



# Baines' Bulletin

December 20, 2019

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*



We are at the end of another very busy term in our school year and what a term it has been! The children have all worked hard and have tried their best to learn in school and many have succeeded in participating in many school events, such as the Blackpool Schools Football Tournament, Blackpool Schools Music Festival, Nativity and our wonderful Carol Services and Choir events. Thank you for all of your support this term. We hope you have enjoyed the events as much as we have!

## **Goodbye to Mrs. Dempsey; Welcome Mrs. Brookes!**

We'd like to wish Mrs. Dempsey a fond goodbye and thank her for all of the work she has done for us here at Baines' during her time with us; we wish her the very best of luck with her new job at her new school. We would also like to welcome to our staff, Mrs. Brookes, who will join us in January, as the new Year 5 teacher in 5SD, which will now be known as 5VB. Mrs. Brookes is an experienced teacher, who has taught in Blackpool for many years. Mrs. Brookes has already been in to teach the children, has met the team and has already experienced her first Baines' Christmas Carol Concert! I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome!

## **Tweet, Tweet...**

Please check us out on Twitter, for regular updates on what we are getting up to in and out of school. Take a look on Twitter @bainesendowed.

## **Children's Centre: Goodbyes and Hello!**

After fifteen years, changes to funding for Children's Centres have meant that we sadly have to say goodbye to the amazing staff at our Children's Centre, who are moving onto new roles and responsibilities, some within the Local Authority (LA). I can't thank our staff enough for the role that they have played in supporting our families over the years and want to wish them all the very best of luck with the next chapter in their careers. A hug Thank You to Laura, Karen, Sally, Liz and Lindsay. Good luck ladies!

The Children's Centre will continue to provide the classes and activities, which support our community; these will continue to be delivered by our partners' organisations via the LA and I am sure, will continue to provide advice and support to those families who require their services.

## **Nursery**

There has been no change to our Nursery as a result of the changes to the Children's Centre. Nursery will function as usual, but we are saying Goodbye to Mrs. Willis, who leaves us this December to move onto a new role. We would like to thank her and wish her the very best of luck with her new job!

## **Huge Thanks!**

Thank you to all of you who attended our many Christmas events this year and supported the charities we have raised money for:

- Christmas Jumper Day raised a fantastic £330.99 for Save The Children.
- Our Carol Concert collection raised £177.15 for Amazing Graze, who have tweeted their thanks to us.

## **ParentApp – Improving communication between school and home.**

I am really pleased to announce the introduction of ParentApp to our school community, as a way to improve communication with our parents and carers. In the latest Parental Survey that we conducted, you all told us that you wanted better communication, in a way that is easy to access. As a result, we have asked ParentApp to create an App specifically designed for our school. Please read the letter attached to this Newsletter and look out for an email invitation on 6<sup>th</sup> January, which will give you further details. If you do not receive the email invitation, please contact Miss. Forsch, our School Business Administrator, on 01253 762532.



### Rossall School Da Vinci Academy

Launching in January 2020, Rossall is delighted to announce the launch of the Rossall Da Vinci Academy created for children in Years 4 and 5. The Academy consists of the Da Vinci Maths and Science Academy and the Da Vinci Drama and Theatre Academy. If your child has a passion for either maths and science, or for the performing arts, there will be a **Taster Morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Rossall School. For more details, and to register your attendance on the Taster Morning, please visit:**

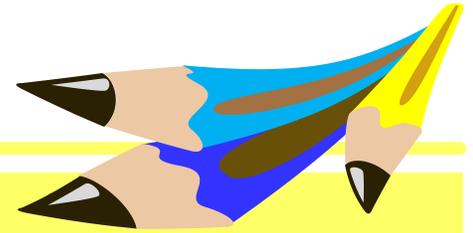
[www.rossall.org.uk/davinci-academy](http://www.rossall.org.uk/davinci-academy). The Academy is guaranteed to expand pupils' horizons and further develop their skills in these two areas. There is **no charge** for this opportunity, however **places are limited** and the Academies will run on Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. from February 2020. Snacks and drinks will be provided for your children.

### Taking children out of school during term time

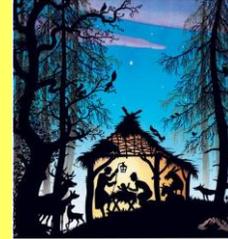
Please try to avoid taking your child/ren out of school during term-time. Each day and each week is packed full of teaching and learning; if your child misses a day of learning, a gap is created and sending worksheets home is not the same as being taught by a qualified teacher in school.

### Parking

I have received a complaint from a local resident about parking in the area around school. Please do not park over residents' driveways, on zig zag lines or dangerously on corners. I realise that dropping off and collecting your children is a busy time of the day and that we are not able to provide parking for parents, however, it does not justify illegal and dangerous parking that could incur a fine for you, or more importantly, could result in one of our pupils being hurt. I ask this repeatedly and have even had to knock on the windows of cars parked illegally in front of school. We are all working in the best interests of your children; please work with us on this important matter.



### Christmas Services at St. Paul's



The following Christmas services will be held at St. Paul's church over the Christmas period:

- Christmas Eve (Tuesday):
  - Christingle Service at 4:00 p.m.
  - Midnight Mass at 11:15 p.m.
- Christmas Day Services (Wednesday):
  - 9:30 a.m. Christmas Service with communion

### Dates for your diary

#### January:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – School opens at 8:45 a.m.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Epiphany Service for Year 3 and 4 children at school (children only). Led by Year 4.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 1:45 p.m.** – Year 3 Christingle Service. Year 3 parents are welcome to join us in school.

#### February:

**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Writing Week in school

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Internet Safety Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Schools' Alive 7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m. Those children involved will receive a letter with further details.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for half term holiday

*On behalf of myself and all of my staff, may I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. See you all in the new year.*

*Mrs. Rusling*