Church School

School School NEWSLETTER Friday 11th December



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week, we have been busily preparing all of our virtual Christmas events, which we are looking forward to sharing with you next week.

As we're sure some of you have seen in the national and local media, the Department for Education have this week contacted schools to inform them that they will be responsible for 'track and trace' within their school community for six days after schools have closed, in other words, until Christmas Eve. They have therefore given schools the opportunity to turn Friday December 18th into a Training Day, so that contact tracing only needs to take place until December 23rd. After careful consideration, we have taken the decision to remain open for all children next Friday, as we feel that closing the school early for Christmas would cause significant disruption for our families at an already challenging time.

NEXT WEEK

On Monday evening at 6.30pm, our KS2 Carol Service will be available for you all to join in with 'virtually'. A link to the worship on YouTube will be shared with KS2 parents on Monday and a copy of the service booklet has been sent home today.

On Tuesday evening at 6.30pm, our Nursery and Reception Nativity Performances will be available for you to join virtually on YouTube - a link will be sent home during the day on Tuesday.

On Wednesday evening at 6.30pm, our Christmas Music Concert will also be available virtually, with a link being shared with parents of the performers during the day on Wednesday.

Finally, our K\$1 Nativity Performance will 'go live' on Thursday evening at 6.30pm, with a link being sent out to all K\$1 parents during the day on Thursday.

All of these virtual events will be available as 'unlisted links' on YouTube from the day and time shown above until the end of the Christmas holidays. Please can I again remind you of the importance of keeping our children safe by not sharing any of these videos on social media.

My thanks go to all of the staff who have worked incredibly hard in the preparation of these virtual Christmas events!

On Tuesday morning our EYFS and KS1 children will be participating in an exciting 'Christmas Event' outdoors. Please can you ensure that your child has outdoor shoes/wellies and a waterproof coat with them on Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning our KS2 children will be participating in an exciting 'Christmas Event' outdoors. Please can you ensure that your child has outdoor shoes/wellies and a waterproof coat with them on Wednesday.

On Thursday, we are having our school Christmas Lunch! Our thanks go to Nathan and his team for all the additional planning which has been involved in arranging our Christmas Lunch in the current circumstances. We are supporting the charity 'Save the Children' by holding a Christmas Jumper Day (non school uniform) on Friday. 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 have arranged for donations to be made through school money.

Our first PTFA Santa's Secret Room event is also taking place on Friday morning. The elves will be busily constructing Santa's Grotto on Thursday evening, as over 1000 gifts have been ordered! Our grateful thanks go to all those who have so generously supported this new fundraising initiative.

🛧 BAILDON STARS 🔶

Congratulations to this week's KS2 stars! 3S: May & Ellis 3HS: Sa 4AW: Ted & Olivia 4M: Reuk 5G: Connor & Lily 5B: Jan 6B: Edward & Olly 6V: Oll

3HS: Sam & Dulcie 4M: Reuben & Steven 5B: James & Jack 6V: Olly & Isabella

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mon: Pepperoni/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket Tue: Fish & Chips, Cheese & Tomato Pasta, or a Jacket Wed: Chicken Curry, Chickpea Curry or a Jacket Thurs: Christmas Dinner! Fri: Penne Bolognese, Tomato Pasta or a Jacket

NOTICEBOARD

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 $\pounds1$, but this can be changed. Please note that this donation is not compulsory and all children will be offered a bauble.

E-Safety

Below is a link to a guide on the popular app 'TikTok'. If your child has access to this app, please can we ask you to read the guide carefully as it has useful information about ways in which you can keep your child safe when using the app. https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ networks/tiktok/

Nut-Free School

Please can we remind you that children should not have Nutella in school, as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies.

Bumped Head Notification

Statistics and

We have changed our policy for head injuries in school and the first named parent/carer contact we hold in school will now get a text message if their child bumps their head.



Parish of Baildon Update

St John's is holding a Virtual Christmas Market on Saturday 12th December from 11am – 3pm, the zoom link is below. There are lots of exciting breakout rooms with things to buy including Christmas wreaths, plants, cakes, and some games – guess the weight of the cake and how many sweets in the jar. And we finish the event from 2 – 3pm when we call the raffle! PLEASE JOIN US it will be lots of fun. Visit the Parish of Baildon Facebook page for more information.

Virtual Christmas Market Zoom Meeting Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84227167795? pwd=ZjN3R0tZYUdoS1gyb3MrSS8vcy9UQT09 Meeting ID: 842 2716 7795 Passcode: 046431

Travelling Crib

As the Travelling Crib is unable to make its way around Baildon this year, from 13/12/20, you will be able to collect stickers and nativity set resources from the box outside St John's and St James', which you can then use to make your own nativity.

Notification of a positive Covid test until the end of the school day on Friday December 18th

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'.

Notification of a positive Covid test from 4.00pm on Friday December 18th onwards

- If your child develops Covid symptoms on either 19/12/20, or 20/12/20, and then tests positive for Covid, please can you call 07904 680570 and leave a voice message with your name, your child's name and class, and your contact number. A member of the leadership team will then call you back as we may need to ask the rest of your child's year group bubble to isolate over Christmas. (This number will be available until 24/12/20)
- Should your child develop symptoms at any point in the holidays from 21/12/20 onwards, and then tests positive, you do not need to call this number, please just email office@baildonce.co.uk with the subject line 'Covid Test'.