



# Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a wonderful two weeks in school and the children are completely settled and enjoying their time in the classrooms.

I wander around school everyday at least twice a day and I have really enjoyed the participation I can hear from the children in every area of school.

They all work really hard everyday, but this learning can be accelerated if they complete reading and homework at home. Please find the time to read with your child for at least five minutes every evening and try to make time to fit in their homework too, as this will really make a difference to their development.

As we all know, the last eighteen months of schooling has been disrupted and the children are needing all the support they can get to make sure they are confident and progressing well. We have invested a great deal of additional Teaching Assistant time to support each class in school and we would be so grateful if you could help us out at home too.

Many thanks.  
Gill Finney,  
Headteacher.



## Dates For Your Diary

- 22nd Sept - Road Safety - Year 1
- 22nd Sept - Meet the Teacher - virtually - 5 - 5.30pm or 5.30 - 6pm
- 23rd Sept - Road Safety - Year 2
- 23rd Sept - Reception Gazette Photograph
- 29th Sept - Road Safety - Year 1
- 30th Sept - Road Safety - Year 2
- 4th Oct - Harvest - KS1 to support Streetlife
- 5th Oct - Harvest - KS2 to support Streetlife
- 11th October - Open Evening - 4.30 - 7pm - showing around school in small groups
- 18th Oct - Individual photographs
- 22nd Oct - Break up from school
- 1st Nov - Back to school
- 11th Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 6th Dec - KS1 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Performance - 2pm - school to watch
- 7th Dec - Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 8th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am
- 9th Dec - Carol Concert at St Johns Church for Years 3 and 5 - 2pm
- 10th Dec - Carol Concert at St Johns Church for Years 4 and 6 - 2pm
- 13th Dec - Years 5/6 Party Day - own clothes
- 14th Dec - Years 3/4 Party Day - own clothes
- 15th Dec - KS1 Party Day - own clothes
- 17th Dec - Break up for Christmas holiday

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

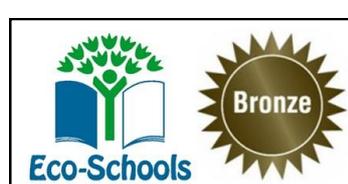
- \* Listen to your child read every night
  - \* Label every piece of uniform that your child can take off
  - \* Label all of your child's PE kit
  - \* Have a clear water bottle in school everyday containing only water
  - \* If nice weather, remember a hat and sun cream
  - \* Always bring a coat—just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

All dates made are PROVISIONAL depending on Government Guidelines 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.

Please check dates on every newsletter as dates are always added. New dates will be in red.



## Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

### Friday 10th September 2021

Reception— All the Reception Class  
Year 1— Arla Nuttall and Barnaby Brooks  
Year 2— Amelia Green and Fynlay Young  
Year 3 – Oliver Ormerod and Thea Hughes  
Year 4— Gabriella Armstrong and Joe Dean  
Year 5— Daniel Reed and Alice Power  
Year 6— Jacob Millwood and George Robinson  
Headteachers Award— Gabriella Armstrong  
Lunchtime Awards - Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

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Reception— Olivia Hatch and Liam Breathnach  
Year 1— Robyn Walley and Lilly Anderson  
Year 2— Daniella Pickup and Penelope Wilson  
Year 3— Nancy Edwards and Harley Beesley  
Year 4— Rosie Smyth and Aoife Brooks  
Year 5— Max Walker and Rebecca Hammond  
Year 6— Oliver Porter and Cayden Lamb  
Headteachers Award— Lorna Harrison and Cayden Lamb  
Lunchtime Awards - Rhys Warwick and Kyra Rose

## Hair in School

The staff have asked me to remind you about hair in school. If your child's hair is longer than shoulder length, it needs to be tied up with a **plain** bobble. A **plain** hairband or **plain** slide may also be used. Children should not have their heads shaved or have any patterns shaved into their hair.

## 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, Mrs Gorrie 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!

## Metal Water Bottles

We have noticed that there are an awful lot of children bringing metal water bottles into school at the moment.

Whilst we are happy for children to be using these as part of their lunchtime drink, we have always stipulated that water bottles for use in the classroom need to be plastic and where possible, transparent. There should ONLY be water in these bottles - any juice should be saved for lunchtime.

We have had a few issues over the last week or so with the metal bottles being dropped and broken and other children being accidentally hurt with them.

Therefore as from 1st November, we request that ALL classroom water bottles are plastic.

These can be purchased from school at a cost of £1.30. Thank you.

