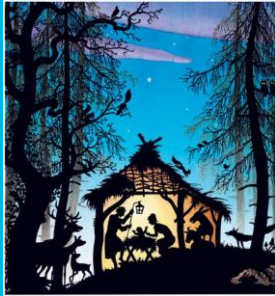


Baines' Bulletin

December 5, 2019

Christmas is coming...welcome to December!



Here at school, we can't believe it's almost Christmas already! So much to look forward to, but still so much to do!

Advent

We are just entering the season of Advent, the *coming* of Jesus Christ. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and here in school, we will be lighting our Advent candles each week, in preparation for Christ's birth on Christmas Day. You may be making your own preparations by opening your Advent calendars and beginning to decorate your houses with Christmas decorations. At church and on our Worship tables in school, we have changed our altar cloths to purple, which is the colour associated with Advent.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre is here! Please come along to school tonight, Thursday 5th December from 5:00 p.m., when we will have all of our usual stalls and raffles of Christmas treats and goodies for you to buy and/or win. Profits go towards providing extending the experiences that we are able to offer to our Children at Baines'.

School Choir Performance 10th December

Blackpool Music Services Annual Music Festival will be held on Tuesday 10th December 7:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. at The Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens. As always, the event promises to be a fantastic night. Please come along to support our school choir – they are amazing and not to be missed! Parents with children in the choir will receive details of the meeting time and place from Mr. Rose.

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will be held at St. Paul's on Monday 16th December at 6:00 p.m. followed by refreshments at church. A warm welcome will be waiting for you, so please come along and get into the Christmas mood by listening to our amazing children singing a variety of Christmas carols. It is always a special evening, so please don't miss it!

Church Service Tokens

Due to a disturbance by a member of the public earlier in the term, I have arranged with the Diocese that only Baines' parents and families will be approved entry to Church/School Services. In order to ensure that we know that you are a member of our Baines' 'Family', I am asking all parents/carers/family members of Baines' pupils, who wish to attend the Carol Service at church, please complete the slip that is being sent home today and return to school by Thursday 12th December. Tokens will be sent home on Friday 13th and **must** be presented at the Church door on the evening of the Concert. **Admission will not be granted without a token.**

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 11th December

Our Christmas lunch this year, will take place on 11th December. All children who normally have a hot school dinner will be provided with a Christmas Dinner. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, but would like a Christmas Dinner at a cost of £2.00, which can be paid via ParentPay, please phone the office by Monday 9th December at the latest, so that we can ensure that enough food is ordered.

Christmas Parties

This year our EYFS/KS1 Christmas party is on Tuesday 17th and the KS2 party is on Wednesday 18th. Children will be allowed to come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 13th December

No need to buy a jumper! A bit of tinsel, or a few baubles pinned to a normal jumper will do the trick! We are asking for a £1 donation to raise money for Save The Children.

Children's Centre Panto Saturday 7th December

Our annual Children's Centre pantomime takes place this Saturday. It's always a lovely family event, that is well organized by our Children's Centre staff. If you would like to come along, please ask at the Children's Centre before Saturday.

Nativity and Carol Concerts

The Reception Nativity will be performed on Wednesday 11th at 2:15 p.m. and Thursday 12th at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are required for admission and can be collected from the School Office. Reception parents are welcome to attend. KS1 Carol Concerts will take place on Wednesday 11th at 9:15 a.m. and Thursday 12th at 2:15 p.m. Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to attend.

School Admissions September 2019

We have held an Open Morning for parents who are looking to apply for a place at Baines' for their child/children in September 2020, but we do know of some parents who are still wanting to visit our school. If you know of anyone who would like to visit, please ask them to contact school on 01253 762532 and we can speak to them about arranging a visit. Thank you.

Brian House Christmas Fun!

We are supporting Brian House's Christmas Charity event this year. Please read the leaflet attached and go along to meet Father Christmas and Mrs. Claus, make Christmas Crafts, enjoy a story with the Sugar Plum Fairy and have a chat with the Head Elf. There will also be raffle prizes to be won and games to play. The cost is £5 per child and there is no need to book. See the leaflet for dates.



Dates for your diary...

December 2019:

Thursday 5th 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Fayre in school.

Monday 9th: Reception Panto trip
Year 5 Parents' Evening from
3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th: Blackpool Music Services Annual Music Festival

11th and 12th: Nativities and KS1 Carol Concert in school. Reception/Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to attend.

Friday 13th: Christmas Jumper Day
Choir singing at Tulloch Court

Monday 16th 6:00 p.m.: KS2 Carol Service at St. Paul's Church, Marton (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).

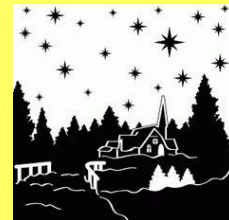
Tuesday 17th: KS1 Christmas Party. Children in Years 1 and 2 can wear their own clothes today.

Wednesday 18th: KS2 Christmas Party. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can wear their own clothes today. Also, KS1 Christmas Panto Trip to Blackpool Tower.

Thursday 19th: School closes at 1:45 p.m. for the Christmas holiday.

January 2020:

Monday 6th January 2020: School reopens at 08:45 a.m.



At this busy time of year, when the focus is so much on buying and getting, may God provide us with strength, patience and compassion for all.

Happy December Everyone. God Bless.

Mrs. Rusling