



# The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 2

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

A first 'full week' in school has been full of positivity with children working hard to demonstrate our Bader Values of: being happy, aiming high, showing determination and excellence and being respectful to one another.



## **Summer Reading Challenge**

The super readers who completed our reading challenge over the summer were rewarded with a certificate and invited to choose a book today. Very well done to them!

## **Read for the Stars**

Remember, our home reading initiative is running again this year to encourage a love of reading and reading outside of school. The main home learning we encourage is for your children to read every day if possible. Lots of rewards are available and we are one of the few schools in Stockton that operates such a scheme and incentive as this.

Please support school with this and listen to your child read at home.



## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Whole school attendance for the last academic year was 95.6%. This is only 0.4% from the expectation from the Government and an increase over the last two years (from 95.2 in 2017 and 95.4 in 2018).

## **Absence during Term Time**

We would ask that wherever possible, parents do not take their children out of school for holidays. Please ensure that any planned absence is accompanied with a leave of absence request form, completed and handed in to Mr Garbutt, the School Attendance Officer. These forms are available for parents/carers to collect from the school office.

We hugely appreciate the parental support we receive which has contributed so strongly towards the improvement in school's attendance figures.

## **Attendance figures by Year group for the last academic year are as follows:**

Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	95.6%

Remember, the gates are open from 8.45am and the doors to classes close at 8.55am when the bell sounds. Late children must then enter school via the front entrance and are given a 'late slip'. Only Year 6 children are allowed to come to school and walk home on their own. All other children **must** be dropped off and collected in the playground please.



## **Thornaby Foodbank / Salvation Project**

We set up a donation box for Thornaby Foodbank and The Salvation Project last year and are continuing again this year. If you can spare a tin of anything or other non-perishable food products, we would be really grateful. Lots of our families have benefited so far from the Salvation Project.



### Lost Property

As noted last week, children have returned to school very smartly in their Bader green uniforms. However, already we have quite a few items of 'lost property'. Unfortunately, we are unable to return these items as they have no names or identification inside the labels to help us. Please can we ask that uniform is labelled with your child's initials inside to avoid this costly problem to you.

### Building Work

The work on the roof is progressing well and the weather has helped this week. A reminder again that entry to school is not possible from Kintyre Drive gates to comply with Health & Safety.

**The normal entrance gates from Thornaby Road and Kintyre Drive (side path) will be open as usual.**

### After School Clubs

A range of after school clubs will start next week (w/c 16<sup>th</sup> September). Details have been sent out and your child should know if they are able to attend or not.

### Contact Details / Medication

If there are any changes to your child's details (medical/contact details etc), please inform school as soon as possible. This is vital from a safeguarding point of view.

### Home School Agreement

Please read, sign and return these to school as soon as possible.

### Dates for your Diaries

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019** : Meet my Teacher and Macmillan coffee afternoon.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** : Christmas Fayre

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** : Professional Development Day (school will be closed)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** : Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – more details to follow

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance - Early Years at 9.30am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance – Key Stage 1 at 2pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance – Key Stage 1 at 9.30am

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance – Early Years at 2pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children – more details to follow

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance – Key Stage 2 at 9.30am

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** : Christmas Performance – Key Stage 2 at 2pm

**School closes for Christmas break on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**



We now have an amazing **2012** followers on twitter!

Remember; please follow us on twitter (@BaderPrimary) for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bder.org.uk/>

***Have a lovely weekend! Mr Hodgson***