

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and that the children are excited to be back at school.

I know already that there are lots of events planned for the children, many of which are included in the calendar.

As this is the first newsletter of the year, it is important that I remind existing parents and tell new parents of some things happening in school and things that need to be completed. I apologise if you feel that this is bombarding you with information, but staff feel it is important to remind you of such things early on in the term.

I hope this will be a very happy and successful year for everyone, but please remember, if there is anything you need confirming, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks.
 Mrs Gill Finney



Welcome

We welcome Mrs Hedges, who married in the Summer, who will be teaching in Year 6, Mrs Andrew in Year 5 and Miss Bennett in Reception. We also welcome the children and parents of the new Reception Class.

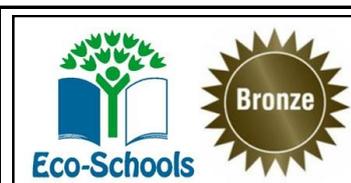
We hope you will all be very happy here at Baines.



Dates For Your Diary

- 12th Sept—Year 1 Road Safety
- 12th Sept—Meet the Teacher—6 –7pm
- 14th Sept—Year 2 Road Safety
- 18th Sept—Photographs in School (pre school siblings from 8.am)
- 19th Sept— Year 1 Road Safety
- 19th Sept—Mrs Walsh not in school
- 21st Sept— Year 2 Road Safety
- 25th Sept—Charity Clothing Collection
- 25th Sept—Scarecrow judging
- 26th Sept— Year 1 Road Safety
- 26th Sept—Harvest for school—9.05am
- 28th Sept— Year 2 Road Safety
- 2nd Oct—Musician in school
- 4th Oct—Open Afternoon—1.15pm
- 4th Oct—Open Evening—6pm
- 6th Oct— Musician in school
- 11th Oct—English Evening—6pm
- 17th Oct—Parents Evening—4-7pm
- 19th Oct—Parents Evening—4—7pm
- 23rd Oct—Health Week
- 27th Oct—Close for half term holiday
- 12th Dec—KS2 Carol Concert—local church
- 13th Dec—KS1 Christmas performance—9.05am
- 13th Dec—KS2 Carol Concert—local church
- 14th Dec—KS1 Christmas performance—2.00pm
- 18th Dec—Years 5/6 Party Day
- 18th Dec—School pantomime—you wont want to miss this!
- 19th De—Years 3/4 Party day
- 20th Dec—KS1 Party Day
- 20th Dec—Close for Christmas holiday
- 26th Feb—Book Week
- 11th June—Arts Week

There will be lots more dates added as the term continues. Please check these dates every two weeks as staff organise activities for their class and the school and sometimes dates have to be changed for certain reasons. Wherever possible, changes to dates will be placed in **RED**.



Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who gave me a card or a present at the end of the term, as I didn't get a chance to thank you on my last newsletter.

I really appreciated the fact that this happened and cannot thank you enough. It is a real honour to be the Headteacher of Baines and thank you to those who appreciate both myself and the staff for all the hard work they do over the year, to ensure that your child/children receive the best education they possibly can.

Great News



Just in case anyone missed the letter earlier this week, I am so pleased to announce the surprise arrival of Lexi Grace to Mrs Lowe in August 2017. We were all taken by surprise, as was Mrs Lowe, but Mother and baby are doing well and we can't wait for their visit to school. Congratulations to all the family.

A Note From Mrs Maddison

A big hello to everyone at Baines. I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts. I have been saving up for a new clarinet for several years now and the money you gave me allowed me to finally purchase one. I am hoping to be able to play it in the mountain band in my village in Switzerland. I wish you all a happy and successful new year at Baines and thanks again.

Hamper Raffle Tickets

One of our Governors has very kindly donated a Fortnum and Mason Hamper of champagne and truffles. Over the course of September, we will be selling raffle tickets at £1.00 each to raise money for the school. Please buy some and keep your fingers crossed! It would be a wonderful win!

Uniform Order

If you have realised that you don't have enough uniform, Mrs Harrison will send off another order at the end of September. Please place orders before then.

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 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 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 :-

Be polite and kind at all times.



Take care of your belongings.



Always use your manners.



Keep your hands and feet to yourself.



Stay safe in the playground.



Be sensible in the corridors.



Respect everyone.



Think before you speak.



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Classes for the Academic Year—2017—2018

The classes for this year are as follows :-

Reception – Miss Bennett, Mrs Rothwell and Mrs Marshall (1 afternoon)

Year 1 – Mr Jurczak, Mrs Weston and Mrs Clueit

Year 2 – Mrs McPhee, Mrs Holland (1 day), Mrs Robinson, Mrs Allen and Mrs Bannister

Year 3 – Mr Leah, Mrs Mylecraine and Mrs Lattimer

Year 4 – Miss Scragg, Miss Thornton and Mrs Ryder

Year 5 – Mrs Andrew, Mrs Holland (1 day), Mrs Day, Mrs Gorrie, Miss Hill and Mrs Marshall (1 morning)

Year 6 – Mrs Hedges, Mrs Buck and Mrs Holland (1 morning)

Teaching Assistant support for classes will only be for the morning.

