

Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are at the end of the Autumn term. It has been an unusual one to say the least! We have all missed the 'normal' festive activities, but have tried to make it as much fun for the children as we have been able to.

As always, I would like to thank the children for being as wonderful as they always are, to you as parents for the support you have given the school this year, to the Governors and Trustees for all their support and of course to ALL the staff who work in school in whatever capacity that might be. They have all been amazing and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Very best wishes.
Gill Finney



Dates For Your Diary

18th Dec—Break up for Christmas holiday
8th Feb - Arts Week
1st March Book Week
10th May - Year 6 SATs Week
7th June - Phonics Screening Week - Year 1
7th June - Multiplication Test - Year 4
All dates made are PROVISIONAL due to Covid-19. Please check dates on every newsletter as dates are always added. New dates will be in red.

The Santa Box Appeal



The Rotary Club have set up an exciting Christmas initiative which many of you may want to support in return for an exciting experience. To know more please visit :-
<https://www.thorntonrotarysanta.co.uk/>

Staffing Next Year

We say goodbye today to Mr Geeson who has worked at Baines since Easter as he has been covering Mrs Andrew's Maternity Leave. He is moving onto another school in Blackpool and I am sure you will all want to join with me in wishing him all the very best as he continues his career.

We also say goodbye today to Mrs Marshall who has worked in school with us all for a long time. She has worked in many, if not all the year groups, but has been away from us for quite a while now. Mrs Marshall has decided that she needs to look after herself and concentrate on her health and we really wish her all the very best for the future.

We say 'hello' again to Mrs Andrew who will be returning from Maternity Leave in January. Mrs Andrew will be sharing the class with Mrs Lowe and myself for a term before returning full time after Easter. I am sure you will all welcome her back.

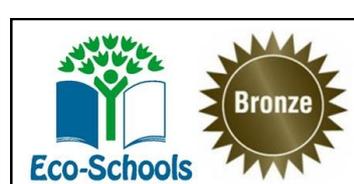
Reception on-line Applications

Parents should access the on-line admission forms for Reception places for September 2021 through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools . Closing dates for Reception places are 15th January 2021.

Pantomime

All the children have watched the Pantomime this week. They have loved it and I have heard lots of laughter coming from classrooms! I'm sure you have heard all about it at home!

It is so lovely that we have been able to provide something fun for the children to experience in the present climate and thank you all for supporting this.



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

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Reception— Esme Clement-Cooper and Sebastian Wilson

Year 1— Betsy Hockings and Daniella Pickup

Year 2— All of Year 2

Year 3— Faye Mitchell and Charlie Farquhar

Year 4— Katie Benyon and Alyssa Ryder

Year 5— Lewis McMillan, Sam Graham, Max Moorhouse and Poppy Sugden

Year 6— Lewie Rawcliffe, Harry Millar and Kieran Colwell-Graham

Headteacher Award— Milo Rawcliffe

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Reception— Toby Breakell and Lincoln Smith

Year 1— Max Smith and Alice Aitchison

Year 2— Isla Watson and Phoebe Sweeney

Year 3— Freddie Mason and Hayden Chambers

Year 4— Ava-Marie Jackson and Jacob Howarth

Year 5— Rhys Warwick and Cayden Lamb

Year 6— Emily Brown and Otis Leah

Headteacher Award - All the staff working in school

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the families who donated money to the Poppy Appeal this year. We found out this week that we raised £310.38 for this very worthy appeal.

Thank you so much.



Information from Lancashire County Council

regarding Christmas Holidays

Please remember, you need to tell us if your child has Covid-19.

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 Lancashire County Council immediately by emailing :-

COVID19educationquestions@lancashire.gov.uk

or calling 01772 531555.

Staff will be on hand 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 the county council about any positive tests so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community.

Procedures for January

All procedures in school this term will continue from January and into the Spring term. All staggered starts and finishes will remain the same for all year groups.

