

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have wonderful news!



The Trustees and Friends of Baines have agreed to fund the full cost of our school tipi (tepee) and therefore this will hopefully be with us as soon as possible.

We all all so very excited about this as it will link so well to our outdoor learning, which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

Thank you so very much to all the people who have allowed this to happen. We are very grateful to you as you have enabled us to put into motion a dream we have had for many years!

We have discussed the issue of continuing to raise money and decided that all funding will still go to school this year to help enhance these resources further - I do hope you are in agreement with this as it will all benefit your child.

Gill Finney,
Headteacher.



Dates For Your Diary

23rd Sept - meet the Teacher via Zoom - 2 sessions
5.30pm and 6pm - more info from class teacher via Dojo

6th Oct - Provisional booking for Years 5 and 6 Online Safety

9th Oct - Virtual Open day on School website and School Facebook Page

13th Oct - Harvest in school - money donations only for a food bank - more details to follow

Week commencing 19th Oct - Parents Evenings via telephone

23rd Oct—Half Term

19th Oct - Family and individual photographs

11th Dec - Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

14th Dec - Christmas Concert of some sort on video - more details to follow

16th Dec - Christmas parties in own bubbles!

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 and many of the activities that would usually take place in the Autumn term, may not go ahead. This is purely to keep our school community safe.

We will keep you as informed as we can.

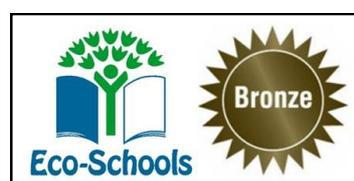
Behaviour in School

The children have returned to school really well and we are so impressed with the way they have taken things in their stride, especially remaining in bubbles, staggered lunches and continual handwashing.

However, we have noticed that a small minority of the children have forgotten how to respect the adults in our school and therefore we will be focusing on this over the next month or so and encouraging the children to show respect to adults and children alike. We would truly appreciate it if you could talk to your children about this at home as well so that we are all working together to improve this. We will also be giving out small rewards to children who respond well to this initiative. Please support us in this.

Homework

As a staff we have discussed the issue of homework this week and it has been decided that homework will be set over Dojo with the answers sent with it if necessary. We would then ask your child to complete the task and send a photograph of this back to school. We feel this will reduce the risk of the spread of germs from school to home. Many thanks.



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

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Reception— Barnaby Brooks and Lilly Anderson

Year 1— Fynlay Young and Michael Sharpe

Year 2— Jason Terrington and Nancy Edwards

Year 3 –Mia Hardy and Aoife Brooks

Year 4—Vincent Macphee and Emma Rolfe

Year 5—Jacob Millwood and Chloe Gothard

Year 6— Jack Senior and Lucy Mitchell

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Reception— Arla Nuttall and Peter Chieffo

Year 1— Penelope Rassas and Penelope Wilson

Year 2— Rowan Thorpe and Oliver Ormerod

Year 3— Michael Johnston and Ellery Gardner

Year 4— Grayson Hart and Zane Crump

Year 5— Joshua Elson and Poppy Sugden

Year 6— Freddie James and Aleysha Sharpe

Headteachers Award— Karisa-Jayne Proctor

Staff in School

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Taylor are not in school at the moment so we welcome some new staff into school this term.

Mrs Millwood is working in the Reception class in the morning and at lunchtime and Mrs Nelson is working at lunchtime and in the afternoon with the Reception class. This is really helping the younger children settle in and we are very grateful for their help.

Mrs Hart has begun to work as a Welfare Assistant in Year 2 as from Monday of this week. Mrs Hart is covering for Mrs Taylor whilst she is absent from school. I hope you will join with me in wishing both Mrs Marshall and Mrs Taylor all the very best until they return to us.

Secondary School and Reception on-line Applications

Parents are now able to access the on-line admission forms for High school and Reception places for September 2021. This can be accessed through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools .
Closing dates for secondary applications—31st October 2020
Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2021.

