

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break; it's been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week for the last half of our Autumn Term. As you are all aware, we have now entered a second period of national lockdown; this has fortunately resulted in very few changes in school, but one thing that we must now ask is that when dropping off and collecting your child, you leave the site promptly and do not remain in the playgrounds, or elsewhere on the school site, to meet with other parents. We would like to thank you for both your patience and understanding in this as we work together to keep our school community safe.

Our Reception children had a wonderful day yesterday - they visited the fire pit in our school meadow! During their visit, they learnt all about the history of bonfire night, whilst tucking into hot chocolate and marshmallows!

We have been delighted to receive seven nominations for our two parent governor vacancies. Due to there being more nominations than positions, we will now be holding a ballot. Your child has today been given an envelope containing a letter of instructions, along with personal statements from each of the nominees, a ballot paper for each adult with parental responsibility and a number of envelopes in which you need to return your ballot papers. Should you need additional ballot papers, or envelopes, please contact the school office. All ballot papers need to be returned to school by 3:15pm, next Friday please.

## NEXT WEEK

We would normally be selling poppies in school during this week to support the work of the British Legion, but unfortunately, we have been unable to source any. Our Year 1 children have had a wonderful week learning all about the life and work of Sir Tom Moore and they have all been busily making poppies which will be attached to the car park gate this afternoon. If your child makes a poppy at home, these can be attached to either the gate of the Moravian Church (where the rainbows were placed during our first lockdown) or the gates of St John's Church. We will be holding Collective Worship in school next Wednesday for all children on the theme of Remembrance and we are looking forward to Canon Sandra joining us in school to lead an Act of Remembrance for Year 6.

Our first set of 'virtual parents' evenings' are taking place next Wednesday and Thursday for Nursery, RPM, 1P, 2W, 3HS, 4AW, 5B and 6B. Please can we ask for your patience with this technology, which is very new for us all! Should the video call not work, then staff will contact you on either the mobile number you have returned on the reply slip, or on the number we have as 'Priority 1' in school. We also need to make you aware that the video system automatically terminates each call after 10 minutes and staff cannot override this.

During the day on Thursday, the immunisation team will be visiting school to vaccinate all those children for whom permissions has been received.

On Friday, as well as having our 'non-uniform' day in aid of 'Children in Need', our very own 'DJ Adams' will be presenting our PTFA disco on the school VLE at 6.00pm; see the PTFA notice overleaf for more info.

## VALUES FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, we were delighted to be able to welcome Canon Sandra 'virtually' into school to lead worship for all of our children on our new focus Christian value this half term, which is 'hope'. In today's worship, the children have all been completing follow-up practical follow-up activities.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This week, staff have participated in their half-termly twilight training session. The focus of this half-term's session was on the use of Microsoft Teams for 'live teaching'. We have 'set up' a user account for each child in school and are now in a position, where, should a bubble need to close, teaching staff will be able to provide two live lessons each day for the children, which they will be able to watch on a smart device, or laptop. Again, please can we ask that you notify the school office if, should your child's class bubble close, your child would not have access to either a smart device, or a laptop.

## ★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's EYFS/KS1 stars.

Nursery: Karson & Joshua

RPM: Leo & Molly

RM: Bridgette & Vienna

1D: Rowan & Annabella

1P: Aiden & Jack

2F: Sienna & Esme

2W: Jude & Freddy

## 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 Virtual Disco

The PTFA Virtual Disco is taking place next Friday at 6.00pm on the school's VLE. If you would like to make a donation, these can be made through 'School Money'.

### Alternative Christmas Cards - PTFA Appeal

Due to Covid-19, we will unfortunately be unable to support children in handing out Christmas cards this year, however, we understand that many children will still want an opportunity to wish their fellow pupils and teachers a Merry Christmas.

Therefore, the PTFA will be providing each class with a well wishes Christmas Tree and each pupil and teacher will be given a bauble to decorate and sign their name on in school time, which will then be added to the class tree. In return for a bauble, we would be delighted to receive a small donation of your choice to the PTFA, this may be around the price you would choose to spend on Christmas cards for your children to write. Donations can be made on 'School Money' - the default amount is £1, but this can be changed. Please note that this donation is not compulsory and all children will be offered a bauble.

### Virtual Open Evening for Prospective Parents

Due to the challenges of Covid19, we are unfortunately unable to hold a traditional open evening for prospective parents and carers. I am therefore very grateful to Mr Holliday for his work in creating a virtual presentation for us, all about our school, which will be launched on Wednesday evening on twitter and the school website. If you know of any prospective parents who may be interested, please do pass these details on to them. Copies of our Nursery and Reception Admissions Policies are also available on our school website.

### 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 make a donation of £1 through 'School Money'. Mrs Hows is also going to be raffling a hand-knitted 'Pudsey Bear'; tickets are available now and cost 10p each.

### Covid Update

Please can we also remind you that should your child be tested for Covid and the result then be positive, you should 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'. We would also like to remind parents or carers that the current government guidance states that if anyone within your household has potential Covid symptoms, then the whole household should self-isolate until a test has been carried out.

### Parish of Baildon Christmas Raffle

Attached with today's newsletter is a flyer for the upcoming Christmas Raffle, which is being organised by the Parish of Baildon. The fundraising team have gathered a range of exciting prizes. Tickets cost £2 each and can be purchased through school. Please see the attached flyer for further details and information on how to purchase tickets.



### Message for Y6 parents/carers

On Wednesday, Y6 are going to begin filming WW1 movies in Computing lessons. Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat and outdoor shoes / wellies as they will be working outside and also (if possible) a scarf to help make them look more "old fashioned". Thank you for your support in this.