



The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 14

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15th December 2023

A message from Mr Hodgson

A fantastic, fabulous, final festive (full) week in school we have had this week, culminating in a visit to St Mark's church this morning. How quickly the end of term has come around probably because of the packed curriculum we offer, especially these last few weeks as you people who read this newsletter will testify. Here is the last offering of 2023: **(Remember, we are in school Monday and Tuesday next week)**

Read for the Stars

Our core business, our main goal, is to foster and develop a love of reading which is why it is such a high priority in school. Our 'read for the stars' reading initiative is now in its 6th year and is pretty unique where school offers 'free' books as a reward for reading at home.

We end the school year by saying a BIG WELL DONE to: **Harry Brown, Alfie Richardson, Tyler Hobbs, Corey Carney-Gill, Teddy Farndale, Freya Lincoln-Taylor, Declan Morris, Millie Foxton, Willow Mahoney, Daniel Lithgow, Scarlett Mae Foster and Betsy Hughes.**

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. School this week, purchased and delivered (express from Santa), a book for every pupil in school and a bookmark. (Shhh!! Don't tell them yet – he's delivering them on Monday!)



Raffle

We raised an incredible £297.48 from our coloured hampers this year. Thank you for your donations and for purchasing tickets. Thank you also to Mrs Bryan, Miss Colmer and Mrs Watson for their hard work for Friends of Bader.



Afterschool Clubs

Just a reminder that the afterschool clubs start back up again week commencing 8th January 2023 and will run until Friday 16th February. Details of these will be sent out first week back.

X



Our X followers are currently **2532** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on X in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on X. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!

Dates for your diaries

School reopens for 2024 on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 (half term begins)

Monday 26th February 2024 – Friday 28th March 2024 (Easter break begins)

St Marks Church

A big thank you to the warden of St Mark's for allowing us to attend church this morning for our annual Christmas Service. Year 2 children (appearing in school's nativity) made an 'extra' appearance today, where the singing from all who attended was superb and made me extremely proud. The children were asked to show kindness this Christmas and to think of others in the world who might not be as fortunate as some people.



Uniform

We are proud of our school and our school motto of 'Aiming High'. The vast majority of our children follow the uniform policy which gives a real sense of belonging to our community. This is just a reminder that acceptable footwear is flat black shoes or black plain trainers please. Children will be expected to change into black plimsolls inside if they wear inappropriate footwear. Information about our uniform can be found on our school website www.bader.org.uk We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, from January, please.

Flu Immunisation

The flu immunisation team will be attending school next Tuesday to undertake flu immunisation for those children whose parents/carers signed up for this.

Super Spellers

We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a 'Super Speller' certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in spelling test consistently.

This week's recipients are as follows: **Samuel Lendon and Faris Ahmed.**



Rights Respecting School

As a silver accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	Right of the fortnight
	Article 14 – Freedom of thought and religion Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.



Attendance

Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal: 96%

Week commencing 4th December 2023

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Ayre	88.89%	7
Y1 Mrs Jatwa/Douthwaite	97.06%	6
Y1 Mrs Poulson	93.89%	1
Y2 Mrs Jones	94.78%	5
Y2 Mrs S Jones	94.78%	7
Y3 Mrs Spencer	94.71%	11
Y3 Miss Weir	91.76%	8
Y4 Miss Robson	92%	4
Y4 Mr Turnbull	77.89%	3
Y5 Miss Dunn	86.67%	4
Y5 Mr Robinson	97.27% 	4
Y6 Miss Bennett	87.6%	5
Y6 Miss Horrigan	90.77%	0 

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

Last week's attendance winners were:
Y5R (Bader bear spent the week with Mr Robinson and all his children)

Attendance Update

Last week, school attendance was very low at unfortunately 91.61%. Our target remains at 95% or better. The attendance team will be sending out letters to parents/carers of children who are currently in persistent absence (i.e. less than 90%) and their attendance is causing concern. The attendance team has sent out 7 unauthorised absence letters and 4 attendance review meetings.

Please work with us on attendance and flag up any support needed as soon as possible. Please also, report any absences to the school office on the day of absence to prevent unnecessary call from the attendance team.

In the last week, we have held attendance meetings with parents/carers in order to offer support with improving some children's school attendance. Some of these meetings have now resulted in referrals being made to the Local Authority.

Attendance is so important and thank you for supporting school with this.

Christmas Carols

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 performed for parents and carers this week, in the courtyard.



Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Nursery have been using the scissors to cut out different parts of the snowman and then gluing them to paper #RRSArticle29



Reception children enjoyed sharing our nativity songs with parents #RRSArticle29



Year 2 had an amazing day at Beamish #RRSArticle29



Year 1 had an amazing day at Beamish #RRSArticle31



Year 3 children really enjoyed the panto #RRSArticle31



Year 4 and Bader choir have had an amazing day at Snappy Christmas #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have been completing some creative writing based around the Cinderella Pantomime they watched earlier this week! #RRSArticle31

Year 6 did a fantastic job of exploring what they have learnt about light through making and testing periscopes #RRSArticle28



We now look forward to a positive, prosperous new year in 2024. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you again for your support, from Mr Hodgson and all staff. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER UNTIL WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024.**