

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our reception children have enjoyed a fantastic first full week in school; we are incredibly proud of how well they have all settled in.

Our KS2 children have been introduced to their new 'scrap books' for Creative Curriculum this week - please do speak to your child about this new strategy we are using to support our children in recording their learning.

This week, we have also ordered a significant number of additional phonics books for our KS1 children to enjoy; we are looking forward to sharing these with the children soon.

Today, we have presented certificates to two children in each class in EYFS and KS1. Each class teacher has selected a recipient for our 'Achievement Award' (which this week is for children who have settled particularly well back into school life) and our 'SOAR Award' (which will be presented each week to children who have demonstrated one of our core Christian values in their interactions with those around them).

Once we are in a position to be able to welcome parents back into the school building, we hope to be able to invite parents and carers of our award winners into school on a Friday afternoon, so that you can then watch the certificates being presented to your children.

## NEXT WEEK

We are looking forward to welcoming our sixty Year 2 dragons into school on Monday, so please don't forget that if your child is in Year 2, they need to wear dragon-themed non-uniform! Our Governing Body will be holding their first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. This initial meeting will give them the opportunity to discuss how the re-opening of school has gone and I am looking forward to sharing the many emails which we have received from parents and carers regarding the new staggered timings.

On Friday, it will be the turn of our KS2 staff to present Achievement and SOAR Awards to the children in their classes.

## ★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's EYFS and KS1 stars.

Nursery: Noella and Thomas  
Reception M: Kobe and Esme  
Reception PM: Max and Seb  
1D: Ollie and Millie  
1P: Arrabella and Rosa  
2F: Noah and Cailin  
2W: Tristan and Alyssa

## VALUES FOR LIFE

We have enjoyed another week of 'virtual' Collective Worship this week. The children enjoyed being able to join Miss Melvin virtually as they thought more about our new core value of 'community', through the wonderful picture book 'Ruby's Worry'. Today, the children have all participated in 'class-based' worship and they have had the opportunity to explore the different themes covered by Mr Holmes in his Collective Worship on Monday.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

During our Staff Meeting this week, we have discussed how we can further support those children who may be well, but having to self isolate due to another member of their household having Covid symptoms. This week, both Mr Holmes and Mrs Smith have also participated in professional development training with Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT) to support them in their roles as Attendance Lead and Inclusion Lead. Throughout the course of the year, a number of our teachers will have the opportunity to access training sessions with BDAT.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Mon:** BBQ Chicken/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket      **Tue:** Thai Chicken/Quorn Curry, or a Jacket  
**Wed:** Salmon Pasta Bake/Macaroni Cheese, or a Jacket  
**Thurs:** Pork Casserole, Spanish Omelette, or a Jacket  
**Fri:** Pasta Carbonara, Quorn Meatballs, or a Jacket

# NOTICEBOARD

## PTFA

The PTFA AGM is being held on Monday September 28th at 7.00pm. As we're sure you can appreciate, this year's meeting is having to take place virtually, rather than in person. If you would like to come along to the AGM and find out more about the work of our fantastic PTFA, then please email the office, who will then send you the information you need in order to access the meeting,

## Message for Reception Parents and Carers

Please could we ask you to check the name in your child's jumpers, as we are already missing some named clothing.

## House Points

Following feedback from parents, Mr Holmes has changed some of the house groups this week to ensure that all siblings are in the same house. All changes have been confirmed with the children. If you are not sure which house your child is in, then please contact Mr Holmes through the school office.

## Year 2 Theme Day

Year 2 are planning an exciting theme day on Monday September 21st, when they will be coming to school dressed as dragons! Please see the Year 2 class newsletter for more information.

## Supporting our School Office

Please could I ask you to support our school office by paying for Breakfast Club and School Lunches in advance where possible.

## School Uniform

Please could we remind you to label all of your child's belongings, including footwear and coats.

## Y6 need your help!

Our Year 6 children are about to start an interesting Creative Curriculum topic entitled, 'Is it ever right to fight?'. The children are currently reading about Roald Dahl's experiences as a fighter pilot in WW2 and Mr Van der Gucht and Miss Brace are hoping to share other age-appropriate, 'real life' examples of those who have experienced war either in combat, or as a civilian, with the children. If you know of anyone who may be able to support them in their learning, then please do get in touch through the school office.

## Covid Update

Due to the current situation, please could we ask that when you call to leave an absence message for the office, you state whether or not your child is demonstrating any of the key Covid symptoms.

Please could we also ask you to support us in keeping all of our staff safe by remaining two metres away from them on the playground.

A number of parents have also called us to ask for clarification about whether the rest of their household should isolate if one of their children demonstrate symptoms of covid. The current advice from the government is that if a child is symptomatic, all members of the household should isolate until they have a negative test result, or in the case of positive test result, for 14 days.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>