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## Baldersby Blog

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Dear Families

Well we are now into the swing of the *New Year* and I am so impressed by how the children settle so quickly back into the routines and show enthusiasm for their learning. We have started back without Miss Barrett which seems strange but we hear she is settling in well to her new role at Bournebridge Primary.

We have no news yet on the decision from the DFE regarding the school closure but I am assured by the Trust that as soon as any information is available it will be communicated to everyone swiftly.

#### School lunches

As I am sure you are aware our numbers in school are falling which is inevitably going to have some impact across various aspects of the school.

Due to the number of lunches we now have, we may need to make changes to the menu due to ordering requirements. I will add a 'next week menu' on each blog so you are aware of what the following week will be.

Menu for week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Curry	Pasta Bolognese	Pizza and Veg sticks	Fish and Potato wedges
Bananas and custard	Fruit and Yogurt	Apple Pie and Custard	Fruit and Yogurt	Flapjack

### Swimming

We are continuing with swimming for a 3 week block very kindly funded by the friends of the school. The last session will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> January. The children are all doing really well and making great progress.

### Clubs

We have had to look at the organisation of the clubs due to changing pupil numbers and staff changes. We will try and keep to the initial plan as much as we can but there will be some minor changes:

Mrs Meneely has said that book club will continue this half term as she has some tasks left to complete. Sports club will continue but, as the PE day has changed to a Wednesday the club will now be on a Wednesday after school. Finally Mrs Carter is running a 'Mindful' session on a Tuesday after school this half term. If your child has not previously signed up for any of these, but would now like to join in as there are places, just let us know by email so we can adjust our club registers. Thank you to all the staff who are giving up their time to run these activities

<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>
<b>Mindfulness</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3.15pm - 4.15pm</b>
<b>Sports Club</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3.15pm - 4.15pm</b>

### Parent/teacher meeting

We will be having a parent teacher meeting in the last week of this half term as it will give parents of the KS2 children an opportunity to discuss progress before Mrs Ahmed goes off on her maternity leave. Mrs Carter will set up the meeting times on line so look out for the link to sign up.

## News from the classes

### Infant class:

The children all came into school eager to engage with our new topic of 'The Great Fire of London' we enjoyed listening to the older children recounting in worship their memories and knowledge of this historic event.

The children are really eager to get back to maths and literacy work and I have been impressed by the reading the children have been doing over the holiday, reading is so important and is the key to open the gate to all learning.

In art we have started looking at *colour wheels* and the use of colour in famous artworks, Mrs Brown has spent a lesson this afternoon mixing and exploring colour with the children - messy but fun!

Swimming was a huge success today with all the children trying their very hardest to improve technique - well done children, it is never easy to learn the different strokes but once learnt you never forget!

Mrs Meneely

### Junior Class:

What a lovely first week back! The children have all returned with such positive attitudes. We headed straight back into our learning on Wednesday with enthusiasm! The children are really excited about our new topic 'The Vikings' and have already been sharing some of their own knowledge about the topic.

In English, we introduced our new book 'How to Train your Dragon'. We are still on chapter 1 and the children are already realising that the book is quite different to the film. We have focussed on our powerful descriptions this week. The children created character profiles for a character of their choice from the book and designed and described their own dragons. I don't think I would like to meet some of these dragons!

In Maths, all year groups have started their B books in **Power Maths**. Ravenclaw have begun by focussing on multiplication and division word problems. Hufflepuff have begun to use the written method to solve two or three digits multiplied by a 1 digit number and Slytherin has started his decimals unit.

In topic, the children began the week by creating a mind map of everything that we already know about the Vikings and each child suggested two things that they would like to learn about. It's going to be a busy term! The children used their map skills to learn where the Vikings came from and the different seas that they travelled by.

In Science, we began our new topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We have started to explore what makes a solid, liquid or gas, comparing the particles in each.

I know that all of junior class are excited about a busy term and can't wait to explore our topic in more depth.

**Mrs Ahmed**

### Covid update

Please refer back to my letter at the beginning of the week. The updated information on testing and isolation is on the government website.

We will be continuing to be vigilant with cleaning and handwashing to minimise transmission. Please continue to check the school website and current Government guidance for Covid updates. If you, your child, or close family member, have a positive Covid test (LFT or PCR) can you **please keep school informed**.

If a child is unwell and you have family members with positive covid please ask for a LFT or a PCR test ASAP as many children are turning out to be positive with or without symptoms. The latest information/ covid guidance from the Government website

Have a safe and relaxing weekend everyone.

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### Dates for your diary:

LGC Meeting	20th January 2022
Parent's evening	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Break up for half term	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 (Mrs Ahmed to start her Maternity leave)