

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

There are lots of exciting events happening over the next few weeks. You should have either received a letter from myself about some of the events, or from the class teachers. If you haven't, then please see the Office Staff who will be able to help you.

One of our main events is The Grand Theatre Pantomime taking place on the afternoon of 19th December. A letter has already been sent out with specific details, but just to remind you, the children will leave school between 12.20 and 12.30pm and will return approximately at 4.45pm. They will be taken back into school and collected by you following our usual procedures, for safety reasons. Please DO NOT try to collect your child from one of the coaches.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Mrs Gill Finney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

11th Dec—Parliament Education Service working with Year 6

11th Dec—School of Dance practising at The Tower Ballroom—12.20pm

11th Dec—Rev Dunn Assembly

11th Dec—School Of Dance dancing at The Tower Ballroom—7pm

12th Dec—Years 4 and 6 to practise at St Johns—1pm

12th Dec - KS1 Dress Rehearsal—pm

12th Dec—Years 4 & 6 Carol Concert— St Johns—6pm

13th Dec—KS1 Christmas performance—9.30am

13th Dec—Years 3 and 5 to practise at Thornton Methodist Church —10am

13th Dec—Years 3 & 5 Carol Concert—Thornton Methodist Church—6pm

14th Dec—KS1 Christmas performance—2.00pm

15th Dec—Years 5/6 Party Day

15th Dec—Planting of the tree etc.. To celebrate the end of our 300 year celebrations—1pm

18th Dec—Years 3/4 Party Day

19th Dec—NO SWIMMING

19th Dec—Strings Assembly—10.40am

19th Dec— The Grand Pantomime—leaving school at 12.20pm—early lunch that day

20th Dec—KS1 Party Day

20th Dec—Close for Christmas holiday

9th Jan—NO SWIMMING

10th Jan—10 Year 6 to Hodgson—am

18th January—Charity Clothing Collection

18th January—Y3 visit to Borwick Hall

23rd Jan—Young Voices

29th Jan—Reception Class to RNLI

31st Jan—18th Dec—School pantomime—6pm

26th Feb—Book Week

20th March—Easter Disco—6pm

18th April—Sponsored Bounce—FOB

18th May—FOB Camping

11th June—Arts Week

29th June—Summer Fair—FOB

School of Dance 2017 at the Tower Ballroom

Quite a few of our children will be dancing at The Tower Ballroom on Monday 11th December in the evening at 7pm. It would be so lovely if some children and parents from school could join us there to give them all support.

You can purchase your tickets online from The Tower Ballroom - School of dance website.

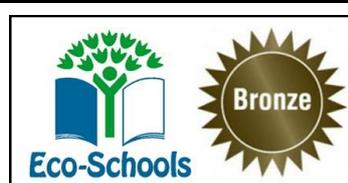
Tickets cost :-

£4.25—3—14 year olds

£6.50—aged 15+

Doors open at 6.30pm

A letter has been sent out to all the children dancing earlier in the week.



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!
Friday 1st December 2017

Reception— Ellery Gardner and Chloe Senior
Year 1— Jacob Howarth and Katie Benyon
Year 2— Seth Goodrick and Bethany Mell
Year 3— Maizy Young and Emily Brown
Year 4— Annaliese Howarth and Sienna Nelson
Year 5— Emily Thistleton
Year 6— Ashley Travis and Ethan Woodcock
Headteacher Award— Esmae Hill
Deputy Headteacher Award— The Choir
Attendance— Year 6
Housepoints— Saxons
Lunchtime— Sarah Armstrong

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Reception— Grace Thorpe and Joe Dean
Year 1— Alice Power and Max Underdown
Year 2— All of Year 2
Year 3— Soraya O'Neill and Harry Millar
Year 4— James McIlvennie and Emily Senior
Year 5— Mia Tupman and Stephanie Shaw
Year 6— Tia Cain and Joshua Wilson
Headteacher Award—All the children for their help at the Christmas Fair
Attendance— Year 4
Housepoints— Saxons and Danes
Lunchtime— Nathan Shotton and Lorna Harrison



Calum Robinson

Calum used to attend Baines Endowed a while ago (in fact, he was in my first Reception class at Baines - that makes me feel old) and is now an accomplished Sound Designer. Specialising in live music, Calum has spent much of the last 4 years touring the world with a selection of shows. He is currently working on shows in Manchester. Well done Calum—we are all very proud of you!

