

Friday 29th April 2022

'For with God, nothing is impossible'

Luke 1:37



Welcome back to school and nursery! It has been a busy start to the term so far. We have introduced our value for this half term: Friendship. Please support your child in their learning about friendship this half term. We celebrated Easter with KS2 last week. A big Thank You to Mr. Rushton, Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Cookson from St. Paul's for coming in to lead our service in school. We have also enjoyed celebrating St. George's Day last Friday; the children had the opportunity to learn a little more about the patron saint of England, which is, of course, one of our four Houses at Baines'. Our Summer Clubs have started and we have officially opened our brand new Peace Garden and Sensory Trail, which were both designed and created by Alan Hulme, ex-Baines' pupil and now a Royal Horticultural Society National Judge, and his team at Urban Organic.

On a more serious and very sad note, I am sorry to inform you that Pauline Foreman, who volunteered at Baines' for many years, sadly passed away over the Easter holiday. Following this news, we also learned that Glenis Taylor, who was Headteacher at Baines' before Jo Snape, and who continued to be a Trustee at Baines' up until late last year, has also sadly passed away. Myself and several staff attended Glenis' funeral this week; we will also be paying our respects to Pauline in a few weeks time. For any parents/carers who knew Glenis, her family are donating to charities and as a school, we will be making a donation from our school community; parents/carers are welcome to donate if they would like to; the details can be found at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.

Mrs. Rusling

Academy News

Changes at Nursery

Sometimes, sadly, we must say Goodbye to members of our wonderful Team Baines' and unfortunately, we are saying 'Goodbye' to some members of our Nursery Team. Mrs. Duckworth is leaving the Nursery, however is remaining with us at Baines' as our new Pastoral Engagement Officer. Mrs. Charlton is saying 'Farewell' after seventeen years, to work in dementia care and spend a little more time with her family and Mrs. Marsden is moving onto a full-time role in Preston. We wish all three ladies the very best of luck in their new posts!

As a result, we are advertising for a new Nursery Lead, a Room Leader for our Pre-School Room and Nursery Assistants for our Toddlers Room. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in any of these roles, please go to the Cidari website and click on Join Our Team to see our current vacancies and details of how to apply.

New Routine at Pre-School

From Tuesday, Pre-School parents are invited to come into the Nursery to collect their children. A member of staff will be at the outside door and will guide you through to the Pre-School room to collect your child and their belongings. This is a change to our current practice, where parents have been waiting outside for their children to be brought out to them. This change to practice will help to strengthen our safeguarding procedures at Nursery.

SEN Reviews

SEN reviews are scheduled to take place from Tuesday 14th June. Before half term, Mrs Collison will send out appointments for you to meet with your child's Class Teacher to discuss their progress.

Family Friendly Eco Mission Day

On Saturday 23rd April from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m St. Paul's Church hosted a Family Eco Mission Day. On the day, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, school helped our friends at St. Paul's to plant the school oak tree sapling in the grounds of the Church, where it will have the space to grow and thrive for many years to come.

Many of our Eco-Councillors were there to help support and guide visitors through the fun eco activities that were on offer - thank you to them and their families for giving up their time to join in with a great day of fun and learning.

A special thanks also goes to Fabian from Year 2, who despite not being an Eco-Councillor, instructed his mum to have an Eco T-shirt printed for him to wear and came along with his mum and little brother to take part in the day; which he did, along with the other children, with great enthusiasm. In reward for his efforts, Fabian has been made an honorary Eco-Councillor and received his Eco badge with pride in school this week.







Amazing New Gardens

A huge Thank You to Alan Hulme for our wonderful new outdoor spaces! Thanks too to Miss Littler, the Year 2 pupils, Mrs. Cooke and Mr. Walton for all their involvement in making our dream come true!

School Office Noticeboard

Before and After School Wraparound Care

School still has places available for before and after school care. If you are interested in a place for your child, please email bebridges@cidari.co.uk for more information.

Please remember that it is essential that your child is brought to the doors to be dropped off at Early Birds to ensure their safety. We have now returned to our pre-pandemic routine of parents/carers signing their children in and out again. This practice strengthens our safeguarding procedures at Early Birds and Bridges.

Safeguarding

Please see the attached Parents Guide to WhatsApp for information about keeping your child safe.

Attendance

Reminder that we are unable to authorise any holidays. If you require some 'leave of absence' for your child please complete the appropriate form either a paper copy from the school office or preferably via ParentApp. Each request will be individually considered. Please provide us with any evidence to support the request to allow us to make the appropriate decision.

Hair

Just a reminder that extreme hairstyles, seen most recently on some of the boys at school, do not comply with our uniform policy. Please see our uniform posters for hairstyles which do not meet our uniform policy and **please avoid these hairstyles during term time**. Thank you.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform including their ALWAYS badge. This is not optional, but is part of our Academy policy. The parents/carers of any children not wearing the correct school uniform will be contacted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, to explain the reason why.

Should any family require any assistance with uniform, please contact Miss Sawyer, or Mr Walton at school, as we may be able to help.

If your child has lost their ALWAYS badge, a replacement badge can be purchased from the school office for 60p. The ALWAYS badge is part of our uniform and must be worn by all pupils.



Dates for Your Diary: May

Monday 2nd May - Monday Bank Holiday - School will be closed

Wednesday 4th May - Year Four Outdoor Adventure Day - The Year Four pupils will be visiting Stanley Park and completing the Low Ropes Course.

Friday 20th May - RMS Class Assembly - The class assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for RMS parents/carers.

Monday 9th-12th May: Key Stage Two SATS - Pupils in Years Six will complete the National Curriculum Assessment SATS in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

Monday 16th-20th May: Key Stage One SATS - Pupils in Years Two will complete the National Curriculum Assessment SATS in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

Monday 16th-20th May: Test Week - Pupils in Years One, Three, Four and Five will complete NFER Testing Week in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

Monday 16th May - 1/2JB Outdoor Adventure Day - The pupils will be having an outdoor activities day on our School field.

16th May - HSBC Money Awareness Day - Year 5 and Year 6 - Pupils will take part in a money workshop day in school delivered by HSBC Staff.

17th May - HSBC Money Awareness Day - Year 3 and Year 4 - Pupils will take part in a money workshop day in school delivered by HSBC Staff.

18th May - Year Three Outdoor Adventure Day - The Year Three pupils will be visiting Stanley Park and completing the Low Ropes Course.

Friday 20th May - RMS Class Assembly - The class assembly will be in the School Hall and parents from RMS will be invited.

Monday 23rd May - Class Photographs - The pupils will be having their class photographs taken.

Wednesday 25th May - Reception and Year One Outdoor Adventure Day - The pupils will be having an outdoor activities day on our School field.

Week Commencing 23rd May - Jubilee Week - Pupils will take part in a range of activities to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Thursday 26th May - Pupils will dress up in red, white and blue - to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Thursday 26th May - School Closes for Half term at 3:15pm



Whatever choice you make, makes you' Be a good friend to all

To make a donation in remembrance of Glenis Taylor, please go to: justgiving.com/team/glenis

All donations will go to Save the Children and Cancer Research.



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