## NUT ALLERGY IN SCHOOL

We have children in Years 1, 2 and Year 3 who 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, 2 and Year 3 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 chose 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.



## 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. Thank you.

## Policies in School

Staff have reviewed the policies in school recently and these are available for you to read on the School Website.



## Behaviour

We have high expectations of behaviour at Baines and we expect the children to behave in an acceptable manner in and out of school.

This last week, the children will have worked towards a set of classroom rules and, as a school, we have worked together and put some school rules in place which you can see below.

We would very much like you, as parents, to support the rules we have and if possible, reinforce these in the home. This would help to make stronger links between home and school which most children appreciate.

If for any reason you need to speak to a member of staff regarding your child, you need to speak to the class teacher first, if you need to speak to someone else after this meeting you will then be referred to Mr Leah and then to myself.

### **Our School Rules :-**

#### **In the corridor we should**

**Walk**  
**Be sensible**  
**Be quiet and**  
**Wait our turn**

#### **In the playground we should**

**Be kind and careful**  
**Include others in our games and share the**  
**toys**  
**Be helpful**

#### **In the Dining Hall and Hall we should**

**Respect the staff**  
**Use our manners**  
**Be quiet**

#### **When we greet people in school we should**

**Respect them**  
**Greet them politely**  
**Hold open the doors**

#### **When we are in assembly we should**

**Come in quietly**  
**Be sensible**  
**Listen to what is being said**

#### **When we see adults in school we would like**

**them to**  
**Smile**  
**Say 'hello'**  
**Ask if we are alright**

## Race For Life

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Clueit both took part in the Race for Life this summer. Mrs Marshall managed to walk over the finish line which was her goal with the support and encouragement of Mrs Clueit. Between them, the ladies have raised £520 so far. I think this picture says it all and I would like to say on behalf of all of us - 'Well done ladies'. We are so proud of you!



## 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 2022. These can be accessed through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) .  
Closing dates for secondary applications—31st October 2021 and dates for offers 1st March 2022.  
Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2022 and dates for offers 18th April 2022.

**Please do not miss these dates!**

## Care Plans

Mrs Davidson has sent all the Care Plans out to parents over the last two weeks. It is very important that these are reviewed and signed and then sent into school as soon as possible to ensure that ALL the staff know how to deal with your child's needs. It is also very important that we have this up to date information in case of an emergency.

Please ensure that ALL care plans are returned by Monday 20th September at the very latest so that the staff can ensure they know how to help your child.

## Staying Safe

We are doing our best to ensure people are staying safe, but as Covid cases rise in school on a daily basis, could I please ask parents to leave the school grounds immediately after drop off and not accompany friends into other drop off areas as has been the case this week. We are trying so hard to ensure the safety of everyone with the restrictions we have in place. Please help us!

## Our PE Kit

It has been lovely to see the children in the new PE kit and they seem very happy to be wearing it. Obviously whilst coming to school and leaving school the children need trainers, but when they are working in the hall on the equipment, the children must have a pair of black pumps or complete the lesson in bare feet. This has always been the case and pumps have always been on the school uniform list for this very reason. This has been advocated by the Lancashire PE Team in order to ensure the children are able to feel the equipment under their feet, which they are unable to do in trainers.

Again, it saddens us as a school to hear that there have been complaints aired on a WhatsApp group about black pumps when the uniform policy has not changed and, as already been stated, we are following the County advice.

I will reiterate once again, that if these parents have an issue, please come into school and discuss this with the class teacher who can explain the reasons why.

Staff have feelings, as we know you all do, so please treat our staff in the same way that you would want to be treated in your own work situation.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Volunteers in School

We are pleased to announce that we are opening our doors again to class volunteers.

If you are a parent, Grandparent, or an extended family member and you would like to help out in school, please see Mrs Finney or the Office Staff. Before being allocated a class, you would be required to complete a DBS check and attend a Safeguarding Training course provided by school. It is our policy not to place members of the family in their own child's class as we have found that this often causes difficulties.

We would also require that volunteers wear masks in school in order to keep both yourself and others safe.

If you are interested, we would be grateful if you could let us know by Friday 24th September so that we can arrange the training and sort out the relevant checks.

We are really looking forward to working with you.



