

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday evening our PTFA committee met to continue their fundraising plans for our school. We are delighted to announce that last week's Virtual Disco raised nearly £500; our grateful thanks go to all those who both arranged and supported this successful event. For more information about the work of our PTFA committee, please see the flyer which is attached with this week's newsletter.

Our second set of 'virtual parents' evenings' took place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our thanks to you all for your patience as we grappled with this technology and apologies for the occasional 'glitches' which occurred for some of you.

On Thursday evening, our governing body met to review the school's progress on the School Development Plan and they were pleased to welcome our two new parent governors, Rebecca Malekottodjary and Craig Donaldson to the meeting as observers. Both of our new governors will be participating in a programme of induction led by of our Chair of Governors, Victoria Leather.

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week and in each class, through their 'Philosophy for Children' sessions, the children have today been participating in activities linked to this important theme.

## NEXT WEEK

Next week, our Year 6 children will be completing a Design Technology project linked to their current Creative Curriculum topic: 'Is it ever right to fight?'. To support them in their work, please could the children bring newspapers to school on Monday, which can then be quarantined in preparation for them being used for papier mache work at the end of the week.

Next Wednesday, we will be circulating a Christmas Brochure to all families which has been prepared by the Parish of Baildon; the brochure shared the work of the parish and also celebrates its strong links with our school.

## VALUES FOR LIFE

This week we have been thinking about the theme of light and the links between the importance of light within both the Christian and the Hindu faith. The children have also enjoyed learning all about the festival of Diwali.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This week, staff have received training on Subject Leadership from Mr Holliday, who is responsible for our curriculum across school. Each subject leader is currently reviewing the content of their curriculum in each year group to ensure that it meets the needs of all of our children.

## ★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's EYFS/KS1 stars!

Nursery: Naya & Poppy

RPM: Libby & Freddie

1P: Luca & Zia

2W: Zac & Lucy

RM: Michael & Benji

1D: Minnie & Joseph

2F: Harry & Oriyah

## 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 News

This week, the PTFA have circulated information about our exciting new 'Secret Santa' event which is being held in school on the last day of term. Please see the attached PTFA newsletter for more information about the fantastic work of our PTFA committee.

### 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 can be found at the bottom of the home page of the school website.

### Choir Update from Mrs Armstrong

**Y3/4 Virtual Choir:** I am busy putting together the choir's Christmas recording, but am still waiting for recordings from a large number of pupils in Year 3 and 4. Please can we ask that recordings are sent in as soon as possible.

**Y5/6 Virtual Choir:** A reminder that children need to be practising the 2nd song, 'I am Christmas', which we will be recording next week for the Christmas Carol Service and Music Concert!

### Covid Update

Please can we 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, including a raised temperature, then the whole household should self-isolate until a test has been carried out.

### Parish of Baildon Christmas Raffle

Attached with last week's newsletter was 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 flyer for further details and information on how to purchase tickets.

### Congratulations!

We are delighted to be able to share with you the news that Miss Melvin has given birth to a baby girl called Sienna. Both Mum and baby are thriving and our love and best wishes go to Miss Melvin and her family.

### KS2 PE Kit

Please can we remind you that all children need to have their outdoor PE kit in school each week. Outdoor PE Kit includes a warm tracksuit, a change of socks and outdoor trainers.

### Fleece Orders

The last fleece order before Christmas is being sent off next Friday, so please can any remaining orders be placed by Thursday at the latest.