of the work he has produced.

Y5G Millie M for her hard work at home and for telling me all about her new pets!

Y5B Zach H for consistently working hard over the VLE and making such good progress in his home learning. Well done Zach!

Y6V Joel McH who has really pushed himself during lockdown – fighting through challenges faced at home to keep developing his understanding and showcase his creativity.

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

Emily H, Ollie B, Poppy R, Tobias V, Gabriella O'B, Stanley H, Olivia P, Izzy H, Toby O'M, Hannah A, Omid R, Niamh O'M, Finlay McC and Isaac B.

READING OVER THE SUMMER

The National Literacy Trust teamed up with Puffin to ask children about their reading during lockdown. Children told them that they're reading more and enjoying reading more. They also said that reading has helped them feel better and dream about the future during an uncertain time. They have shared the following hints to continue to support children over the summer:

- Make time for reading. Children said that time away from school and social activities during lockdown has given them more time to enjoy stories
- Let your child choose their next story. Children said that they have loved getting to choose what they read rather than being told what to read
- Find a quiet spot. Children said that having a quiet space to enjoy stories helped them concentrate and relax
- Let your child explore something new. Children said that they have discovered brand new stories through ebooks, audiobooks and storytelling videos
- Share stories together. Children said that they loved sharing stories with their family, and missed talking about them with their friends.

DICE INFORMATION

Please see below information about a new online support programme for parents/carers:

- Worried about children growing up in a modern, digital world that exposes them to the risk of exploitation?
- DICE is a support programme for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens to raise awareness about the risks and provide advice and support.
- *NEW* Online groups start:
- Tuesday 15th September 1.00 - 3.00pm (Fozia & Katie)
- Call 01274 434940 or Email Familyhubsouth@bradford.gov.uk
- Wednesday 23rd September 12.30 – 2.30pm (Alexa & Rachael)
- Call 01535 618005 or Email - Familyhubkeighleyshipley@bradford.gov.uk

SEPTEMBER 2020

Following the Governing Body Meeting on Wednesday where plans for September were discussed, all parents should receive an initial letter today outlining some of the relevant information for September. Due to the fact that we have been informed to expect more details during the summer, Governors have agreed that it was prudent to share more details nearer the start of term to enable changes to be made to details in light of any updated guidance. The Risk Assessment for school will be updated to reflect any changes in guidance and will be posted on the school website prior to 3rd September.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the socially distanced farewell to Year 6 possible yesterday. It was great to see all the pupils back and we hope that, in spite of all the changes which had to be introduced, they enjoyed the event. Special thanks to Mrs Stead who has put in countless hours organising the beautiful books for every individual child which I am sure will be a treasured memory of happier days! Thanks to Mr VDG for organising the ice cream van, to Mr Holliday for his photography and to Miss Brace and Mrs Adams who devised many of the activities, decorated the area and of course co-ordinated most of the event. Thanks to Nathan and Lisa who organised the burgers which were really well received. It was great to see so many staff members outside to clap the children in as they walked down the steps and thanks to those who were able to stay to help out also. Due to the fact that we are not able to have a Church Service, children were presented with a gift of a Bible from the Parish of St John's and we are grateful for this generosity. Over the last four months, both the Co-Op in Baildon and Morrisons Guiseley have been very generous and once more I am grateful for their contribution. We wish all our Year 6 every happiness and success in their new schools.

We took the opportunity of having Year 6 present on the field to present awards which are normally presented at the final assembly on the final day. This year, in addition to Sportsman and

Sportswoman of the year, we organised for two additional awards for Musician of the year and also for two SOAR awards which were presented to children who we felt embodied all of the four elements of Support Opportunities Achievements and Respect.

Congratulations to Matilda L and Oliver S who were awarded the sports awards, Lottie S and Zach B who were awarded the music awards and to Harriet K and Oliver R who were awarded the SOAR awards. Well done everyone.

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY 2020

Parents should all receive a letter with all the information about our first ever virtual sports day. Children can choose to take part in one or all the events and once they have done this, we ask you to message Mr Holliday over the VLE with your child's score sheet who will collate the scores throughout school by 3.00pm on 20th July 2020. If possible, we would also like you to post any pictures on Twitter and @BaildonCE in your tweet. Although we will be undertaking the Virtual Sports Day in school on the 20th July 2020, families are more than welcome to do the events over the weekend. There will be certificates for all children that take part.

BAILDON HEROES

This week, I would like to continue my appreciation of the Baildon Heroes by celebrating the work of the unpaid groups which include our parents and governors. I am grateful to parents for their support in so many guises by attending functions, supporting the learning and helping out at sporting, musical and social events. Of particular note, may I express my thanks to the small group of parents who make up the PTFA and who work tirelessly to provide a range of opportunities for children and families whilst also raising much needed funds for school. Many thanks to Michelle, Liza, Sarah and Amanda who make up the committee and to all the parents who have attended meetings, organised and supported events.

Another unpaid group of Baildon Heroes is the Governors who give freely of their time to attend numerous meetings and who have found their unpaid job increased in particular over the last four months as they have had to keep up with ever changing guidance. To Mr Kinsley, Mrs Leather, Mrs Boggie, Canon Sandra, Mrs Ibbotson, Mrs Fairburn, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Marshall, Mr Coles, Mr Palmer and Mr O'Brien, I am grateful to your support over the last seven years. I am also delighted that I did not beat my record of my last headship where in six years I worked with four Chairs of Governors – just two here in Baildon in seven years!

I would also like to shout from the rooftops my appreciation of all the teaching staff who have worked tirelessly to do the best that they can for the children and have demonstrated most of the characteristics of effective learning which we try to develop in our children showing real resilience, problem solving ability, teamwork, creativity, motivation and involvement and engagement, not only in the recent pandemic but throughout the year. Thanks to Mrs Morgan, Miss Marlborough, Mrs Akam, Mrs McCaul, Miss Quinlan, Mrs Senior, Miss Patterson, Miss Firth, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Woodwiss, Mrs Fairchild, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Greenhalgh, Mr Buckley, Miss Brace and Mrs B Armstrong. Special mention to the group who are known collectively as SLT (Senior Leadership Team) without whose support I would not have been able to function- Miss Perry, Mrs Smith, Mr Holliday, Mr Van Der Gucht, Miss Melvin and of course to Mr Holmes – not sure if I am responsible for the fact that he has no hair left to pull out in despair!

Along with all the staff identified over the last few weeks, Baildon is a magnificent team that I am proud to have been part of and exemplify the message which many people will be aware of from the reflection of how geese fly:

*By being part of a team
We too can accomplish much more, much faster
Words of encouragement and support
(Honking from behind)
Help inspire and energise those on the front lines
Helping them keep pace*

*In Spite of
The day to day
Pressure and fatigue.*

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 so that we can quarantine them and get them back into circulation. Next week, parents can drop off books on Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

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 AND RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the online data collection form and please can we ask anyone who has not managed to do this yet to complete this before next Wednesday if possible. Next week, you will also receive by post a letter informing you of the arrangements for September. Please can we ask you to keep these safe, as they will be personal to your child(ren) as we have had to put in place detailed plans to support transition of all the seven groups of children into school – two reception classes and the five different groups for Nursery.

TRANSITION AND GOODBYES

Hopefully, earlier in the week, all children in Reception to Year 5 managed to log on to the transition video which staff prepared as a welcome to their new class. These can still be accessed on the VLE.

Next week, all children will receive information about how to log on to a special goodbye video from their current teacher.

We would also like to invite everyone to join us for a virtual picnic on Wednesday at 12noon and upload pictures to the VLE to share with your teachers.