



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday morning we marked the beginning of Advent in school by lighting the first candle on our beautiful Advent wreath. Our Christmas Tree also arrived in time for the beginning of Advent and both Reception classes thoroughly enjoyed helping to decorate the tree whilst watching 'The Snowman' on the large screen in the school hall. There are some super pictures on Twitter of both our Advent wreath and of the Christmas Tree.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, rather than sending individual cards this year, we will be encouraging children to write their Christmas message on a bauble and place it on their 'Christmas Wishes' tree on their classroom door. Our thanks go to the PTFA for preparing the trees and baubles for each class.

As I shared with you in last week's newsletter, we have been asked by the Local Authority to encourage parents and carers to wear masks when in and around our school site. Our thanks go to all those who have supported us in this.

Last weekend, we were delighted to discover that we have been featured in The Sunday Times' 'Guide to the Best Schools'! We were honoured to be ranked 170th out of over 20000 primary schools in the whole country for our outcomes in KS2 in 2019. This tremendous achievement is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and children and the wonderful support of our governors and parents.

NEXT WEEK

Next week, we will be filming the Nursery, Reception and KS1 Nativities in school, so please can we ask that all costumes / outfits etc are in school by the dates stated on the letters from staff. If you're not sure what you need to provide for your child, then please contact the school office.

A reminder that Tuesday is the final deadline for reply slips for our new Secret Santa event which is taking place on the last day of term.

VALUES FOR LIFE

This week we have marked the beginning of Advent by lighting the first of our Advent Candles; this candle is our candle of 'hope'. Each class has also had the opportunity to write their own Advent prayer.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This week, staff have been taking part in pupil progress meetings with senior leaders to review the progress made by children across school this term. They have also been busily planning intervention programmes for the Spring Term and have had the opportunity to review each of the children's end of year targets.

★ BAILDON STARS ★

Congratulations to this week's EYFS and KS1 stars!

Nursery: Benjamin & Rose

RPM: Harry & Esther

RM: Isabel & Jacob

1P: Matilda & Jacob

1D: George & Oliver

2W: William & Iris

2F: Caitlin & Inaya

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mon: BBQ Chicken/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket **Tue:** Chicken/Quorn Curry, or a Jacket

Wed: Salmon & Tomato Pasta, Macaroni Cheese or a Jacket

Thurs: Sausage/ Quorn Casserole, or a Jacket

Fri: Pasta Carbonara, Quorn Meatballs, or a Jacket

NOTICEBOARD

PTFA News

The PTFA have circulated information about our exciting 'Secret Santa' event which is being held in school on the last day of term. Don't forget that as well as paying for gifts on school money, you also need to return the reply slip to school. The deadline for returns is 08/12/20.

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.

Parking on Bartle Gill Drive

We have been contacted by local residents and our local councillor about parking on Bartle Gill Drive. Please can we ask for your support in building relationships with our local community by parking considerately and not blocking residents' drives. Thank you for your support.

Parish of Baildon Update

Don't forget that the Parish of Baildon are hosting a 'virtual' Christingle Service on Sunday evening at 6.00pm. The service will be 'live-streamed' through the Parish of Baildon Facebook Page and we will share the link on Twitter. Resources to make your own Christingle at home can be collected from boxes outside all three of the parish churches.

As the Travelling Crib is unable to make its way around Baildon this year, from 14/12/20, you will be able to collect stickers and nativity set resources from the box outside St John's which you can then use to make your own nativity.

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 with the subject line 'Covid Test'.

Until the current situation settles down, please can we also ask that any 'birthday treats' sent into school for children to share with their class are pre-packed and sealed, rather than homemade, so that they can be wiped down with anti-bacterial wipes before being handed out. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the charity 'Save the Children' by holding a Christmas Jumper Day in school on the last day of term (Friday December 18th). Please do not feel that you need to purchase a jumper for your child if they don't have one; they can simply come to school in non-uniform / party clothes. We will arrange for donations to be made through school money.

Special Event!

A team of staff have been working together on a 'special event' for the children in the last week of term and to support them in this, we are looking for donations of battery operated outdoor fairy lights and Christmas wrapping paper! If you have either of these which you could donate to the school, please can they be handed to the office, a member of staff on the gate, or to your child's class teacher. Thanks in advance for your support with this!

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.