



This Week

I have loved being able to join our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (both home learners & school-based learners) for their end of the day reading sessions this week! It was lovely to hear from our home learners about the different things they have been up to - a common theme being them all wanting to tell me about losing their baby teeth!

Next week is national Children's Mental Health Week and we will be marking this with a 'Wellbeing Wednesday'! We are aware that as a result of the current situation all of our children are spending increasingly more time on screen both at school and at home. We have therefore decided that next Wednesday, we are going to provide each year group with the opportunity to engage in a range of different activities which are either screen free, or which involve limited screen use. For home learners, our daily check in will still take place online and teachers will also still be available throughout the day on Teams for children to share what they have been doing. For our school-based children, this will be a non-uniform day, with children being invited to come dressed as they are comfortable and to 'express themselves' through their choice of clothing. This is part of the national initiative for the week. Further information on the day can be found on your child's VLE page and on the attached leaflets.

During the final week of term (week commencing 08/02/21) we will be holding a 'Science Week' for both home learners and school-based learners. During the week, your child will be able to take part in a range of different Science learning activities. In preparation for the week, please can we ask all of our home learners to look at the Science Week information on the VLE as in some year groups you may need to gather some simple household items to enable your children to carry out experiments at home.

Should you have any queries about either of the initiatives above, please contact your child's teacher through their year group email address.

Information for 'Home Learners'

Please can I again stress the importance of all home learners checking in with their year group team between 9.00am and 9.30am each morning on MS Teams. The Department for Education requires us to register all children on a daily basis, including those learning from home, for safeguarding reasons, as well as educational reasons. The teaching staff have again been delighted with all of the work which has been sent to them this week! Please can we remind you that all children should be submitting work to their teacher on a weekly basis as a minimum. 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'

Don't forget that we are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday to mark our 'Wellbeing Day' (please see above for more information). Our school learners will all be given the opportunity to take part in a range of different activities throughout the day, which will be similar to those being completed by learners at home.

We know some of you will already be aware that the government has now confirmed that schools will not be opening over February half term. We will therefore be closing to all children (including those of Critical Workers) on Friday February 12th for the week of half term.

With increasing numbers of children now attending school, please can we remind you that the current government advice is that Critical Workers should 'keep their children at home if they can'. Therefore, if you work part-time, or on a shift pattern, please can we ask you to support us by only sending your child to school on the days that you are working.

★ BAILDON STARS ★

Nursery: Charlotte B & Naya

RM: Oscar & Blake RPM: Jorge & Lexi

1P: Mabel & Poppy-Mae 1D: Olive N & Poppy H

2W: Alyssa & Cody 2F: Charlotte W & Emily M

Certificates for home learners are being posted out today

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mon: Ham/Margherita Pizza, or a Jacket **Tue:** Bacon & Tomato Past Bake, Quorn Meatballs, or a Jacket

Wed: Beef Burger, Veggie Burger or a Jacket

Thurs: Fish & Chips, Tomato Pasta, or a Jacket

Fri: Chicken Katsu Curry, Pumpkin Katsu Curry or a Jacket

NOTICEBOARD

PTFA Update

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email the office at office@baildonce.co.uk for the link. We look forward to you joining us!

Safer Internet Day

As a school, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday February 9th. Given the increased time which all of our children are now spending online, Mr Van der Gucht has offered to run a series of virtual internet safety sessions for parents and carers throughout the day. The sessions will be taking place at 9.30am and 1.30pm. If you would like to book a place, please email the office for a link.

Top Tips for Home Learners!

Our new 'Remote Learning' page is now live on the school website. The page tab can be found under the 'Parents and Pupils' tab on the home screen - a link is also available below. The Remote Learning page currently contains a wide range of links to support learning in Maths and English and will be updated with additional resources throughout the term. <https://baildonce.co.uk/parents-and-pupils/remote-learning/>

Medication for children

Please can we remind you that children should not be sent to school with medicine such as antibiotics and paracetamol in their school bags. A consent form needs to be completed for the administration of all medicine and we can only administer medicines such as paracetamol and antibiotics where four doses a day are required, or where a GP has requested a midday dose. Thanks for your support with this.

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. All of the children in school should now have their unique log-in details; please contact your child's class teacher through the year group email address if your child hasn't received their details.

Covid Information for School-Based Learners

Please can we again remind you that if anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of Covid-19, then no-one in your household should attend school or work and your whole family should isolate until a test has been taken. A temperature is one of the key symptoms of Covid-19, so if anyone in your household has a temperature, then no-one should attend school or work and the above advice should be followed.

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.