

# Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter sent out by the Governing Board this week, I would just like to say that I feel so privileged to have had the honour of being the Headteacher at Baines Endowed for twelve years. The children are amazing here (as I always say) and every day they brighten my day with a smile or a story they want to tell me and I will certainly miss that! I have also been lucky to have been supported in my role by very hard working and dedicated staff who have always tried their very best for the children. They go above and beyond and I am very grateful to them all.

The Governors and members of The Trust have also played a huge role in my career and I have worked with many of them for a long time. I would like to thank them all for their support and trust in me over the years.

On another note, please don't forget to book in for Parents Evenings. This is an important meeting to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. We hope to see as many of you as possible attend.

As always, best wishes.

Mrs Gill Finney,  
Headteacher.



## Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Harvest Assembly this week.

Thank you also to Reverend Kathryn for leading our Harvest assembly, Mr and Mrs Casson who very kindly collected our gifts and took them to Streetlife for us and to Mr Leah and Mrs Holland who worked so hard to help the children learn their Harvest songs.

## Dates For Your Diary

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

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

13.10.23 - Non Uniform in support of FOB

16.10.23 - Individual Photographs - am

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

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

18.10.23 – Parents' Evening for Years 1 - 6– 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls

19.10.23 - Autumn Disco - 6pm

20.10.23 - Break up for half term - 3.20pm

30.10.23 - Return to school - 8.45am

02.11.23 - Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament - 12 - 4pm

13.11.23 - Anti-Bullying Week

13,11,23 - Odd Socks Day

17.11.23 - B Team Football Tournament - 12.30 - 4.30pm

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

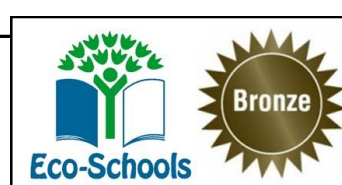
14.12.23 – KS1 Performance – 1.30pm for parents

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.



**Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!**  
**Friday 29th September 2023**

Reception - Luca Munday and Saxon Meeks

Year 1 - Ophelia Garrett and Cooper Smith

Year 2 - Kody Smith and Zaiden Kane

Year 3 - Robyn Walley and Harry Tucker

Year 4 - Luca Broadbent and William Stubbs

Year 5 - Ivan Goodrick and Rebecca Mell

Year 6 - Heidi Barrans and Sofia Greenaway

Headteacher's Award— Penelope and Sebastian Wilson

Deputy Headteacher Award - Reilan Kane

Kindness Award - Sofia Greenaway

Lunchtime Awards - Aynur Akcay and Ada Carter

Attendance - Year 5

**Friday 6th October 2023**

Reception - Penelope Sykes and Darcie Tunstall-Baynes

Year 1 - Not in assembly today

Year 2 - Ivy Doughty and Olivia Hatch

Year 3 - River Ashton

Year 4 - Halle Hardingham and Fynlay Young

Year 5 - Katie Tebay and Henry Martin

Year 6 - Mia Hardy and Poppy Heyes

Headteacher's Award— The Reception Class

Kindness Award - Ophelia Garrett

Lunchtime Awards - Heidi Zeinah and Henry Buckley

Attendance - Reception

**Places Available**

Just to let you know that we have places available in Reception and Years 3, 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.

**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.**

**Communication With School**

I would just like to remind parents that should they wish to address any issues in school, these should firstly be communicated with the class teacher. These communications, either verbal or through Dojo or email, must be appropriate and in line with our policy of respect. All the staff in school respect you as parents and we expect the same level of respect from you please. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Lunch Money Reminder**

Please ensure monies are added on Parentmail prior to lunches being taken each week. A number of accounts have an outstanding balance and in line with LCC policy, packed lunches may have to be provided until the debt is cleared.

Thank you.

## Grandparents Week

We have had a wonderful week sharing our work with our Grandparents.

It has been so exciting for the children to see their relatives in school and for them to share with them some of the hard work they complete on a daily basis.

Thank you so much to all the Grandparents that attended. We hope you all had a lovely time.

Here is an example of some Grandparents sharing the work of Year 4.



## Open Week

Please don't forget that our Open Week begins on 9th October 2023.

Appointments can be made for the week so that parents can come in and see the school at work.

Appointments can be made for morning or afternoon, so please phone the Office on 01253 823420.



## Congratulations Fynlay!

Following a seven week trial, Fynlay in Year 4, has been signed for AFC Fylde Academy. His family are so happy for him as he absolutely loves football and obviously the club could see that his determination, team work and all around kind nature was just what they were looking for.

Well done Fynlay - I am so proud of you too!



