



Baines' Endowed

Church of England Primary Academy  
A member of CIDARI

Friday 5th November 2021

## 'For with God, nothing is impossible'

Luke 1:37

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*'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'*  
*(Aesop)*

Welcome back to school. Our value this half term is Compassion and we have talked this week about how showing compassion to others helps to make us feel happy. We will be encouraging all of our community to show Compassion in whatever way they can this half term.

Although the numbers of Covid cases are still rising, the government wants schools to get back to normal and so, **from Monday 8th November**, we will return to our usual start and end times:

School doors open at 8:45 a.m. and close at 8:55 a.m.

School finishes at the end of the day at 3:15 p.m. Please allow five minutes for your child's class to leave the building.

'**For with God, nothing is impossible**': this is our mission at Baines'. It underpins all that we do and is our ethos towards our attitude to learning, to our goals, to each other, to life. In school, we work closely as a team to support your child as they grow and develop throughout their learning journey, but this is not possible without your support. Thank you all for attending our Parents' Evening in October; we hope that you enjoyed hearing how your child is doing at school in their learning and their well-being. Our next Parents' Evening will be held in the Spring Term.

Here's to another happy half term!

Mrs. Rusling

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## 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](mailto:bebridges@cidari.co.uk) for more information.

## Garden Projects

Our Garden Projects are moving along and I would like to thank Urban Organic and Alan Hulme, RHS National Judge, gardener to David Attenborough and ex-Baines' pupil, who are working with us to develop our outdoor areas, to create beautiful gardens for our children to learn and play in. Our internal garden will become our Prayer Garden and we are looking forward to using this with the children in the near future.

## Events Coming up

### Phonics Screening Check and Year 6 Mock SATs Week

Next week in school our Year 2 pupils will be taking their Phonics Screening Check and Year 6 will be sitting Mock SAT tests. All necessary preparation is undertaken by school and Year 2 and Year 6 teachers prepare the children for the tests, in a kind, caring manner, so as to cause minimum worry. As a parent, all you need to do if your child asks anything about the tests, is tell them to just try their best.

### Remembrance 2021

This year, as we mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion, at Baines' we are celebrating this with a **Poppy Run on Wednesday the 10th November**. All pupils can wear their P.E. kit and something red e.g. a red t-shirt, a red hat, a red scarf, red socks, red gloves, a red ribbon in their hair etc. to school on this day.

The Poppy Run will take place within the school grounds and will be organised by our Sports Coach Alan Williams. We are asking for a 50p sponsorship donation from each child that can be paid via parent pay.

The Royal British Legion will use this money to provide support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families. By making a donation, you're helping to help those in need within the Armed Forces community.

We will also be celebrating Remembrance Day in school on the 11th November with a Remembrance Assembly in school and with a one minute silence at 11:00 a.m.

### Anti-Bullying Week

During the week beginning 15th November, all of the children will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. Each year, we celebrate friendship and learn about why bullying is not the answer. This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'One Kind Word', which fits in perfectly with our culture of kindness in school and our twelve values. On Monday 15th November, we will begin Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day, to remind us all that we are unique and that difference is

something that we should celebrate, not criticise. **All children will be allowed to wear any colour or pattern of odd socks on Monday 15th November.**

## **Children In Need**

The School Council are meeting next week to discuss what they would like to do for Children In Need this year, which falls on Friday 19th November.

## **Class Assemblies**

This half term 3CW, 4BE and 4BW 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.

## **SEN Reviews**

SEN reviews will take place 29th November and 3rd December. Mrs Collison will send invites to relevant parents/carers on Monday 8th November.

## **Pastoral Information**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. It is a much more settled start to the day for them if they are coming in with their friends. It also enables them to be ready to start learning on time and avoid missing the beginning of the lesson. If your child arrives after 9.30am it is recorded as an absence and this will affect their attendance record and potentially lead to the involvement of the Pupil Welfare Service. Please contact the Pastoral Team if you feel you need support managing your child's attendance and punctuality.

