



Baines' Endowed

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**

Friday 14th January 2021

'For with God, nothing is impossible'

Luke 1:37



Welcome back: Happy New Year!

I hope that you all were able to spend time with loved ones and friends at some point over Christmas. For everyone, it was another year where we have had to be extra careful, ensuring that we look after those dearest to us, as well as ourselves, as the virus continues to infect people.

At the moment, Baines' has ten staff and seventeen children off ill with Covid; reminding us that some of our Covid safety procedures must continue. Currently, we are able to continue to operate, however if numbers rise amongst staff, it may become difficult to keep all classes open. If staff are ill and we are unable to cover them internally or through supply, I may need to send a class home. If this does happen, online learning is ready to begin for any class that requires it. I am hoping that we are not forced into this situation, because educating your children in the school and nursery buildings will always be our preferred choice.

This half term we are focusing on the value of Courage. The importance of friendship and kindness, to help each other be brave, is something that we will be talking about in school. Please talk to your children about what being courageous means to them and whether they find it easy to be brave.

Mrs. Rusling

Covid Update

As you may be aware, the advice around testing for Covid has changed. If your child experiences any cold-like symptoms such as a runny nose, temperature or cough, please keep them at home and test them using a LFD test. If they test positive they must self-isolate for up to ten days. If your child tests negative on two separate tests taken twenty-four hours apart on days 6 and 7, please contact school/nursery to discuss them returning earlier than ten days. If you require further advice, please contact the school office.

School News

Before and After School Wraparound Care

School 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.

Reminder: Events Coming up in January

Class Assemblies

This half term 5RF have just shared their Class Assembly on their Google Classroom and coming up, 5JP, 1CW and 1SB will be sharing their Class Assemblies on Google Classroom with the parents and carers of the children in their class. At the moment, our Class Assemblies remain virtual, but we are hoping to be able to return to face-to-face in the new year, Covid permitting.

Neurodiversity Day

Neurodiversity day took place today and everyone has brightened up our school and nursery by wearing their favourite colours. We have seen lots of wonderful rainbows! This was our way of celebrating our differences whilst raising awareness of all the different Neurodiverse conditions, such as Autism, ADHD, Neurofibromatosis type 1 and many others.

Please see the Dates for Your Diary below for more events this half term.

School Office Noticeboard

Primary School Applications for September 2022

A final reminder for any parents/carers who have, or know anyone who has, a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. **You must apply for a Primary School**

Reception place for September 2022. Applications for Primary School must be received by TOMORROW: 15th January 2022. Places are allocated by schools and academies by 4th March and parents are informed of their place by 16th April. If you or anyone you know needs to apply, please apply online via the applications portal, or request a paper application from the Council.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform this term. On P.E. days we are seeing children wearing their own clothes and not school uniform: this is not in line with our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the school uniform P.E. kit, which is navy bottoms and a yellow t-shirt. On non-P.E. days, all children must wear their black school shoes, not trainers. Thank you.

Should you require any assistance with uniform, please contact Mrs. Jacobs at school to see if we are able to help.

Dates for Your Diary: *January*

Friday 21st: 5JP Class Assembly - The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 5JP parents/carers

Thursday 27th: Poetry Competition for KS1 Pupils - Pupils in Year One and Two will take part in a poetry competition. More information will follow nearer the time.

Friday 28th: Poetry Competition for KS2 Pupils - Pupils in Years Three to Six will take part in a poetry competition. More information will follow nearer the time.

Dates for Your Diary: *February*

Wednesday 2nd: Christingle (Y3) in school – 2:00pm - Pupils in Year Three will celebrate Christingle in School. Please see the leaflet on Christingle sent with this newsletter.

Wednesday 2nd: Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights – The School Nursing Team will be in school to measure and weigh the Reception and Year 6 children. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the School Nursing Team directly.

Friday 4th: Boccia County finals in Blackburn – The Winning Boccia Team will be leaving school at 8am and returning for around 3pm.

Monday 7th-11th: Pupils in Year Two and Six will complete a Mock SATS Week. Completing SATS papers in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

Tuesday 8th: Internet Safety Day - In class, pupils will take part in activities to raise awareness of Internet safety.

Friday 4th: 1CW Class Assembly - The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 1CW parents/carers

Friday 11th: 1SB Class Assembly - The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 1SB parents/carers

Friday 11th: School closes for half term at 3:15 p.m.



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