



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We have all enjoyed a wonderful last week of term! Our 'Virtual Christmas Events' have been an absolute joy and we would like to thank the many parents who have emailed us to express their thanks. We would also like to thank all of the many staff who have planned, led, recorded and edited these events, but especially Miss Marlborough and the Nursery team, Miss Perry and the Reception team, Mrs Adams and the KS1 team, Mrs Armstrong and the KS2 team and Mr Holmes!

Our Santa Trail and Grotto have also provided a memorable experience for children and staff alike and our grateful thanks go to Mrs Morgan and Mrs McCaul for organising the event and to the many staff (and their partners!) who contributed by making props and helping to set up and take down the trail. Our thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Donaldson for their generous sponsorship of the grotto itself.

Christmas Lunch yesterday was also a resounding success thanks to the hard work of Nathan and his team. Producing and serving over 400 Christmas dinners to individual year group bubbles was a logistical challenge, but it was easily handled by our super team!

Today, as well as holding our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children', we have also held our first 'Santa's Secret Room' fundraising event for the PTFA and our thanks go to Mrs Clough, Mrs Stead, Mrs Hargreaves and the office team for running this super event, to the parents who helped with setting the event up, and to Mrs Adams who has been our very own 'Mrs Christmas'. Thanks also go to all of the parents who have so generously supported this new venture - we hope that you enjoy opening your gifts on Christmas morning!

The children have also been treated to a special virtual performance of 'The Grumpy Shepherd' by the Senior (staff) Drama Group! There was much laughter upstairs today as they enjoyed the show!

The whole staff team would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this term, we have been moved by the huge amount of positive feedback received either in person or by email; this has meant so much to us all during what has been a challenging few months for the whole country. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday January 4th.

Parish of Baildon Christmas Services

20th December - Virtual Candlelit Christmas Carol Service - live on the Parish of Baildon YouTube channel at 6pm. Do join us to hear again the Christmas story in word and carol with St John's Church Choir singing some anthems. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTsvBP8NdaozQ9gmnxbQ51Q>

24th December - Crib Service at 4pm in St John's Church. We are meeting physically for this, if you would like a place, please book by phoning 01274 594941, or by emailing office@parishofbaildon.uk before 12noon on 22/12/20. You will get an email or phone call to confirm a place.

24th December - 11.30pm Midnight Communion, again please book using the details above.

25th December - 8.45am - Christmas Communion - again please book.

25th December - 10.30am - Family Christmas Communion - this service is very child-friendly. We will build up the nativity story using characters and there will be a craft activity for everyone to get involved with. Again, you will need to book.

It will be great to see many of you over the Christmas period and all of these services, except the 8.45am service on Christmas Day, will be live streamed onto our Facebook page.

After Christmas

We return to school on Monday January 4th, with each year group moving on to their exciting new Spring Term topics. Each year group will be sharing their new class newsletters with you at the end of the first week back and these will contain information about the different topics being studied during Spring 1.

On Friday January 8th, our Year 2 children are invited to come to school dressed as either a 'hero' or a 'villain' from a traditional tale to launch their new English topic!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

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

Thurs: **Sausage Roll, Cheese Pasty**, or a **Jacket**

Fri: **Mexican Chicken, Quorn Enchiladas** or a **Jacket**

NOTICEBOARD

Thanks from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to say a huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to every parent and carer who has supported our Christmas events. We are delighted to share with you that we have raised £317 for the Christmas Wish tree baubles and a tremendous £2490 in Santa's Secret Room, after expenses!

This is AMAZING; the monies raised will benefit every child in our school by subsidising school trips and support their future development through further opportunities and resources. We will update you on what we have spent and allocated funds to in early 2021.

Thank you to Jenny McVay and her amazing mum Gill, who provided us with the Christmas Wish trees and baubles, which are now full and displayed on all the classroom doors. They look fabulous!

Today our first ever Santa's Secret Room has been a great success and the children loved choosing gifts for their loved ones. We are very grateful to Sharon at Cafe Nine, Mary - our local Avon representative, Bianca at Baildon Cards and Gifts, Morrison's at Guiseley, Asda at Shipley and every parent/carer and teacher who donated wrapping paper and helped make Santa's Secret Room happen.

I'd also like to say a special "Thank You" to Mrs Clough, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Stead and the office staff who have fully arranged Santa's Secret Room and made it a huge success in less than 3 months! They have sorted each child's requirements, sourced over 1200 presents and helped the children to choose and wrap every present today!! Support from our dedicated teachers and staff within the school is invaluable to the PTFA and for this I am personally grateful.

Please remember that we are holding a Bag 2 School day on 1st February 2021 so if you're having a clear out over Christmas we would be delighted if you could bear this in mind.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising, we are seeing an increase in donations of which I will update you in the New Year. For anyone who hasn't yet signed up we would be grateful if you could shop via these sites and name our PTFA as the beneficiary of any donations.

Finally we Thank You all for your continued support of the PTFA; together we make our school a great place for all our children.



Thanks from the Parish of Baildon

Reverend Canon Sandra and the Social & Fundraising Committee from the Parish of Baildon would like to express their thanks to everyone who has generously donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle, bought and sold tickets, or taken part in our Virtual Christmas Market.

The raffle has raised £6,578 and the overall amount raised for the combined raffle and Virtual Christmas Market is coming in at over £8,000 (final figure pending). This is a fantastic amount and much needed with the reduced income from this year; we are completely blown away by the amazing support from the community.

Thank you once again and wishing you and your families every blessing this Christmas

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

- If your child develops Covid symptoms after school this evening, or 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'.