## Congratulations Oliver!

Oliver, in Year 3, has also been signed to play for AFC Academy after impressing the coaches. Oliver is over the moon to have been given this opportunity after all his hard work.

Oliver's family are very proud of him, as am I.

Well done Oliver. Keep up the good work.



## Reading In and Out of School

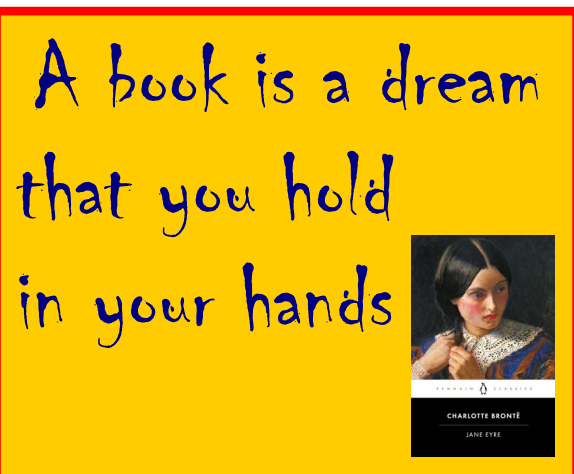
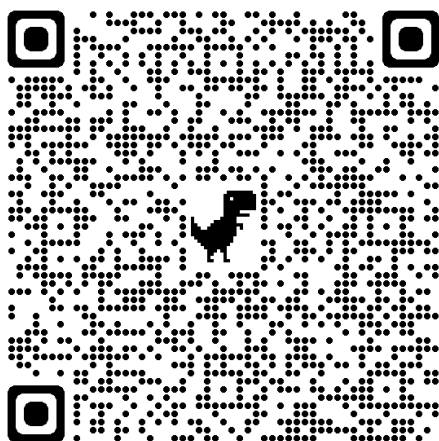
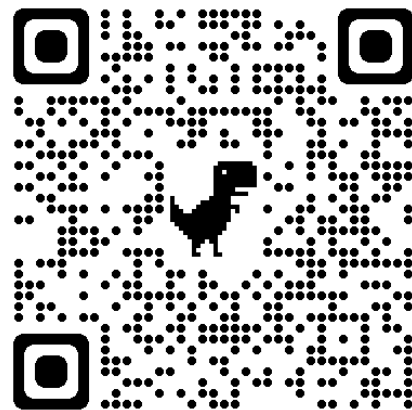
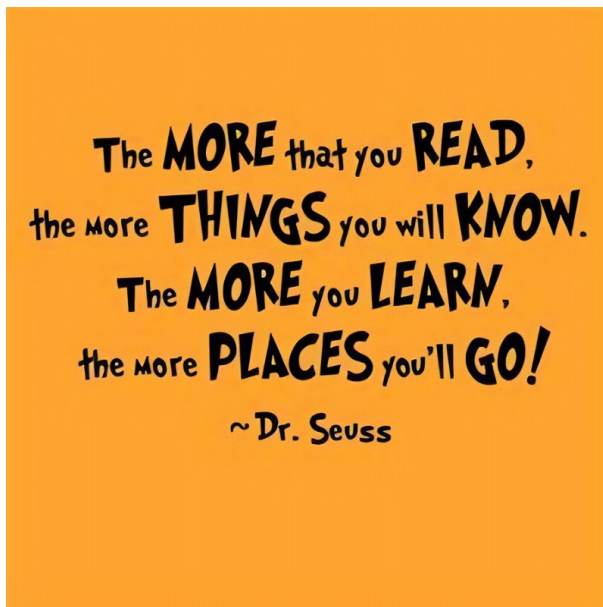
I would just like to draw your attention to how important reading with your child is.

We encourage the children to read throughout school at every opportunity we can find. New books have arrived in school and we are doing all we can to encourage the children to read them. Every classroom has an inviting reading area and everyday, the staff ensure that there is time for the children to read themselves and time for the children to be read to - in all classes throughout school.

In addition to all the above, Mrs Rothwell is working with the older children in school on Lancashire's Fantastic Book Awards to encourage and enthuse the children to love books.

Thornton Library have lots of events on over the year and encourage the children to take part in these. If your child has not joined the local library yet, then please do encourage them to do so - it is a free local resource.

Below are two QR codes which will take you to websites explaining more about the importance of reading with your child and on how to do this successfully. I would be very grateful if you would spend some time reading these and putting some of the suggestions in place at home. If you could just spare five minutes to hear your child read, this will improve their chances of success so much more in later life.



## 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.

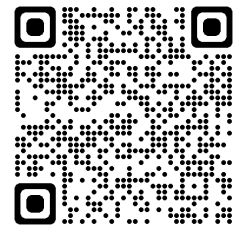
### Infant free school meals in England

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.**