



# The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 13

twitter: @BaderPrimary

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

The second week in a row we have had no bubbles closing, which is fantastic, especially as we have been able to have some festive fun in school too! This week, Christmas parties and Christmas dinners have been on the 'menu', if you pardon the pun! What we need now, is another full week in school to continue this positive period. Fingers crossed, again.

## **End of Term Arrangements**

You may have seen this notice posted via Class Dojo this week. If not, confirmation is given that **school will finish on Friday 18th December at your normal gate time i.e. 2:30pm / 2:45pm / 3:00pm.**

It has been reported in the media that schools will close on Thursday 17th. However, and this must be taken as a PD day and replaced with one later in the year so children do not lose any school days. Our remaining PD days are planned in for next year, hence our original closing date of **next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **Don't Let Your Guard Down**

The world is getting closer to an effective vaccine which will hopefully bring an end to the Covid19 crisis in 2021. Don't become a victim of Covid19 at this late stage.



### **Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council**

Chatting at the school gates, taking a break with a colleague at work, watching a local football match – these are all situations in which it's easy to forget about social distancing.

Please don't drop your guard. Remember to keep 2m apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Together we can get infection rates in Stockton-on-Tees down.

Here is **Richard Kilty**, Stockton's very own Olympian, explaining how we can keep safe and help keep our community safe, on the short video below.

<https://vimeo.com/483987342/45242574b7>

Please feel free to share this video link with friends and family.

## **Read for the Stars**

You may have seen via Twitter, this week, the first 'rocket' filling up, rather nicely with children who have reached the sun for the first time. For their efforts with home reading, the latest recipients of a free book, certificate and bookmark are: **Zac Burton, Sonnie-Lee Brown, Harry Ramsey, Isabelle Hildreth, Katie McGrath, Jake Watson, Alfie Finn, Holly Fox, Louie Stenburge, Alfie Wilkinson, Poppy Donovan, Hollie York, Lilly Curran and Isaac Huitson.**



The two week break is a great opportunity to do some home reading and earn those stamps on rockets. Santa may even be delivering a book to read as a Christmas present?

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Bader Parliament and Miss Dunn superbly organised our annual Christmas Jumper day again this year. All monies contributed are given to the children's charity 'Save the Children'. This year, at the time of writing this newsletter, school raised an amazing **£200.38**

Thank you to those who donated!

P.S. Have a look on Class Dojo as the winner of the 'Staff Best Christmas Jumper' is revealed! I'll give you a little clue.....me!

### Christmas Dinner / Christmas Party Day

These continue next week, as follows:

- Year 3 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 4 - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 5 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 6 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December



### Christmas Raffle

A final reminder that raffle tickets are still available for a chance to win a Christmas hamper. Raffle tickets are being sold and drawn in each year group to avoid the mixture of year groups/bubbles and proper procedures will be taken to ensure safety. Raffle tickets are 20p each or 5 tickets for £1 – Get yours while you can!



**The winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Christmas gifts to staff

Another reminder, please don't buy gifts this year for staff. We are asking that pupils don't give gifts to teachers/teaching assistants, to help minimise COVID risks. If parents/carers want to donate, then they could do this via Friends of Bader or a charity of their choice. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Cards

Our big red letter box is now in the school hall and children are able to post their Christmas cards. Cards will be left in the letter box for 48 hours before being collected and delivered to class bubbles.

### Christmas Performances

These will be posted on Class Dojo next week – a small Christmas performance for your enjoyment.

### Twitter



We now have an amazing **2246** followers on Twitter. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on Twitter in the last week (@BaderPrimary) for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website:

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

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs will finish today and will recommence the first week back in January. There will be no After School Clubs next week.

### Parking on Kintyre Drive



Can we please be aware of parking across drives in Kintyre Drive.

We have had a complaint from residents that this is becoming more frequent now. We appreciate dropping off and collecting your children is a busy time but we need to be courteous to our neighbours.

Thank you for your consideration & support.

### 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: **Will Spence, Harrison Allison, Sadie Hitch, Frankie Jayne Vale** and **Lauren Wilberforce.**



## 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.