Mrs Walsh – SENCo – Monday (week 1) Monday and Tuesday (week 2)

Mrs Davidson – Learning Mentor and Family Support Worker

Miss Thornton, Miss Lattimer , Mrs Day and Mrs Marshall – Nurture Room - pm

Lost Property

Since the end of last term, we have acquired seven bin bags of lost property! There are jumpers, cardigans, coats, trainers PE kits and many other items that need claiming.

On Monday 11th September, the staff will put the lost property out in the hall which you can come and look through from 3pm to 5.30pm. Anything not claimed after this day will be given to our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.

We are hoping to see lots of you here!

Information

There will be many forms being sent home to you in the next week or so for you to sign and return to school eg trips out, tasting food, walking home etc...

We would be very grateful if you could return these to the School Office as soon as possible so that school can organise everything,

Many thanks for your understanding.

Please help!

If there are any parents or Grandparents who would like to help in school, could you please contact myself or the School Office by Friday 15th September. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer from the local community, but not for a student placement, we would also like to hear from them.

To volunteer in school, you will have to take part in some Safeguarding training which will take place for all volunteers on Monday 27th September 2017 at 9.05am in the School Hall. This training is mainly just listening and talking to a small group of people—nothing too daunting! However, without this training, I am afraid that you will not be able to volunteer in school.

We really look forward to welcoming new people too and hope many of you will want to join us.

We hope to hear from you soon.



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 8.55am in the morning to 3.10pm in the afternoon. Please do not arrive at school before this time as a member of the Office staff will open it then for you.

Holiday Requests

Please note that school do not encourage parents to take a holiday in term time. However, if you choose to do so, please be aware that this may result in a penalty notice being issued.

Scarecrows

You should have all received your letter regarding our Thornton Scarecrow competition for our 300 year celebrations, but if you have not, here is the information again. Today your child's homework is to make a scarecrow for your front garden which needs to be in place by September 25th. The staff will walk around Thornton and take photographs of each scarecrow and these will be judged by staff later that week. Don't forget to complete your form though and hand it to the Office, so that we know where to come!

Uniform

This is just another reminder that all uniform should be as stated in our school prospectus, which you can find on our school website.

Children should be wearing grey skirts, grey trousers, grey shorts or grey pinafores with grey or white socks or grey tights. They should have on a blue polo shirt and a burgundy jumper or cardigan.

Black shoes should be worn by ALL the children in school unless by prior arrangement with either myself or Mr Leah. Black boots are not part of our school uniform. All school uniform **MUST** be labelled please in order to reduce the amount of lost property we have in school.

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 water bottle in school everyday
- * If nice weather, remember a hat and sun cream

Many thanks for your support.

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 2018. This can be accessed through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools .

Closing dates for secondary applications—31st October 2017

Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2018

Music Tuition

Music tuition will commence the week beginning 11th September 2017. If your child has already taken lessons, these will continue as before. If your child is new to Music lessons, they will be assessed for suitability next week.

Hair

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up and hair adornments must not be used in school.

The Office

The Office Staff have asked me to remind you once again that :-

- ◆ The post boxes are available for use at all times.
- ◆ The Office is open to parents from 8.45 to 9.15 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.
- ◆ Money is placed in a labelled envelope as this helps with administration. Money not in envelopes will not be accepted anymore. Envelopes are on sale in the Office for 50p per bundle, but the staff are more than happy to accept recycled envelopes!
- ◆ Money for lunches etc.. will only be accepted in an envelope on a Monday morning. The staff will then bank this money that day so that no money is left around school. Anyone who has not paid, will have to wait for the following week to pay two weeks money.
- ◆ Please return all forms promptly.
- ◆ If any parents require additional uniform from the Office, there will be a uniform order on the stand outside which you should complete. This can then be handed in to the staff and they will sort it out through the day and deliver it to your child in the classroom to bring home, if there is any in stock.
- ◆ If you have been asked for a voluntary contribution for a class trip, we ask again that this is placed in a labelled envelope and handed to your child's class teacher or placed in your child's book bag. This then ensures that the class staff have an idea of what is happening in regards to their trip.
- ◆ The Office staff have also requested that a letter be sent into your child's class teacher if they have an appointment through the day. The class teachers will then try to ensure that your child is waiting for you when you arrive to pick them up. These letters will then be sent through to the Office with the register so that the Office staff are aware of the appointments as well.
- ◆ As we are trying hard to be an Eco Friendly school, we would ask that as many parents as possible are able to access Parent Mail. This will reduce the number of copies we need to send out and reduce our carbon footprint!
- ◆ If your child stays for an After School Club, the children should be collected from the doors opposite The Bay Horse. This applies to both KS1 and KS2 children.
- ◆ School times are from 8.55am to 3.20pm. We are having many children left at the end of the school day, sometimes until 3.45pm or later. Please ensure your child is collected on time.
- ◆ May I finally just remind you that if school meals have not been paid for three weeks, you will then be asked to supply a packed lunch for your child until the money owed has been paid.