

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week, our final group of Nursery children have begun their full designated hours in school. Miss Marlborough, Miss Kelly and Miss Wright are delighted with how well they have all settled in to life at our school.

On Monday, we were over-run with dragons! 60 excited Year 2 dragons flew into school on Monday morning and enjoyed an action-packed day of activities to launch their new Creative Curriculum topic on 'The Great Fire of London'.

On Wednesday night, our Governing Body held their first meeting of the academic year. At this meeting, Graham Kinsley stepped down as our Chair of Governors and Victoria Leather was voted in as our new Chair, with Judith Ibbotson being voted in as our Vice Chair of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our grateful thanks to Graham for his fantastic work as Chair of Governors; he has led the governors through not only a highly successful SIAMS inspection, but also through the appointment of a new headteacher and the challenge of lockdown. We are delighted that Graham will be remaining on the governing body as a foundation governor, with responsibility for monitoring Health & Safety in school.

We have been delighted to welcome Tatty Bumpkin back into school this year; Tatty is a specialist in children's yoga and has been delivering sessions to children in Nursery and Reception on a Monday.

All of our peripatetic music teachers are now back in school and delivering their lessons; please do get in touch if your child is in Years 2-6 and is interested in learning a new instrument. We have capacity to accommodate children in most disciplines, but particularly brass.

Our first SOAR and Achievement certificates have also been presented to KS2 children today. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, once the situation around Covid has settled down, we hope to be able to invite parents and carers into school each week to watch the certificates being presented.

## NEXT WEEK

We are very much looking forward to hosting the annual PTFA AGM on Monday evening at 7.00pm on Zoom. This meeting is open to all of our staff, parents and carers, so please contact the office for the Zoom link if you would like to join us.

## VALUES FOR LIFE

On Monday this week, I talked to all of the children about the fact that sometimes we are faced with two choices and sometimes the right choice is not always the easiest one! We looked at St Paul and the difficult choices he had to make and then thought about what we could learn from him.

## ★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's KS2 stars.

3S: Ellie and Elizabeth

3HS: William and Penny

4AW: Harrison and Phoebe

4M: Zach and Ethan

5B: Sophie and Scarlet

5G: Harry and Henry

6B: James and Lily

6V: Lucinda and Stanley

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

A key aspect of our school vision is our focus on enabling all in our community to flourish - including the staff! We have therefore been delighted to be able to support both Miss Jones and Mrs Adams in beginning to study for their foundation degrees in 'Early Childhood Education' through 'Bradford Birth to 19' this week.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Mon:** Pepperoni/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket **Tue:** Chicken/Chickpea & Vegetable Curry, or a Jacket

**Wed:** Fish & Chips /Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake, or a Jacket

**Thurs:** Sausage Roll, Cheese Pasty, or a Jacket

**Fri:** Mexican Chicken, Quorn Enchiladas, 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.

### Message for KS2 parents

Please can we remind you that all KS2 children need to have their outdoor PE kits in school each week please. Given the current situation, PE will be taking place outside throughout the year.

### Music Mark!

We are delighted that our outstanding practice in Music has again been recognised by the Local Authority Music Hub through the 'Music Mark' award. Our thanks go to Mrs Armstrong and all of the staff who continue to support her in providing such a fantastic range of musical learning opportunities for our children.

### Mobile Phones in School

Please can we remind you that for safeguarding reasons, children should hand over their mobile phones to their classteacher at the beginning of the school day; they should not be left in school bags.

### School Uniform

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

### Harvest Appeal

On Monday October 5th, our Year 2 children will be visiting St John's Church to take part in our annual Harvest Service with Canon Sandra. The service will be recorded and then shared virtually with the rest of the children in school. We will be having a Harvest Appeal this year and would like to invite you to bring in donations of tinned and dry food between Monday September 28th and Monday October 5th, which we will then pass on to a local charity called 'Abigail Housing'. As we're sure you can appreciate, food banks and similar charities are experiencing a surge in demand at the present time, so it would be wonderful to be able to hand over a large donation from our school community. Children will be able to hand donations in to their class teacher. Our thanks in advance for your support in this.

### Covid Update

We have been asked whether we will be insisting that all parents and carers wear masks whilst on the school site, as this is now the case at one of our local schools; at the present time this is not something which we are considering, as government guidance does not currently advise the wearing of masks outside. Having said this, any parent or carer who wishes to wear a mask is of course more than welcome to do so. We will obviously monitor this situation carefully and will update our stance should government guidance be updated.

We have attached a guidance letter with this week's newsletter from Public Health England, which we hope you will find helpful when deciding whether or not your child needs to access a Covid test. Should your child be tested for Covid and the result then be positive, please can we ask that you contact the school office immediately; during the school day, please can this be done by telephone where possible and out of hours (including weekends), please can you email [office@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:office@baildonce.co.uk) with the subject line 'Covid Test'. Thank you for your support with this.