Water Bottles in School

It is becoming clear to the staff in school that water bottles are being used for juice in school. Our policy is that children should bring water to school to drink during the day and that water will be available to children whilst working in school. Any juice MUST be kept for lunchtime to drink with their lunch. We try to be a healthy school and allowing children to drink juice throughout the day does not support this. Therefore we request that water is brought to school in clear water bottles and treats, such as juice, remain only for lunchtime. Many thanks for your support.

NUT ALLERGY IN SCHOOL

We have a child in Year 1 and a child in Year 2 who both have a nut allergy, which, as I am sure you will know, can be very dangerous for them. Because of this, I am politely asking that children who bring packed lunches are aware of this and that parents try as much as possible **NOT** to include any foods which contain nuts of any type and this includes things like Bakewell Tarts which have almond paste in them. Please be aware of the contents of all foods put in lunch boxes by checking the ingredients on the food packaging. If your child is particularly partial to nuts, then please save these for home.

Year 1 and Year 2 parents need to also be aware that any boxes brought in for modelling should not have contained nuts either as this can be a trigger too.

Many thanks for your understanding with this.



Holiday Requests

Please note that school do not encourage parents to take a holiday in term time. However, if you choose to do so, please be aware that this may result in a penalty notice being issued. Please note that holidays should not be booked before requesting leave for your child.



Baines Facebook Page

If you are new to the school or haven't logged in before, please do make sure you keep in touch with our Facebook page.

This is run by Mr Leah, Mrs Ryder and Mrs Saxon, one of our wonderful parents.

They all do an excellent job of keeping everyone informed of all that is happening in school and those day before reminders are just wonderful!

Thank you so much all of you!



Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

There have been a number of children riding their bikes or scooters around both the playgrounds in the morning before school and after school.

This is a health and safety risk to many children and adults and therefore I would ask that children are asked to leave their bikes and scooters with parents at the gate in the morning and do not get on them again until they are out of the school gates in the evening.

Many thanks for your understanding with this, as I would not want anyone to be injured.

Policies in School

Staff are just in the process of reviewing the policies in school and these will be available for you to read on the School Website in the next few weeks.

There are also copies of the policies relevant to yourselves in the foyer, outside the School Office.



The staff have asked me to remind you to complete the following things, if at all possible!

- * Listen to your child read every night
- * Label every piece of uniform that your child can take off
- * Label all of your child's PE kit
- * Have a water bottle in school everyday
- * If nice weather, remember a hat and sun cream
- * Always bring a coat—just in case!

Many thanks for your support.

Just to Let You Know...

The staff in school are wearing PPE when there may be a suspected case of COVID-19 or if they are dealing with a First Aid incident. This is to keep everyone safe and all the children are accepting of this.

However, some staff may move towards wearing face shields or masks in the classroom in the future. Some people will feel happier doing this and I support their wishes.

Safeguarding

The staff in school are governed by many policies. One of those is the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which ensures that your child is safe at all times in school and at home. We adhere very closely to this and all staff are trained on a yearly basis in this area. The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is on our website for you to read, but I must reiterate, that if a child discloses anything of a serious nature to a member of staff or the school suspects abuse or neglect, it is our duty to report it to the Lancashire Safeguarding team, who will advise us on how to proceed. This may mean reporting the facts to Children's Social Care or the Police.

As another way of keeping the children safe in school, we ask that **NO** parent enters school through the doors opposite The Bay Horse at the beginning or end of the school day, but in fact, you make your way round to the Office at the main entrance and ask for help there. I would also ask that no parents ask to enter school with toddlers for the same reason, unless in exceptional circumstances.

For safeguarding reasons again, as the Key Stage 1 children use the KS1 playground throughout the day, the gate to the KS1 playground will be locked, as usual from 9.00am in the morning to 3.00pm in the afternoon.

Outdoor Learning

The children are having a wonderful time outside learning outdoors. They are following the curriculum outdoors and are totally immersed in all that they are doing. Below are just a few examples of the work completed over the last week. These photographs are just great!

