

Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely this week to welcome back the Year 1 children and staff. We have all missed them! Fortunately we, as a community, managed to contain the spread of the virus by acting quickly and only had three children and their families affected by COVID. We are very thankful to all the families in Year 1 who worked with us as a school and supported our advice and the decisions we made. Hopefully we won't have to do this again, but no one really knows what's round the corner!

Thank you so very much.

Very best wishes,
Gill Finney.



Dates For Your Diary

12th Feb 2021—Break up for half term

22nd Feb 2021— Return to school

1st March 2021 - Book Week - children will have

Zoom interactions with authors

22nd March - Parents' Evening

24th March - Parents' Evening

26th March 2021—Break up for Easter

12th April 2021—Return to school



Thank you

Thank you to all the children who took part in my challenge last week to get out and about. It was lovely to see all the photographs of you enjoying yourselves. I did recognise a lot of the places, but I didn't know about The Bug Hotel on Raikes Road, so that was completely new to me!

Well done to Sofia Greenaway for taking first prize with this photograph and to Olivia Buckley and her brother Henry for taking second prize with their wonderful message to Baines on the beach!

Anyone who took part in this challenge will receive a small prize for doing so, along with our prize winners!

Thank you so much everyone!

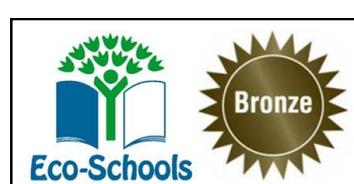


Please Contact the Office

Just a reminder please that if your child is not going to be in on any of the days you have them booked in for during this lockdown period, could you please let the office staff know. This is because we have a form for the Government to complete daily to let them know why children are not attending school. On another note, could I please remind you to adhere to the allocated start and finish times for your child's class. Over the last few weeks we have had a number of children arriving after their allocated time, which results in a late mark having to be given. The gate opposite The Bay Horse will be locked just after 9 o'clock to ensure our premises remain safe for the children and staff here. Many thanks for your understanding.

Up to Date Contact Details

Please let the office staff know of any new contact details ie change of telephone numbers or addresses as soon as possible, as many are very out of date. It is very important that we are able to contact you should anything be wrong with your child whilst they are in school. Many thanks.





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My Half Term Challenge

Here's a challenge for you over the half term.

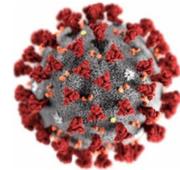
Can you sing us a song, play us a piece of music on an instrument or perform a dance that can be recorded and posted on our School Facebook Page?

The staff will be choosing winners - I think this may be too hard for me to choose on my own! We will let you know by the end of the week after half term, who the winners are.

Start practising now - we can't wait to see what you send in!

Covid-19 Reminder

I have to say, you probably don't want to read this again, but I ask that you do just to remind yourselves.



First and foremost, thank you to the parents who have worked so hard with us over the last year, supporting us and helping to keep us all safe - we cannot thank you enough.

Please be reminded that if your child is ill in any way, we will not accept them into school in a morning. Please do not bring them if they have a high temperature, a cough, a loss of smell or taste, a headache or if they feel sick, have vomited or have had diarrhoea. There are many other illnesses where children should not attend school, but the list is too extensive to include here.

If your child is ill in school, we will contact you. In this instance, we will either ask for your opinion or request that you come to collect your child. We would appreciate it if you would come as soon as possible, in order for us to be able to protect the rest of our school community.

Your child should not attend school at all if any of the family are going for or awaiting a COVID-19 test result. If you are having a test, this means that you suspect you may have the virus and therefore your whole family should be isolating until a **NEGATIVE TEST HAS BEEN RETURNED TO YOU**. Sending your child in at a time like this, increases the risk to the whole school community, which is what we desperately want to avoid.

I need to also add here that many members of staff are concerned about parents in the playground, although parents are wearing masks, many are not keeping their distance from each other. May I ask that you observe this request when we return to school on Monday 22nd February 2021.

If your child tests positive over the holiday, you must follow the instructions given below :-

If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the end of the school term, or tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school term, you should report this to school immediately by emailing :-

head@bainesendowed.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@bainesendowed.lancs.sch.uk



Staff will be on hand at certain times of the day to notify any other pupils in your child's bubble and their families so they can self-isolate for ten days. It's vital you tell us immediately about any positive test results so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community. Many thanks for your support with this.

And Finally ...

Have a wonderful, wonderful holiday!