

## This Week

We hope that your child has enjoyed 'Science Week' this week! It has been wonderful to see all of the many and varied science focused activities which all of the children have been able to participate in, whether learning from home, or from school. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Hanson for leading on Science Week for us!

As we reach the end of what has been a challenging half term for us all, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your patience and understanding when faced with the various changes we have had to make due to the current national situation. I would also like to thank all of our wonderful staff for their fantastic efforts this half term which have enabled them to meet the needs of both our school-based learners and our home learners; many parents and carers have been in touch with me directly to offer their thanks for the dedication of the staff team and this has been very much appreciated. Finally I would like to thank each of every one of our children for the resilience which they have shown in light of the many changes they have faced, some of which have been made nationally at very short notice. We are all now very much looking forward to the time when we can all be back in school together. At the present time, school leaders have not been given any information as to the predicted content of the Prime Minister's speech on Monday February 22nd, but please rest assured, that along with our leadership team, we will be closely following any policy changes and we will endeavour to communicate and act upon any changes as swiftly and effectively as we have done throughout this academic year to date.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break next week; as our teaching staff will also be enjoying a much needed rest, please be aware that our year group email addresses will not be checked after 3.15pm this afternoon until the morning of Monday February 22nd.

## Information for 'Home Learners'

Home Learning will continue as normal from Monday February 22nd and we look forward to welcoming all of the children to their morning 'check-in' at 9.00am that morning. Please can we again encourage you to ensure that your child accesses 'check-in' each morning, as we are required to register both home learners and school-based learners on a daily basis. If your child is unable to attend check in for any reason, then please contact your child's class teacher through their year group email address.

As was the case this half term, we will be ensuring that our home learners have access to the same curriculum next half term as our school-based learners and the content of next half term's curriculum will be shared with you through our half termly class newsletters.

## Information for 'School-Based Learners'

Thank you to all of our school-based parents in Reception and Year 5 for your understanding following our bubble closures earlier this week. At the moment, both year groups should be able to finish their period of self-isolation on Monday evening (15.02.21), however, should any additional positive Covid cases be identified, then please be aware that the period of self-isolation may need to be extended.

As was the case at Christmas, we will still be responsible for Covid19 'track and trace' where children who have attended school become symptomatic over the first weekend of the holiday. If your child has attended school at any point this week, and they then test positive for Covid between today and Tuesday, please can you email the school office with the subject line 'Covid Test' and a member of the leadership team will get in touch with you.

## ★ BAILDON STARS ★

Nursery: Bonnie & Mollie

RPM: Joby & Sidney

RM: Louise & Lucy

1D: Harry L & Joseph M

1P: Louis G & Zakirya

2W: Max I & Zachariah

2F: Alexander & John

\*Certificates for Home Learners are posted on a Friday\*

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

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

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

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

### PTFA Update

We would like to say a HUGE "Thank You" to Benjamin (Y3) and Grace (Y1) who held a raffle for their family and friends just before Christmas. They have generously donated the £84 raised to our school PTFA. Both children have been thanked by school with a SOAR Award from Mrs Savage.

Please remember even though we are not holding face to face events right now you could help us fundraise by simply switching your Amazon account to an Amazon Smile account, or shop via Easyfundraising – both of these schemes are at no extra cost to you and every little helps us.

Amazon Smile- Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to us. The donations will be made at no extra cost to you - You Shop and Amazon Gives!

It is simple to convert your current Amazon account to a Smile account and nominate our school The Church School Baildon PTFA by following this link: (<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1100442-0>)

Easyfundraising – In addition please don't forget that The Church School Baildon PTFA is registered with easyfundraising. It's amazing how many retailers donate via easyfundraising! When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, you will raise FREE donations for our school. If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here: ([https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/balidoncoeschoolptfa/?invite=Q7DK9R&referral-campaign=s2s&fbclid=IwAR3MilyPnHji2\\_LzLJ8MOrl\\_C5k9fvPccoJjlXa\\_jB7Pz1IbmHJ0xLNNgJKA](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/balidoncoeschoolptfa/?invite=Q7DK9R&referral-campaign=s2s&fbclid=IwAR3MilyPnHji2_LzLJ8MOrl_C5k9fvPccoJjlXa_jB7Pz1IbmHJ0xLNNgJKA))

### Internet Safety

All of our children participated in an 'internet safety update' on Tuesday to mark national 'Safer Internet Day'. Mr Van der Gucht also launched our E-safety Competition for children and further details about this can be found here: [https://youtu.be/0fWwsT1KS\\_k](https://youtu.be/0fWwsT1KS_k) (EYFS/KS1) <https://youtu.be/ugN7G7bcvEA> (KS2) Mr Van der Gucht has also produced an E-Safety guide for parents, which can be accessed through the following link: <https://baildonce.co.uk/parents-and-pupils/online-safety/> Our thanks go to Mr Van der Gucht for all of his work to support E-safety within our school!

### Job Vacancy in School

We currently have a vacancy in school for a lunchtime supervisor. This is a part-time, term-time only role from 11.50am - 1.10pm on Mondays - Fridays each week. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, then please contact our School Business Manager, Mr Hiley, for more information. Mr Hiley can be contacted through: [office@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:office@baildonce.co.uk)

### Senior Choir

Mrs Armstrong is launching a new 'virtual project' for the Senior Choir in preparation for our Easter Service next half term. If your child is in Year 5/6 and is not currently a member of the choir, but would like to join, please email the office, who will pass on their details to Mrs Armstrong.

### Staffing Update

Mrs Hargreaves has now begun her maternity leave - we wish her the very best of luck and look forward to sharing news of her new arrival with you next term!

### 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