

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday evening our PTFA held their Annual General Meeting, the minutes of which will be available on the school website next week. During the meeting, Emma Jasper was appointed as the new PTFA Chair and we thank her for stepping into this vital role. We would also like to take this opportunity to offer our grateful thanks to Michelle Horne and Liza Stead who have stepped down from their roles as Co-Chairs this year; both Michelle and Liza gave willingly and generously of their time to lead the PTFA and we cannot thank them enough for their tireless fundraising efforts on behalf of our school community.

This week, we have also shared two key letters with parents and carers regarding the optional addition of a fleece to the school uniform and also our annual individual photos. Following questions from parents, we would like to clarify that the fleece is an 'optional' addition and is not in any way compulsory. In terms of the individual photographs, we completely understand that some of you will be disappointed that family photographs will not be taking place this year, but unfortunately this decision was taken out of our hands and is a condition placed upon us by the photography company.

NEXT WEEK

On Monday morning, our Year 2 children will be visiting St John's Church in order to take part in a Harvest Service with Canon Sandra. This service will then be recorded and shared with the other year groups in school later in the day, so that everyone is able to take part. Our thanks go to all those who have already so generously supported our Harvest Appeal for dried and tinned goods for the charity 'Abigail Housing' - donations can still be brought in on Monday and Tuesday next week.

On Friday, Tempest Photography will be in school all day in order to take each of our children's individual photographs.

VALUES FOR LIFE

On Monday this week, Mr Holmes led virtual worship on the theme of 'joy' and on Wednesday we were delighted to 'virtually' welcome Judith Ibbotson into school to lead worship on our focus value of 'community'. Judith is one of our foundation governors in school. On Thursday, Miss Brace led worship for us linked to the book 'If the world were a village' to support us all in recognising our place within the worldwide community.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

A key aspect of our school vision is our focus on enabling all in our community to flourish - including the staff! This week, Miss Perry has been reviewing our approach to Learning Journeys in EYFS, with support from a Specialist Leader in Education, and Miss Firth has also been looking at ways in which we can further develop our PHSCE curriculum in school (Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education).

★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's EYFS and KS1 stars.

Nursery: Rosie and Theo

RPM: Imogen, Freya, Holly and Luke

RM: Harvey and Max

1P: Ted and Yago

1D: Ronnie and Mia

2F: Seth and William

2W: Ella and Martha

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mon: Ham/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket **Tue:** Bacon & Tomato Bake, Quorn Meatballs, or a Jacket

Wed: Italian Chicken, Butternut Squash & Bean Casserole, or a Jacket

Thurs: Fish & Chips, Tomato & Basil Pasta, or a Jacket

Fri: Chicken/Pumpkin Katsu Curry, or a Jacket

NOTICEBOARD

PTFA

At their AGM, the new PTFA committee discussed a range of exciting events which they are hoping to organise in the coming weeks and months for children and families to enjoy. Watch this space for news about our 'Virtual Discos', 'Christmas Cards' and our new event for children, 'Santa's Secret Room'! If you would like to find out more about the work of our fantastic PTFA, then please email: 'PTFA@baildonce.co.uk'

Flu Vaccinations

We have been made aware that NHS England have issued a letter directly to parents regarding the Fluenz vaccinations later this term. We understand that the letter which has been sent to you needs to be brought into school by your child on the day of the vaccinations, so that the barcode can be scanned to register each child who has been vaccinated.

Year 5/6 Virtual Choir

Mrs Armstrong is excited to be launching our new Virtual Choir for Year 5/6 children! If you haven't already returned a reply slip and your child would like to be involved, then please contact the office for more information.

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.

Parent Governors

We have two vacancies upcoming on our governing body. Further information will be available regarding nominations and appointments on Monday October 19th.

School Uniform

Please could we remind you that, as per our school uniform policy, girls' skirts should all be knee-length.

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 Tuesday October 6th, 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 are currently working on a 'Virtual Teaching Policy' which could be actioned in the case of us having to close either a year group bubble, or the whole school. Please can we ask you to support us in our planning efforts by informing the school office by Friday October 16th if your child **would not** have access to wifi through either a smart device (eg mobile phone, or tablet) or a laptop in the event of a bubble or wider school closures.

Please can we also remind you that 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 with the subject line 'Covid Test'. Thank you for your support with this.