

## THIS WEEK

As one of our parents has shared on Twitter this morning, we have certainly battled 'snow, ice and technology' this week to ensure that learning has been able to continue for both our school-based and our home learners. Huge thanks go to all of our staff for their efforts to make their way into school yesterday and also for providing home learning for all children from their own homes today. We have continued to receive a number of emails and tweets of thanks from parents, carers and even grandparents, so our thanks go to all of those who have been in touch.

It has been lovely to see the pictures coming in today from Year 2's 'Heroes and Villains Day'! We hope that you have all enjoyed joining in with this from home - do have a look on Twitter to see some of the pictures of the children in their costumes.

## Information for 'Home Learners'

A quick reminder for the parents of our 'home learners' that all children should log in to MS Teams between 9.00 and 9.30 each morning to 'check-in' with their year group team before they start working through their timetable on the VLE. Teaching staff will be available on Teams throughout the day to support children with any queries, or concerns.

We would like to reassure you that we absolutely recognise the challenges of home learning (many of us are parents ourselves, as well as being teachers). Although we are required by the government to provide 3-4 hours of teaching and learning a day, as parents it is up to you how you manage your child's timetable, once they have attended 'check in' each morning. We also understand that where families have more than one child at home, or have a limited number of devices, having the flexibility to adapt the timetable to meet your family's needs will be important to you. Finally, we know that there will be times where everyone needs a 'breath of fresh air' and a good walk / play outside in the snow to avoid too much time at a screen - we want to let you know that we support this too!

Teaching staff are collating individual files of submitted work for each 'home learner' throughout the week and will be providing weekly individual feedback for each child on their portfolio of work, so please can we ask that you submit all work completed through either the VLE, or your child's year group email address.

If you have any technological issues in terms of accessing either the VLE or Teams, then please do not hesitate to contact us through the year group email addresses and someone will then get back in touch with you as soon as possible, either by email or telephone, to offer support.

## Information for 'School-Based Learners'

A quick reminder that children need their PE Kits in school on the following days: Reception (Monday), Year 1 (Wednesday), Year 2 (Wednesday), Year 3 (Thursday), Year 4 (Friday), Year 5 (Friday) and Year 6 (Thursday).

We have received some requests from Critical Worker parents asking if their child can move from full time attendance in school to part-time 'school-based' and part-time 'home learning' dependant upon shift work etc. We want to confirm that we are more than happy to facilitate this for any parent who requests it on the basis that the government's current stance is that Critical Workers should 'keep their children at home if they can'.

If your child is going to be attending on a part-time basis, please can we ask you to email the office to clarify the days on which your child won't be attending school, so that we can confirm staffing arrangements. On the days your child is learning from home, they will need to access the daily 'check in' as above and also complete their work in their Home Learning Book.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Mon:** BBQ Chicken/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket **Tue:** Thai Chicken/Quorn Curry, or a Jacket  
**Wed:** Fish & Chips, Macaroni Cheese or a Jacket  
**Thurs:** Sausage Casserole, Quorn Sausage Casserole, or a Jacket  
**Fri:** Pasta Carbonara, Quorn Meatballs or a Jacket

## NOTICEBOARD

### Contacting the office

The school office is closed to visitors during this period of lockdown, but the team will be available by telephone and by email.

01274 598540

office@baildonce.co.uk

### Food Bank Support

The Parish of Baildon runs a foodbank through the St Hugh's Centre, with donation boxes available outside St John's, St Hugh's and St James's Churches. 2020 saw a record number of claims and this is continuing into 2021. If you can help, the foodbank is looking for donations of non-perishable food items, including cereals, UHT milk, tinned meat and fish, tinned potatoes, dilute juice and toiletries. Donations can be placed in the labelled boxes outside each of the three churches. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Twitter!

Throughout lockdown, we will be sharing a range of useful resources and updates on Twitter. Please follow our Twitter handle @BaildonCE for more information

### Baildon Library Book Packs

Baildon Library have offered to collate fiction and non-fiction book packs for children during lockdown. If you would like to access a pack, then please contact the library on: 01274 581425. The library is currently open for phone calls on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10am - 1pm.

### MyOn Digital Library for KS2

Miss Brace is currently in the process of launching a new reading scheme for our KS2 children, called 'Accelerated Reader'. Through this scheme, all of the children will have access to a library of digital books, known as 'MyOn' to access throughout lockdown. Miss Brace is hoping that all of the children in school will have their unique log-in details by next Friday.

### Covid Information for School-Based Learners

It is more important than ever that we work to keep our community safe by ensuring that children do not attend school if they, or any member of their family, have any of the three main Covid symptoms, including a temperature, persistent cough, or loss of taste or smell. Should your child or anyone in your family have any of these symptoms, then a Covid test should be arranged and your whole household should self-isolate.

If your child is a 'School Based Learner' and they test positive for Covid, then please can you contact us as soon as possible (by telephone or email) as we may need to quickly close a bubble in school and arrange for children to work from home.