



# Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, even though the weather was not quite as good as it is at the moment!

The children have settled in really well this week and everyone seems very happy. There are lots of smiling children in school which is wonderful to see.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work over the summer to ensure that the classrooms were ready for the children. There has been a major overhaul this year and classrooms are looking clean and fresh.

One classroom and the school corridors have been painted over the summer holidays so these are now looking very smart again. Thank you to Mr Carter for this!

We are all looking forward to a happy, positive year where everyone is happy and is able to reach their full potential.

Best wishes.  
Mrs Gill Finney  
Headteacher



## Welcome

Welcome to Mr Aspden who is teaching our Year 6 class this year. I know he is looking forward to working at Baines and so I hope you will give him a warm welcome when you see him around.

Welcome also to Honey who has started this week in Year 3. We hope you will be very happy here and quickly make some new friends.

Welcome also to all our new Reception children. It has been lovely to see them in the Reception class making new friends and getting used to being in school - well done everyone. We are all so very proud of you.



## Places Available

Just to let you know that we have places available in Reception and Years 4 and 5. If you know of anyone wanting a place or who is moving into the area, please let them know. They will then need to contact The Admissions Team on 01524 581112, where arrangements will be made for you.

## Goodbye

We say goodbye to Ms Lattimer in September. She is leaving to start a new job. We would like to thank her for her work in school and wish her all the very best as she continues her career. Good luck from us all!

## Horticulture Prize

Well done to Vivienne in Year 1 for winning the Horticulture Prize for the Under 7s in Thornton. What fantastic news!

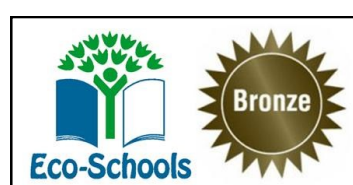


## Lost Property

There was a great deal of lost property found in school over the summer.

On Monday 11th September, in the afternoon, this will be placed on benches in the KS2 playground for people to come and look through. Please claim what is yours. After Monday, we will have to dispose of it all as we have nowhere to store it.

Many thanks for your support.



## Dates For Your Diary

We have worked hard this week to put in as many dates as is possible for the year so that you have plenty of warning of events coming up.

**However, please note, that these may be subject to change, but we will do all we can to prevent this.**

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

11.09.23 – Meet the Teacher – 5 – 5.30pm and 5.30 – 6pm in your child's classroom

11.09.23 - Friends of Baines - 6pm - all welcome

02.10.23 - Grandparents Visiting Week in celebration of Grandparents Day on 01.10.23 - more details to follow for specific class visiting times

04.10.23 - Harvest to support Street Life – 9.00am - donations to be brought into school please

09.10.23 – Open Week for prospective parents - appointments to be made through the school office

16.10.23 – Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls

18.10.23 – Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls

20.10.23 - Break up for half term - 3.20pm

30.10.23 - Return to school - 8.45am

07.12.23 – The Pantomime at The Grand Theatre – children need to be in school for 8.30am to ensure arrival at The Grand on time

08.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day

12.12.23 – KS1 Dress Rehearsal – 1.30pm for school children and staff

13.12.23 – KS1 Performance – 9.15am for parents

14.12.23 – KS1 Performance – 1.30pm for parents

15.12.23 – KS2 Carol Concert at St Johns – 2pm for parents

18.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 Party all day - children in own clothes

19,12,23 – Years 3 and 4 Party all day - children in own clothes

20.12.23 – KS1 Party all day - children in own clothes

20.12.23 - Break up for Christmas - 3.20pm

08.01.24 - Return to school - 8.45am

06.02.24 – Young Voices leaving school at 12.30pm - children in the Young Voices Choir only

09.02.24 - Break up for half term - 3.20pm

19.02.24 - Return to school - 8.45am

04.03.24 – Book Week - activities to be announced nearer the time

18.03.24 - Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls

20.03.24 - Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls

28.03.24 - Break up for Easter - 3.20pm

15.04.24 - Return to school - 8.45am

09.05.24 – Induction Meeting – 6pm for all new prospective parents

13.05.24 - SATs Week

20.05.24 - Arts Week - activities to be announced nearer the time

24.05.24 - Break up for half term - 3.20pm

04.06.24 - Return to school - 8.45am

24.06.24 - Health Week - activities to be announced nearer the time

27.06.24 – Sports Day – KS2 – am and KS1 – pm - parents invited to morning and afternoon activities

04.07.24 – Class Swap – 9 – 10am - children to meet new teacher

08.07.24 – Year 6 Dress Rehearsal – 1.30pm for school children and staff

09.07.24 – Year 6 Performance – 1.30pm for parents

10.07.24 - Year 6 Performance – 6pm for parents

11.07.24 - Class Swap – 9 – 10am - children to meet new teacher

12.07.24 – Reports out to parents

15.07.24 – Awards Afternoon – 2pm for parents whose children have received an award

16.07.24 – Teddy Bears Picnic – 12 noon - parents to join us in school for a lunchtime of picnicking!