## The Office



The Office Staff have asked me to remind you of the following :-

- \* The Post Boxes should be used when at all possible.
- \* The Office is open to parents from 8.45 to 9.15am every morning and from 3.00 to 3.30pm every evening. This will give you plenty of time to discuss anything you may wish with them.
- \* If your child has forgotten something, please put this on the trolley in the foyer. Staff will collect it from there at regular intervals throughout the school day, so you will not need to disturb the Office staff.
- \* Anything to be paid for, must be done so via Parent Pay.
- \* If school meals have not been paid for by Week 3, you will be informed of this and if no payment is received, your child will have to move onto a packed lunch until the money owed has been paid.
- \* Please return all forms promptly.
- \* As we are trying to be an Eco Friendly school, we ask that as many parents as possible access Parent Mail. This will reduce the number of paper copies we need to send out and reduce our carbon footprint.
- \* If your child stays for an after School Club, they should always be collected from The Bay Horse playground.
- \* School times are 8.55 to 3.20pm. We are having some children arriving after 8.55am and being collected after 3.20pm. Please ensure your child arrives and is collected on time, but if you are going to be late, please do try to contact the Office beforehand so that your child is not worried.

## House Captains

After a great deal of deliberation, we are pleased to announce the House Captains for the following year.

Romans - Joshua Elson and Charlotte Sharrock  
Normans - Ethan Hardy and Jacob Wilson  
Danes - Poppy Sugden and Seth Goodrick  
Saxons - Isaac Smith and Emma Chieffo

Well done everyone. We know you will do an excellent job at representing the children in school.

## Places Available

Just to let you know that we have places available in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6. If you know of anyone wanting a place or who is moving into the area, please let them know. Many thanks.

## School Meals

Just to keep you informed that Lancashire are having some difficulty with food deliveries, which seems to be affecting everyone Nationwide. Therefore, next week the menu has had to be changed to accommodate the food the kitchen has in stock. All food will be fresh and prepared on site daily, taking into account the dietary requirements of the children.

## Subject Ambassadors - Year 6

Some of our Year 6 children have volunteered to support and promote subject areas in school. They are :-

English - Finn Bowater and Layla Ryder  
Maths - Jessica Holford and George Robinson  
Music - Bethany Mell and Oliver Porter  
Outdoor Learning - Max Moorhouse and Jacob Wilson  
Science - Deacon Tostevin and Emma Chieffo  
History - Oliver Duerden and Poppy Sugden  
Geography - Sam Graham and Oliver Duerden  
PSHE - Tom Smyth and Treasure Igiebor  
Design Technology - Darcey Hart and Lewis McMillan  
French - Deacon Tostevin and Lewis McMillan  
PE - George Barrans, Finn Bowater, George Robinson, Layla Ryder, Tom Smyth and Serenna Hunte  
ICT- Rhys Warwick, Cayden Lamb and Chloe Gothard  
RE - Oliver Porter and Poppy Sugden

Thank you children for this. I know you will all want to get involved and promote your subject area and this will be a wonderful way for you to develop those ever important leadership skills. I can't wait to hear all your ideas.

## Outdoor Learning

We are continuing with our Outdoor Learning this year and the children are again thoroughly enjoying the experience. Mrs Mylecraine and Mrs Gorrie work alongside the teachers to ensure that the curriculum is successfully taken outside during these sessions and the children gain a great deal from the experience. The children should have a set of outdoor clothes ie waterproof jacket and trousers and a pair of wellingtons for each session. At the moment we have many children who do not have this equipment and need to borrow the clothing from school.

As from next week, if children do not bring their own equipment and need to borrow from school, the children will then be required to bring these items home to be washed. They should then be returned the following day clean, in case other children need them. Failure to return these items will result in a charge of £5 to £10 depending on the clothing items borrowed.

I am sure you will understand the necessity to do this as unfortunately school is unable to afford to replace these items from the school budget on a regular basis.

If there are any families struggling to buy these items in the first place, please do feel free to discuss this with either Mrs Finney or Mrs Davidson. We will do all we can to help.

Mrs Mylecraine and Mrs Gorrie would like to welcome Jacob and Max who have joined 'The Outdoor Learning Team' as Year 6 Ambassadors. They are already very enthusiastic and will be very busy over the year. Jacob and Max will be running a regular Outdoor Competition, please look out for this in our next newsletter. Welcome aboard Jacob and Max!



We have been busy preparing the outdoor area around school for the winter months and into spring.

Many classes have already planted bulbs and Reception Class chose where they would like to plant theirs!

**A Message from St Johns  
Church, Thornton**

**Glowzone - God Lights Our  
Way**

An exciting after school club for  
children and families.

Monday - 3.30pm - 4.15pm in the  
church

Meet with friends

Activities

Fun

Crafts

Bible Stories

Refreshments

Games