



# Autumn Term 5

twitter: @BaderPrimary 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# A message from Mr Hodgson

We have had four very busy, full weeks in school and as you can see from the dates for your diaries (below), it will get even busier after half term. After our successful 'meet the teacher' event, we will be inviting you into school for the other parent partnership events (final flourishes) etc. in the coming week. Individual class teachers will be in touch with this information. Exciting times!

## **Dates for your diaries**

**Autumn Term:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. **Half Term Break:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Professional Development Days Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** Flu Immunisations **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Show Racism the Red Card **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need

Wednesday 27th November: Non uniform day/ bring a bottle/ chocolate

Thursday 28th November: Christmas Fayre

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas tree up in school Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Snappy Christmas

**Wednesday 11**<sup>th</sup> **December:** EY/KS1 Christmas Performance **Thursday 12**<sup>th</sup> **December:** EY/KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas dinner

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3 Carols Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4 Carols Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5 Carols Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 Carols



## **Halloween Disco**

Thursday 24th October

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4:15-5:15pm Parents/carers must stay with children Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 5:30-6:30pm parents/carers drop children off

Tickets are £2 which includes a drink and a hot dog.





Our X followers are currently **2541** 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: <a href="http://www.bader.org.uk/">http://www.bader.org.uk/</a> Check out today's photographs too!

#### **Contact details/Medication**

If there are any changes to your childs details (medical/contact details etc.), please inform school as soon as possible.

#### **Read for the Stars**

We are now underway again with our reading at home initiative and we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to red more than 1 book/chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card. They work their way through the planets until they reach the sun and then as a reward for their enjoyment of books (and their work), they will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display). We have calculated that on November 2<sup>nd</sup> if a child reads everyday, they will have reached the sun on the blue (1<sup>st</sup>) rocket and obviously get to choose a book from the machine or the book case in my office.

#### Hot Chocolate with the Head

As part of our continued drive to improve children's spellings in school, these children were chosen for their determination to learn their weekly words. Spellings are given (age appropriate) on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Children should practice these every night, along with reading their reading book and learning their times tables. This is all we ask of our home learning. If a teacher feels your child should be doing better, they may well be asked to do a spelling re-test in some circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support here.



## Year 6: Secondary School

Most of our feeder secondary schools will be having their open evenings in the next few weeks. Please remember to complete the application form and return to the School Admissions team before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. For Year 6 parents and carers it is really important that you meet this deadline. Please contact school if you need any support with this.

## **Rights Respecting School**

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

# Right of the fortnight



**Article 1** makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together a range of rights that all children aged under 18 are entitled to, no matter who they are or where they are born. These rights ensure that all children are given the support they need to develop and reach their potential and are protected from harm. Governments across the world have signed up to the CRC and have promised to make the rights within the CRC a reality for children in their country and a number of articles specifically mention what governments must do to make rights happen.

#### Harvest

This week, we began collecting for our annual festival of Harvest. We are asking for a small donation of food; tins and packets (biscuits etc.) are ideal, not fresh produce as this will perish. Donations will be bagged up and donated to worthwhile causes. Thank you for your support with this. Any donations however small will help.



# **Pen Licence**

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is 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: Isaac Huitson.

This is the first one awarded this academic year. Please check how your child holds their pen/pencil and if you have any concerns, please mention it to your child's class teacher.

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	96.47%	0
Rec Mrs Parr	98.75%	1
Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe	91.67%	3
Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson	91.11%	4
Y2 Mrs Jones	94.58%	3
Y3 Mrs Robinson	94.78%	3
Y3 Mrs Spencer	84.35%	4
Y4 Miss Robson	90.88%	8
Y5 Miss Horrigan	91%	1
Y5 Miss Weir	95.24%	3
Y6 Miss Bennett	99%	3
Y6 Mr Robinson	95%	0



# **Attendance Update**

The third full week back of this academic year saw our attendance at 93.27% from reception to Year 6 which is disappointing after a great start. 210 pupils had 100% attendance last week too (82.67% of pupils having full attendance), which is very good.

The attendance team sent out 7 attendance warning letters, 9 term time leave of absence letters and 4 referrals to the Local Authority.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

# Time off school

Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

Once through the school doors, children can feel much better being busy with their friends, just getting on with the day.

If they do not feel any better or become worse, our First Aiders would recommend resting at home until they are well.

Please refer to this Public Health Agency poster as a guide.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by Mr Garbutt. They are both available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.



## 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 drawing our own story map of our talk for writing text, Owl Babies, and playing the 'Silly Soup' game. #RRSArticle13



The children in Y1/2 spent this morning working collaboratively to think of adjectives to describe nouns that describe and alien #RRSArticle29



Year 3 had a great time walking to the Post Office in Thornaby to post their letters to King Charles! #RRSArticle12



Year 5 had a great outdoor learning session with Scouted Sam which was linked to their Science topic forces, in particular friction. #RRSArticle28



Year 6 have been learning all about Queen Victoria in History and have been finding out similarities and differences between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth. #RRSArticle28

Reception have been exploring Autumn in the outdoor classroom. The children looked for different coloured leaves and made leaf garlands. #RRSArticle29



Year 2 used kapla to build a street of houses to see how the Great Fire of London spread so easily! #RRSArticle6



Year 4 enjoyed listening to poetry to celebrate National Poetry Day 2024 #RRSArticle31



