



Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support over the last few weeks with the many things that have been occurring in school. This half term is incredibly busy so please do write activities on your calendar or keep your eye on the school Facebook Page as Mrs Saxon is amazing at reminding us of all those things I certainly would be sure to forget!

Many thanks.

Gill Finney.



Dates For Your Diary



- 23rd Nov - Bikeability - Year 6
- 26th Nov - Non Uniform in support of Thornton Lights
- 30th Nov - Thornton Lights Switch On - 4pm
- 3rd Dec - Sponsored Bounce - organised by FOB
- 6th Dec - KS1 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Performance - 2pm - school to watch
- 7th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Year 2 parents
- 8th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Year 1 parents
- 8th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- 9th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Reception parents
- 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

All dates made are PROVISIONAL. We will always keep you as informed as we can.

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

Thornton Lights Switch On

Our Thornton Lights switch on is Tuesday 30th November at 4pm.

The local schools have been involved in designing a free standing light that will be made up for the village to display for years to come. Out of the four schools that entered, there were eight finalists - four from KS1 and four from KS2.

I am pleased to say that Amelia Booth in Year 2 from Baines was the winner from KS1 and she will take part in switching on the red button and seeing the lights displayed in Thornton. Her entry and Lucie Mitchell's entry from KS2 will now go forward together, along with the other six entries for the Light Company to decide which of the designs would be the best one to make into the final light display. Fingers crossed for our finalists.

Reception on-line Applications

Parents are still able to access the on-line admission form for Reception places for September 2022. This can be accessed through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

Closing date for Reception places—15th January 2022 and dates for offers 18th April 2022.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch



Many children enjoy eating a Christmas lunch with their friends and the staff in school, so please ensure that you book in for this via Parentmail, which will be opened up next week. In order to make the day even more special, the children should wear their Christmas jumpers with their own clothes. We all love to see the variety of jumpers on offer!



**Merit Winners—Well done
Everyone!**

Friday 12th November 2021



Reception— Ellie Hadfield, Lilian Ball and Alice Heywood

Year 1— Lincoln Smith and Thomas Sharples

Year 2— Betsy Hockings and Kai Smith

Year 3— Henry Martin and Katie Mayall-Buckley

Year 4— Savannah Burford and Ada Carter

Year 5— Madison Whitham and Summer Wilmot

Year 6— Joshua Elson and Bethany Mell

Headteacher's Award— The Football Team

Housepoints - Romans

Lunchtime Awards - Max Walker and Joshua Cookson

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Reception— Pippa Millwood and Nola Barron

Year 1— Rhys Hadfield and River Ashton

Year 2— Izzy Sugden and William Stubbs

Year 3— Michael Shotton and Thea Hughes

Year 4— Charlie Farquhar and Hayden Chambers

Year 5— Lorna Harrison and Amelia Parsons

Year 6— Oliver Porter and Lewis McMillan

Headteacher's Award— The children who attended the Cenotaph, Year 6 and Oliver Porter

Lunchtime Awards - Arla Nuttall and Lorna Harrison

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Children in Need Day today. Everyone looked amazing. I will let you know how much we raised on the next newsletter.

A Reminder About our Christmas Celebrations

As you already know, figures for Covid are high in Wyre at the moment and only this week, after a number of cases in one particular class and other positive cases around school, Public Health advised the school to revert to the 'Bubble System' and staggered starts for classes to try and keep everyone as safe as possible.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned the proposals below for the Christmas festivities, but in light of the new recommendations for school, we are going to have to keep these under review.

We are still remaining hopeful that things may be able to go ahead and so I have included the dates and times again for you.

The KS1 Christmas production will (if it goes ahead) take place over three days, commencing at 9.15am - please see diary dates overleaf. Each day will be available for two parents to come and watch their child from the three different year groups. The chairs will be placed in twos, with a space around them and we would require all visitors to wear masks on entering the school and only take them off when you have exited through the front door.

This will be the same for the KS2 Carol Concerts which will take place (if they go ahead) at 2pm on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December 2021. You will be required to only sit with one other member of your household and there will be spaces between each couple.

Parents will be required to wear masks at all times in the church.

Once the Carol Concert has finished, you may take your child home with you. Any remaining children, will be escorted back to school with the staff.