Places Available at Baines

Please spread the word if you know anyone who would like a place at Baines Endowed as we currently have the following places :-

Two places in Year 4

Please spread the word!

KS2 Carol Concerts

The Carol Concerts for Years 3 to 6 will take place next week. Please remember that these will not be so much of a success if your child does not attend. If at all possible, please encourage your child to take part in these events as a way of celebrating the end of our tercentenary year.

KS1 Christmas Performances

Ticket requirements have now been sent out for the performances on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am (not 9.05am) and Thursday 14th December at 2pm. All our allocated seating has been taken.

Admissions

Parents wishing to apply for a Reception place in Primary school need to have done so by **15th JANUARY 2017.**

School Pantomime

The School Pantomime which was on Monday 18th December at 6pm will now be on Wednesday 31st January at 6pm instead. We really hope that you will be able to join us then and that the people who have paid will still be able to join us. If not, please feel free to see Mrs Harrison who will refund your money, otherwise your payment will be carried forward to the date in January.

Tickets will still be £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child. We are charging this in order to raise money for the school which, again, will go towards your child's education.

Face Book Page

Just a reminder to everyone that Baines does have a Face Bok page which is run very successfully by Mrs Saxon, one of our parents. She is very good at putting information on this and reminders of things, so please do take a look and get involved.,

Friends of Baines Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last night. It was very busy and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The children and staff worked really hard to make items to sell and games to play which raised money for the children in those classes.

Thank you also to the Friends of Baines Committee who work so hard to make sure that these events take place and to all the extra parents we had helping last night. It was a real success.

We raised for Friends of Baines £810.00 and £404.00 between all the classes. This is an excellent effort.

Thank you once again. This means such a lot as the children will be able to benefit from this money for trips and other exciting activities in school.

Christmas Parties

You should be getting letters from your class teachers regarding the Christmas parties soon, but just to remind you, on your child's Christmas party day, they should come into school wearing their own clothes.

They should bring a lunch if they are packed lunch as they will be having this and you will probably be asked to supply some food for the afternoon party.

300 Year Celebrations

On 15th December at 1.15pm, the children, staff and Governors will be planting a tree, a time capsule and the James Baines Rose in memory of our 300 years celebrations.

If you would like to join us for this short celebration, please come to the front office no earlier than 1.10pm on Friday 15th December where the Office staff will be able to direct you to our planting locations.

This event will finalise this very successful year and we would be very happy for you to come and join us.

Many thanks.

Attendance

The attendance in school for the majority of the children is excellent. However, over the last year or so, we have had more and more children coming into school not well, but not wanting to miss the day as they would not be given a 100% Attendance Award. I understand completely where the children are coming from, but this does not help the school community, as the germs are being passed on and infecting others, and many parents have complained about this recently.

Over the last several years, we have followed the Lancashire recommendations for Attendance, but as a staff, we have looked at this over the last week and decided to amend some things to suit our school needs.

Therefore we will not be sending home the green, yellow and red letters anymore, but Mrs Harrison and Mrs Davidson will be keeping a close eye on attendance and calling parents whose children are falling below the satisfactory 96% attendance figure for our school and of course, those children who are arriving at school late on a regular basis.

The 100% Attendance certificates given out at the end of each term will stop and we will be giving out 'Fabulous Attendance' certificates at the end of the year instead. This will be based on a percentage figure which we feel is realistic for the children and which will take into account Medical Appointments, but also lateness.

I hope this helps with your concerns.



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CLEVELEYS
BAND**



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**CHRISTMAS
CRACKER**



in the

Thornton Little Theatre
Four Lane Ends Thornton

on

Saturday 9th December

at

7-30pm

ADMISSION

£5-00

