



## Spring Term Newsletter 1

11 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A happy New Year to all of our families, wishing you a prosperous and peaceful 2019. We are looking forward to lots of exciting events and learning planned for this year.

### **Douglas Bader**

As highlighted in our last newsletter, this week and next, the children are learning all about the person who school is named after – Sir Douglas Bader.

The importance of this learning cannot be over emphasised as we feel the heritage of the school and the values that Douglas Bader epitomises need to be reinforced regularly.

To this end, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you into school next **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm** to see the exciting learning that has been hapenning. You will be allowed to take your child(ren) after this providing you sign your child(ren) out with the class teacher or teaching assistant.



### **Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning**

Attendance for Autumn term was 95.8% (the second half of term being 96.4%). Our aim is 96.2% and we are steadily improving to reach this target.

The 85 children who achieved 100% attendance in Autumn term received their certificates today and 2 lucky children have been selected to watch a Middlesbrough F.C. game as part of our 'Roary's Class Acts' package that we have in school.

In the last week before Christmas 2 classes, Miss Bryson's and Mrs Mudgeway's, had a full 100% attendance – **well done to them – keep it up!**

### **Twitter /School website**

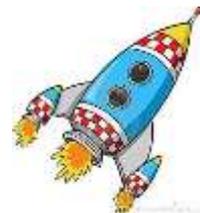


Remember; please follow us on twitter for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website: <http://www.bader.org.uk/> Here, you will find lots of useful information including the latest class and school newsletters.

### **Read for the Stars**

Christmas time has obviously been a time for reading as we have had a large number of children reaching 'the sun' this week. Well done to:

**Nadelle Moloney, Saffanah Deen, Annabelle Spacey, Keira Middleton, Ollie Clayton, Isla Mae Bowe, Thomas Marley, Thomas Meadley, Nyla Smith, Sophie Bowstead, Isabelle Livingston, Cole Parker, Lucas Emerson, Jayden Dunford and William Myers.**



Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book. Christmas time would be a great time to share a story with your children.

### **Fizzy Drinks / Sweets**

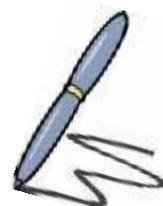
Children should not bring fizzy drinks and sweets into school, as part of our healthy eating commitment. Please support us with this.

### **Thornaby Foodbank / Salvation Project**

Our foodbank box is now well established and filling up nicely with tins etc. The aim is to donate the contents to either Thornaby foodbank or The Salvation Project to help support the work that they do. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

### **Pen Licences**

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is now a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are:-



**Evie Bage, Lacey Elliott, Jaidon Matthews and Brett Davies.**

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you again this year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson