



Baines' Endowed

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

July 2022

'For with God, nothing is impossible'

Luke 1:37

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End of Term 2021-2022

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support this year. It was a busy final half term as usual, filled with most of our regular end of year events, which are mentioned in this newsletter.

Our Year 6 enjoyed their Leavers' Service, which was able to be held back at church for the first time since the pandemic. It was an emotional service and I would like to thank the parents and carers of Year 6 for joining us to celebrate their wonderful children! The Leavers' Disco took place before term finished and was a great end to an amazing learning journey for all of our Year 6s. Well done to each one of them! We all wish them the very best of luck in the next new chapter of their lives, at high school!

Once again, your children have been a credit to you all. We are so proud of all of their achievements - great and small! On behalf of all of the staff at Baines', may I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We all look forward to seeing our wonderful pupils again, when they bounce back into school and nursery in September!
Take care.

Mrs. Rusling

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School Events This Term

The children once again took part in a host of events this half term:

National Tests

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Test

School Trips

Brockholes - Year 1

Ashton Walled Garden - 1/2JB

Ribchester - Year 3

Wild Boar Park - Year 4

Palatine Library - Year 5

Williamson Park, Lancaster - Year 5

Lancaster Castle - Year 6

Chill Factor - Year 6

Special Days at School and Nursery

Marine Conservation Day

Geography Fieldwork Afternoon

Anti-Bullying Week

Summer Fair

History Worskshop - Year 1

Sports' Events

Nursery, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days

Blackpool Youth Games

Football, Netball and Athletics Competitions

Multi-Skills Festival

Quidditch Festival

Boccia Competition

Parents' and Community Events

Family Learning - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

SEN Reviews

PGL Meetings - Year 4 and 5

2CH Class Assembly

Scholastic Book Fair

Year 10 Work Experience

End of Year Performance: 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'

Boccia News

Two teams have been competing in the Blackpool League throughout the year and Baines' finished off the season in second and third place. Park Academy won the league this year.

Inclusion Quality Mark and Eco-Schools

Our Academy was visited by the IQM Inspector on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th June. He was very impressed with our inclusive practice and especially the way your children conduct themselves. Although we applied for the Quality Mark, we have been awarded Centre of Excellence - a huge achievement, which reflects the hard work and true dedication of our Academy Team. Along with this, we have just received news that we have also been accredited as an Eco-School. We are extremely proud of both achievements! Well done Team Baines'!

Deestresstival Festival

The first ever Dee-Stresstival took place at Baines' on Saturday 16th July. This event was innovated by our amazing Resilience Committee three years ago and finally came to fruition on 14th, 15th and 16th July. The whole school participated in two fantastic days activities, followed by a very well attended family day on Saturday 16th. Everyone involved had a wonderful time. My thanks go out to the school staff who gave up their Saturday to support this.

Headstart Celebration

Miss Sawyer and Mrs Anderson took our Resilience Committee to a grand Headstart Celebration Event to celebrate all their achievements and work in school. We were delighted and proud to be awarded an Outstanding Achievement award for the work that the Resilience Committee have carried out this year and in previous years - well done to all involved!

Transition

Our new Reception children joined us for their transition days this half term. This gave them a chance to get to know what school looks like and to meet their new classteacher and classmates. It was lovely, as usual, to be able to meet them all before September!

Our Year 6 pupils also took part in their transition days to their new high schools. We are so proud of how much they have all grown this year and wish them all the very best of luck for their brand new start in September!

Internally, school held its usual transition meetings for Nursery to Reception, Reception to Year 1 and Year 2 to Year 3; and all the children spent a morning with their new class teacher.

Baines' Endowed Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Unfortunately our recent PTFA AGM only attracted one parent. As a result of this, we were unable to confirm the committee, constitution and licenses that we are required to establish as part of having a PTFA, in time for planned events in the school calendar. This meant that some events, that both children and parents usually enjoy, have had to be cancelled, or postponed.

All parents/carers of Baines' children are automatically members of the PTFA, however we need your practical support to enable it to run effectively and benefit your children.

From September, we are hoping to raise funds to improve our playgrounds. In a change to our usual practice, we will be asking parents/carers to form small groups with other parents/carers they are friends with, to volunteer to create an idea for, and manage ONE event to help our Academy raise funds. A fundraising chart will be placed on the playground with our target amount listed, so that all parents/carers can stay up-to-date with our fundraising efforts. Hopefully, through working together, we will be able to achieve our goal: to get something extra for your children.

School Office Noticeboard

New Newsletter Format

Looking ahead to next year, I will be trialling a new shorter weekly newsletter to try to get news to our parents/carers in a more timely manner, since we have so much to report each month.

Payment for School Trips

This year, understandably, some families have found it more difficult to pay for school trips. To help, in September, all parents/carers will be able to pay on ParentPay for trips from the start of the year. A letter will be sent out in September with more details of this new system. A total lump sum will be set for the two trips that parents/carers are asked to contribute to and any change left, will be refunded. School will continue to provide one Unique Experience trip for each child, which is funded through the P.E. Grant. Please note that the Academy does not receive any funding in the school budget from the government, for school trips. Our office is also cashless, so we are unable to 'lend' money to parents for any purpose.

ParentApp

Our Academy will continue to use Parentapp as our main platform for communicating with parents: messages, letters and newsletters will all come via Parentapp; all parents/carers will need this app on their phones. Any parents/carers who still require a paper copy can come into the office to ask for a print out.

Before and After School Wraparound Care

There are some 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

We are constantly dealing with issues that occur over digital devices outside of academy hours. Please ensure that your children are accessing age appropriate applications/platforms and that you are monitoring the way they behave whilst on them. Our website has various guides to support you in managing your children's access and parental controls. There are also links to various other websites that can help you.

Attendance

Our whole academy attendance is at **93% (12th July)**. This is compared to National attendance figures which last Thursday, 12th July, stood at **86.9%**. Before the Covid 19 pandemic our attendance figures were always between 95% and 97%. It is our aim to be back at those percentages or preferably even higher. Our academy attendance is monitored fortnightly by the local authority and not only for the absences but also the types of absences and it is essential you inform us of the reasons for your child's absence to ensure we code the class registers correctly. We appreciate your support with this important matter. Please check the academy attendance management policy for full details.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform on their return to school in September, including appropriate shoes and their ALWAYS badge.

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

School will be collecting any outgrown, good quality uniform and offering it out again during the summer holidays for anyone who would like it. Please donate any clean, good quality uniform, shoes or pumps during the first week of the summer holidays.

If you would like any spare uniform you are welcome to come to school on Tuesday 2nd August between 9am and 3pm to see if we have any items of use to you. There will be no charge for any items.

Office notices

Please ensure any outstanding payments for school lunches, music lessons and Before & After School Club are cleared by the end of July, If you are having difficulties making payments please contact the office at beadmin@cidari.co.uk all discussions will be completely confidential.

*We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 5th
September!*

Happy Holidays!



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