



The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 6

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A message from Mr Hodgson

A strange week this one, six of seven before half term and me writing this newsletter from home. As you will no doubt be aware, unfortunately, I am in week 1 of a 2-week isolation period due to a family contact. Apart from the difficult nature of having to stay in and not go out, the fact that I'm not in school makes it all the more difficult. These first six weeks back having a full school after such a long stint with low numbers has been really positive. I know I have said this before but despite the fact, we as a school have a lot of work to do, the children and staff are rising to the challenge well. It does make you appreciate what you had and what you have, of course, and education is the best form of recovery for all of us.

Read for the Stars

Who will be the first in school to reach the sun?

Will it be Sonny in Year 6? Will it be Sophie in Year 5? Will it be Matilda in Year 4? How about Millie in Year 3? Sam in Year 2? Layton in Year 1? Or maybe, someone totally different?

All we ask is you try and read every day (or at least 4 times in Early Years/Key Stage 1 and 5 times in Key Stage 2), complete 3 book reviews and work your way through the planets until you reach the sun. Once there, you will receive a personalised certificate and a book, chosen by you, that Mr Hodgson has in his office.

Last week, **Ella Johnson** in Year 2, who was on Jupiter was missed from our Roll of Honour as being one of the fore-runners in Year 2. Well done to Ella – keep it up!



Harvest

Thank you ever so much for all your donations so far. We are very grateful for these and will be collecting all next week too. Your kind donations will be bagged up and given to a local charity who are always in desperate need for supplies.

Next week, every class will be having a harvest assembly where we talk about being thankful for what we have and to think about others who maybe are not as fortunate as ourselves. Supporting local charities helps us to help others and this year, reinforces our 'Rights Respecting Schools' work and particularly Article 6.



Halloween

Next Friday, (25th), we will be having a Halloween fundraiser in school.

Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes – no masks please and discrete face painting (i.e. the children will be in this costume for the whole day) for a donation of £1.

This money will be given to Friends of Bader for them to help subsidise events and activities in school. This year, a proportion of the fundraiser also will be donated to UNICEF, as part of our work in school around 'Rights, Respecting, Schools'. Staff will organise some Halloween activities during the day with spot prizes etc.

We hope that your child takes this opportunity but if this is not possible, it is absolutely fine for them to come to school in their normal school uniform that day and not participate.



Twitter



We now have an amazing 2,210 followers on Twitter. Please follow us @BaderPrimary to see the latest.

Remembrance

We will be selling poppies and other items in school next week. A price list and details have been posted on Class Dojo.



Clothes & Warm Kit

Just to repeat from last week, can we ask that children come to school in clothes that will keep them warm please. We seem to have had a lot of children still coming to school this week, without coats, for example. As the month's progress and the need for classrooms to be well ventilated with windows and doors open, the need for children to wear warm clothing is really important. Please support us with this.

Dates for your diaries

Next Friday, we break up for half term. School re-opens on Monday 2nd November.

Second half-Autumn term:- Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December 2020

Professional Development Day: School closed Friday 27th November

Social Distancing and Gates

One of the things self-isolation has reminded me is the need to keep socially distant from other adults. It is still recommended that adults stay 2 metres apart from each other. Can I respectfully ask that you do this while waiting to collect your children and if you are speaking to a staff member on the gates on a morning or afternoon.

COVID-19 Procedure

Please, can I stress again, that you **MUST** inform the school office the result of any COVID-19 test. If school is not made aware of the result and children just arrive back at the school gates, staff have been instructed **NOT** to accept them into school. Thankfully, this is a rarity but we must ensure everyone's safety continues, hence the reason for effective communication from home to school.

Curriculum

We are continuing to teach an ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum, post lockdown, in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week.