18.07.24 – Leaver's Disco – 6 – 7.30pm for the Year 6 children

19.07.24 – Leaver's Service - 9am for the Year 6 children and their parents

19.07.24 - Break up for summer holidays - 3.20pm



## 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 some of our staff and one of our wonderful parents, Mrs Saxon. They all do an excellent job of keeping everyone informed of what is happening in school, with some lovely pictures added on a regular basis and those incredibly useful 'day before' reminders! Thank you so much all of you!

### 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.
- \* Use **ONLY** the school water bottle in school everyday containing only water.
- \* If nice weather, remember a hat and sun cream.
- \* Always bring a coat—just in case!

### 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 2024. This can be accessed through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or the QR code above.

**Closing dates for secondary applications—31st October 2023 .**

**Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2024.**

**Please apply in plenty of time.**

### 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.

### Behaviour in School

The children behave very well in school, but on occasion, we do have to follow the Behaviour Policy for instances when children may have forgotten in the heat of the moment! Our School Behaviour Policy has been sent along with other policies today for you to read.

Please do support our work in school.

### Open Days

Just to let you know that our Open Week will commence on Monday 9th October, so that parents can come in and see the school in action. Appointments can be made for morning or afternoon slots, so please phone the Office on 01253 823420.

### NUT ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL

We have children in school who have nut allergies 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.

Many thanks for your understanding with this.

### Outdoor Learning

Just a reminder of the days your child will be taking part in Outdoor Learning, where they will need all their outdoor clothes and wellies.

Year 3 - Monday afternoon

Year 5 - Tuesday afternoon

Reception and Year 1 - Wednesday morning

Year 2 - Wednesday afternoon

Year 4 - Thursday afternoon

Year 6 - Friday afternoon.

If you have any outdoor clothes or wellingtons that you no longer require (even adult sizes) we would be very grateful for your donations. Please see Mrs Mylecraine for more information.

## Attendance Policy

An Attendance Policy has been sent through Parentmail to all parents and carers today because of the changes school are implementing this year. We are following the Lancashire Attendance Policy fully and any unauthorised absence of five days or more (ten sessions - morning and afternoon) will incur a Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notices will be issued to each parent for each child within the family.

Last year, more than fifty families at Baines Endowed applied for Holiday Absence within term time. This is a great deal of teaching and learning time lost and the Governors and staff feel that we now need to ensure this reduces significantly in order for our wonderful children to be able to work to their full potential in all areas of school life. Thank you for your support in this matter and please do only take your children on holiday in school holiday periods.

## 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 and a copy has been sent out to you today. 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 unless invited to do so by a member of staff. Instead, 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 until home time. Thank you.



## Scooters and Bikes

The staff and I have noticed that lots more children are coming to school on their scooters or bikes which is absolutely brilliant. However, on the school grounds these cause a health and safety risk to others about. So because of this, **ALL** children **MUST** get off these at the school gates and all scooters and bikes must be **PUSHED** through the school grounds to wherever they are being stored. The same must happen at the end of the school day in order to keep our school community safe.

If staff see children on scooters and bikes in the school grounds, they will stop them.  
Many thanks for your support in this.

## Mobile Phones, Hand Held Devices and Smart Watches

A Mobile Phone, Hand Held Devices and Smart Watch Policy has also been sent out today. Please read this carefully as this relates to children in Year 6 bringing in mobile phones in order to be safe walking home alone and to children wearing smart watches.

There is a permission slip to sign at the end of the policy which must be returned to school **BEFORE** your child brings in a mobile phone.

The reason that the use of mobile phones applies only to Year 6 children, is that school would not expect children from any other year group to be walking home without a responsible adult.

Children who come into school wearing smart watches and who do not follow this policy, will be asked to remove their watch and this will then be kept in a safe place until the end of the day.

Many thanks for your support in this very important matter.

## Walking Home Alone Permission

As you can see above, the school would only be expecting children in Year 6 to be walking home alone. However, we want to ensure that every child in our care is safe and therefore we require you to return a permission slip to the School Office by Monday 11th September 2023, if your child is travelling to and/or from school without a responsible adult. That way we know what is happening at the end of the day and can ensure that your child is safe. Many thanks for your understanding.

## Free - School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

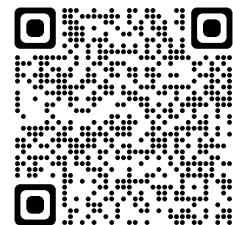
### Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

A copy of the form and the link to the website is: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

A QR Code has also been included here.



**Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits.  
Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.**