As these events are going to have to be so carefully organised, we have tried to give you as much time as possible to change work arrangements, as we are unable to offer alter-native people. We do hope you will support us in this



Medical and Dental Appointments

A letter was sent out to all parents a few weeks ago regarding medical and dental appointments. Please read this letter and where possible, provide evidence of these appointments. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Rossall Scholarships

This week flyers have been offered to the Year 6 children to take home advertising applications for places and scholarships at Rossall School - the deadline for these being 3rd December 2021. The Head at Rossall is very committed to ensuring that as many young people in the area have the opportunity to benefit from 100% means-tested bursaries.

Clothes Collection for Refugees

Thank you so much for all your kind clothes donations a few weeks ago after our appeal to help some of our Blackpool refugees. Miss Wilks says that the clothes were very gratefully received. I'm so pleased that we could help with this.

Little Wandle Phonics Scheme

At Baines, we follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds for Phonics. Here is a website for parents which outlines what is covered in the lessons and some interesting videos to help your child with their phonics learning at home.

[For parents - littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

Please take a look at this and help your child as much as possible. Once your child is confident with their letters and sounds, then they are able to read more independently and this helps them access so much more of the curriculum.

Five minutes a day will make all the difference so do please support your child and the school with this.

Non Uniform Day

In order to support the fund raising for the Thornton Christmas Lights, we would like to hold yet another non uniform Day on Friday 26th November. The money raised for the lights will be match funded and this will ensure that our Thornton Christmas Lights continue for years to come. For this event, please donate via Parentmail.

Parking Outside School

There are some parents who have started to park on the double yellow lines again outside school in a morning and at the end of the day, with some parents mounting the kerb there as well. The double yellow lines means that you are not able to park there at all at any time of the day, unless you are a blue badge holder, and mounting the kerb is very dangerous as this is one of the main places where parents and children cross the road from Sunningdale Avenue. Please ensure that you do not park in this area again and that you ensure that your child is leaving the car on the pavement side and not the road side. This is very dangerous to your child and other drivers.

Bumped Heads

At lunchtime, we have a system where Mrs Day, our lunchtime supervisor, will call parents if your child has had a bumped head. Unfortunately, she is not always able to contact a parent straight away as they are unavailable and so she will leave a message for you. We are asking all parents to please check their phones between 12 noon and 1.15pm so that they receive these messages and are able to return the call promptly. Obviously, if it was urgent, we would continue to try to contact you. Many thanks.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone for your support with the Year 2 cake sale. They managed to raise £307 to go towards their class trip to the Chill Factor. In fact, I think many children (and staff) were delighted to be able to buy cake for a change!



Sunday Remembrance Service



Thank you to the KS2 children who came along to support school at the Remembrance Service this year. It was lovely to see the twelve children ranging from Years 3 to 6 standing and taking part. It was also lovely to see all the other children from Baines representing various groups within our local community, such as cubs and scouts and ex pupils who were part of the cadets. It was a wonderful turn out and I would like to thank the parents and all the staff who volunteered their support.



Anti-Bullying Week

What a wonderful week this has been thanks to the hard work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Mrs Hedges, Mrs Weston and Mrs Clueit.

There have been lots of activities going on in and out of school and the children have really thrown themselves into the week which has been so lovely to see.

Below are some comments from the Ambassadors and Mrs Weston and some photographs for you to see.

I would like to thank all the Year 5 ambassadors that came on the trip to Highfield Academy on Wednesday. You were an absolute pleasure to be with and made us all proud. You listened attentively, engaged in all the activities and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We learnt about healthy friendships, bullying and how even as young people we have a voice and the power to make things change. Thank you ambassadors for being brave, standing up and making a positive difference to our school community. We have many more ideas we hope to share over the year. Thank you to Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Clueit and Mrs. Millwood for supporting us with this trip.

Mrs Weston



Being an anti-bullying ambassador is good because you are helping others and helping our school.
Say 'No' to bullying!

Alyssa - Year 5



This week it has been Anti-bullying Week and the theme is 'One Kind Word'. We introduced the kindness post box where if someone is kind to you, you write it down and put it in. We will give the people who are written down a kindness certificate. The Year 5 Ambassadors went on a trip on Wednesday to Highfield Academy to get some ideas and some tips on how to stop bullying. Our aim is to get rid of bullying and show people it is ok to be friends not enemies.

Lorna - Year 5