Children will continue to remain in their bubbles in class and at break and lunchtime and children will come into school in their PE kit on PE days.

However, one change will be that the gate leading from Reception into the KS1 playground will be locked. Parents with children in **both the Reception class and KS1** will be able to knock on the reception Class patio door for entry for your children, but the remainder of the Reception parents must enter and exit the school at The Bay Horse entrance to avoid mixing with other bubbles.

I realise that the Key Stage 1 playground is a very short cut for parents accessing school from School Road, but by walking through parents of another bubble we are putting people at risk and I do not want to do this.

In order for our start and finish times to be successful, please ensure that you leave the school grounds immediately after drop off or collection so that there is adequate access for everyone.

Many thanks for your support with this - it is very important.



Party Day

The children had a wonderful party day this week. There were games, films and dancing, along with the lovely party food you supplied for them. Key Stage 1 children even had a visit from a very important person. We weren't sure whether he would manage it this year, but he didn't let us down and the children were so excited to see him appear at their outside door, where he waved to them all and wished them a very Happy Christmas! I'm sure you heard all about it!

Outdoor Learning

This is a message from our Outdoor Learning staff. There are waterproof coats and trousers for emergencies in school, but over the last few weeks, there have been about fourteen pairs having to be washed by the staff and quarantined on a daily basis. Therefore, we were wondering whether an outdoor waterproof coat and trousers could be something that Father Christmas or members of your extended family may be able to buy for the children this year. There will always be enough supplies for emergencies - but this is what they are for - emergencies. Unfortunately, we do not have enough to supply every year group with six or seven emergency outfits each day. Again, if anyone has outgrown their waterproofs this term, then please do drop them off at the School Office as we will be able to use these for families who are needing some extra help and support.



Thank you

I would just like to say a special thank you to all the parents who have donated to school this year for one worthy cause or another. I would like to thank those who have donated to charities, those who donated to our Outdoor Learning fund, those who have donated food, presents and clothes to our Community Hub and those who donated to the Friends of Baines Raffle, to name a few! We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of people who have helped others this year.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart - your little acts of kindness have meant so very much to others.



Music Lessons



While we are currently unable to facilitate individual music lessons in school, private lessons are available through Lancashire Music Service outside of school hours. They are currently able to offer individual lessons via video call with the tutors who would normally be in school. If your child wishes to continue with music tuition or would like to try something new, please see the information below.

Full information is available in the brochure – please click on the link.

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/files/2020/07/Lancashire-Music-Service-PDPBrochure-2020-2021.pdf>

To sign up for music lessons please apply online at: www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/enrol

Thank you to all those who supported Scarlett

Just a great big thank you to those who supported Scarlett from our Christmas Jumper Day, You may recall that Scarlett needed a Galileo Vibration Plate to help support her rehabilitation. The family have now managed to purchase the plate and here are a few photographs to show you how it helps Scarlett.



The family would like to thank you all for your kindness.



Thank you

Thank you to all the families who have brought Christmas gifts in for both myself and the staff. We are all touched by your thoughtful words and acts of kindness and very much appreciate it. The biscuits, cake and chocolates given to the staff by yourselves and the Governors have gone down very well in the staffroom believe me!



Educational App Consent

To give consent for the Educational Apps we use in school, please go on to ParentMail and purchase the item 'Education App Consent.' The item has a zero cost and therefore you will not be asked for payment card details, but when this is added to the basket and purchased, it will prompt you to give consent via a toggle button.

It is so important that we have this consent for the children in school as they are then able to have access to a range of programmes which are all designed to help your child progress.

Each App will target different things and so you may find your child has access to one or maybe more depending on the need of your child. Your child may only need access to a programme for a term when they will have progressed and not need to use this again, or it may be used for a more prolonged period of time.

Please support us in this matter and by doing so, you are also supporting the development of your child.

**Merry
Christmas and a very
Happy New Year.
See you all in
January.
Stay safe!**

