

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

As we reach the end of our first half term together, the staff and I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding over the past few weeks. We have been delighted with the way in which all of our children have adapted to life in their 'year group bubbles' and we have been impressed by how much progress they have made this term. Thank you also to all those who have emailed the school to voice your thanks - this has been very much appreciated by the staff. We hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved rest over half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday November 2nd.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the PTFA zoom meeting on Monday, it was wonderful to be able to welcome new parents to the group. Please see the noticeboard overleaf for information about the activities which the PTFA have planned for next half term.

On Thursday our Year 1 had a fantastic day at Nell Bank; we received a number of compliments from the site staff about how polite and well-behaved all of the children were.

Our Year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their curriculum immersion days in the school grounds and out and about in the local area. Our thanks go to all of the staff who have organised and supported both the Year 1 and Year 6 trips.

NEXT WEEK

We return to school on Monday November 2nd and class teachers will again be sending out class newsletters at the end of the first week back to let you know what your child will be learning about in school.

On Monday November 2nd at 6.30pm, the booking system for our 'Video Parents' Consultation Evening' will be opening. If you have not yet received a letter about this, or need any support in accessing the system, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.

The first Monday back is also the deadline for nominations for our two parent governor vacancies.

Our Reception children will be visiting the Fire Pit during the school day on Thursday November 5th to learn all about the history of Bonfire Night. Please can you ensure that if your child is in Reception, they come to school dressed in 'old clothes' and wearing their wellies. During their visit, they will be drinking hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows!

★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's KS2 stars.

3S: Jessica & Joshua

3HS: Jessica & Dylan

4M: Michael & Lois

4AW: Isabelle & Rocky

5B: Cole & Hannah

5G: Daisy & Miles

6B: Omid & Edward

6V: Corey & Joseph

VALUES FOR LIFE

On Monday morning, the whole school participated in virtual worship on the theme of 'positive role models'. On Wednesday, Anya from Year 5 led virtual worship for the whole school on the theme of community. Anya is a member of our school 'Faith Council' and we were all delighted with how confident she was when recording her worship.

After half term, we are looking forward to again welcoming Canon Sandra into school, when she will be launching our new focus Christian Value of 'hope'.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This week, staff have participated in their half-termly twilight training session. The focus of this half-term's session was our new assessment tracking system. Staff also had the opportunity to review the long term curriculum plans for their year group; we are hoping to be able to share these with you after half term.

As a staff team, we have also been working on our 'Home Learning Policy' which outlines how we will teach children remotely in the event of self-isolation, a bubble closure, or a national lockdown. The policy was approved by our governing body today and can be found in the 'COVID-19' section of the website.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

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

Thurs: Sausage Roll, Cheese Pasty, or a Jacket

Fri: Mexican Chicken, Quorn Enchiladas, or a Jacket

NOTICEBOARD

PTFA

The PTFA are excited to be launching their 'Virtual Disco'! Donations towards PTFA funds, rather than an admission fee, can be made through School Money - donations can be of any value, up to a maximum amount of £5. Donations can also be per family, rather than per child.

E-safety Guidance

We know that many of our children use the platform Roblox on smart devices, so we hope that the information below will be useful in supporting your child in accessing any 'chat functions' safely. If you have any concerns about your child's e-safety, then please contact Mr Van der Gucht through the school office.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

Y1 need your help!

Please can we ask you to collect any used 2l plastic drinks bottles and bring them into school by Wednesday November 4th? Year 1 are hoping to turn them into poppies in memory of the fallen soldiers of Baildon as part of their history work on Sir Tom Moore.



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As the traditional gifting season is fast approaching, would you consider nominating our school as your charity of choice? Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to us. The donations will be made at no extra cost to you - you Shop and Amazon gives! It is simple to convert your current Amazon account to a Smile account and nominate our school The Church School Baildon PTFA by following this link: (<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1100442-0>)

Children in Need

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November in aid of 'Children in Need'. Children will be invited to bring in a donation of £1 on the day itself. Mrs Hows is also going to be raffling a hand-knitted 'Pudsey Bear'; tickets will be available after half term at a cost of 10p each.



Remembrance Day

Many of you will have seen the rainbows which were attached to the gate of Baildon Moravian Church during lockdown, as a symbol of thanks for our NHS. Churches together in Baildon are launching a similar appeal for Remembrance Day and would like to invite you to attach knitted or crocheted poppies to the gates of both the Moravian Church and St John's Church in the coming weeks in order to thank the armed forces for their work.

Fluenz Vaccinations

All of the children in school with permission to receive the Fluenz Nasal Spray will be receiving their vaccinations on Thursday November 12th.

Covid Update

As you are all now aware, our Year 3 bubble has had to close due to a confirmed case of Covid-19. I would like to thank all of the parents and carers in Y3 for your support and understanding this week. At present, there have been no additional cases amongst our children or staff, but please can we ask that if your child, or anyone else in your household tests positive for Covid-19 over the half term holidays, you email the school office immediately, with the subject line: 'Covid Test'. It is vital that we are made aware of any new cases as this may affect year groups returning to school after half term. office@baildonce.co.uk