## **Holidays**

Please remember that we are unable to authorise requests for holidays during school times unless there are exceptional circumstances. These must be mentioned on the request for leave document at least two weeks in advance of the holiday to allow time for consideration. Penalty Notice fines will be issued for unauthorised leave and poor attendance.

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## **School Office Noticeboard**

### **School Water Bottles in Class**

Children are welcome to bring a drink bottle of **water** into school for drinking throughout the day. Due to promoting healthy eating and drinking, sugary drinks are not allowed to be drunk in the classroom.

## School Dinners

Please give one full week's notice if you would like your child to move from packed lunches to school dinners, or vice versa. Thank you.

## Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent due to any illness, you must either leave a message on the school answer machine, or complete the absence form on Parentapp **by 9.30am on the first day of absence**. Thank you for supporting our Academy with this matter.

## Covid Absences

Please telephone the school office to speak to a member of our team to report any Covid-related absences.

*As an Academy, we will continue to wear masks on site in communal areas, socially distance where possible, promote regular and careful handwashing for a minimum of twenty seconds and continue to provide hand sanitiser for use in school and nursery.*

*The following symptoms are now associated with Covid:*

- *Runny nose*
- *Headache*
- *Sore throat*
- *Sickness, including nausea*
- *High temperature*
- *Loss of taste or smell*
- *Persistent cough*

***Whilst it is not mandatory to take a PCR test, or wear a mask, I must continue to strongly advise our community to follow the clear instruction from Public Health England, which myself and our Trust fully support: if you have any of the above symptoms, please book a PCR test. Thank you***

## Primary School Applications for September 2022

If you 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 **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. 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: *November***

**8th-12th: Key Stage Two Mock SATS Week**

**8th-12th: Phonics Screening Tests** - Pupils in Year Two will complete the Phonics Screen Test.

**Wednesday 10th: Poppy Run** - Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a Sponsored Poppy Run around the school grounds. We are asking for donations of 50p via Parentapp. Thank you.

**Thursday 11th: Remembrance Day Service in school**

**Friday 12th: 4BE Class Assembly** - The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 4BE parents/carers

**15th-19th: Key Stage One Mock SATS Week** for Year 2 pupils

**15th-19th: Anti Bully Week** - The pupils will undertake Anti Bullying activities in class.

**Friday 19th: 4BW Class Assembly** - The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 4BW parents/carers

**Friday 19th: Children in Need** - More information to follow soon from The School Council

**22nd-26th: Year Three, Four and Five Testing Week** - Pupils in Year Three, Four and Five will complete the NFER Autumn Term Tests in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

**29th -3rd Dec:** SEN reviews

**Wednesday 30th: St Andrew's Day** - Pupils will celebrate St Andrew's Day in school.

## **Dates for Your Diary: *December***

**6th-10th: Christmas Writing Week** - More information to follow from the English Team.

**Tuesday 7th: Nursery Nativity** - More details on time and place to follow

**Wednesday 8th: Christmas Dinner Day** - Information has been sent out via Parent App

**8th-9th: Infant Nativity and Key Stage One Carol Service** - Information to follow

**Thursday 9th: Key Stage One Carol Service** - Information to follow

**Monday 13th: Key Stage Two Carol Service** - Information to follow

**Tuesday 14th: Key Stage One Christmas Party** - children may wear Christmas Party clothes to school today

**Wednesday 15th: Key Stage Two Christmas Party** - children may wear Christmas Party clothes to school today

**Wednesday 15th: Key Stage One Pantomime Trip** - More details to follow.

**Thursday 16th: Nursery Christmas Party**

**Friday 17th: School closes for Christmas for EYFS/KS1/KS2 at 1:45pm**

**Wednesday 5th January 2022: School and Nursery reopen for the Spring Term.**



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