

Baslow St. Anne's C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents

As we are heading towards the end of another term, we want to say a big thank you for all your support with your children and to the school. This term is always a busy, yet fun and very exciting; just keeping track of all the Christmas elves that have reappeared this year, even at the teacher's houses, keeps us all on our toes!

It is always a privilege to watch our Christmas Nativity, this year it was: 'Knock Knock, The Nativity', which was held at St. Anne's Church, with our Tigers and the Leopards as the Christmas cast. This brought smiles to everyone's faces and hopefully some relief for the teachers that have been working hard putting this together –thank you to the Tiger and Leopard Team of staff and everyone who has supported this and to you as parents and grandparents/carers for supporting it.



We were also blown away with the incredible amount of £2724.20, that the Tigers and Leopards Enterprise raised for Children in Need this year. Their sponsored walk to Chatsworth was so generously supported by parents and the wider family, alongside the toy and book sale and cake bake. We are so very proud of our Reception, Year 1+2 children for organising this event alongside the staff teams, to raise such a super total, for a very worthy cause – THANK YOU!

The School Council helped to decorate our Baslow St. Anne's CE Primary School Christmas tree at All Saints Church in Bakewell, this is open to everyone to go and see all of the trees at Bakewell Church from 12th-21st December.





The ECO Councillors and Year 6 have created some lovely recycled tree decorations and the Lions will be baking some biscuits that we are sharing in our community as part of our Baslow Advent Giving Calendar, as a way to say thank you to those who support us in the village. Also as part of our 'giving season' the Lions and Miss Grant have made Christmas cards and have written a lovely letter to the elderly residents of several care homes, after watching the Age UK advert about loneliness, to hopefully bring some cheer to our elderly community. All of the classes have been down to the village hall and sung for either the Senior Citizens, Luncheon Club or the WI.

We appreciate that we have been asking a lot over this term, both in time and generosity and we are very grateful for all that you do and give.

As with all schools, but particularly small schools, we are feeling the financial pressures with increasing costs and tight budgets. It will mean that coming into the new year, unfortunately, we will have to start charging for more of the enrichment activities, such as coach journeys, visitors and potentially a small voluntary donation towards stationery.

PTFA

The PTFA and parent/carer support, plays a crucial role in school, enabling us to buy the extra experiences and resources for the children, of which we are very grateful. Up to present, in this financial year, it has included:

- An outdoor boat for Tigers' outdoor play area



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- Easi Cars for Tigers and Leopards
- iPad, case and charger for KS2 coding
- Lego coding kits for KS2
- The Big Dreaming Music for Tigers and Leopards
- First News newspaper – Year 6
- One off contribution to IT equipment and upgrades

Our new PTFA Year 6 Ambassadors have also been getting involved, helping promote events, encouraging pupil participation and sharing ideas for fundraising. Thank you to them for their enthusiasm and leadership.

It has been agreed this year that a one off payment will be paid to school to support the school budget with IT equipment and upgrades to Windows 11 to support the staff and children in their learning and computing curriculum.

Thank you to Mrs Barron for running our 'Second Hand Uniform on the last Wednesdays of each half term and for the Christmas Jumper sale last Wednesday – each item is £1 and all proceeds go to the PTFA- thank you for your support on this.

Baslow Bolt

A **big thank you** to the PTFA and all of the parents/grandparents who supported our community event: The Baslow Bolt. This again was a very successful event, with some very happy runners who had a hall full of cake to greet them back in, after a gruelling 12 km run. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event and those who gave their time on the day. The event raised over £5000, which is being split between the PTFA, St. Anne's Church and Shelter for the homeless (which the school council voted for). Thank you too, to our local businesses for their generous contributions towards the prizes. We hope that lots of parents will volunteer again next year, to ensure that the event runs just as smoothly.

Promotion of Baslow St. Anne's CE Primary

Thank you to those who have promoted our school by word of mouth to potential new parents – this is really appreciated and hopefully means more parents and families will join the Baslow St. Anne's community, helping to maintain a thriving school – please do keep this going, if this is something that you feel you can do.

We are also very happy to show any new prospective parents around our school, if you know anyone who is still deciding on their child's school place, please do encourage them to contact school to arrange a visit.

For more updates on school life please follow us on our Instagram account: baslowschool or scan the QR code below to take you to our account and please share this link with wider family and friends, thank you.





We are currently refreshing our school marketing and if you have expertise in the following areas and would be willing to give us a little help, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact school at the enquiries email address: enquiries@st-annescofe.derbyshire.sch.uk

- Website enhancement
- SEO strategy
- PR and branding
- Content creation/copy writing
- Social media strategy
- Photography/videography

Arbor Parent Portal & App

If you haven't already logged into our new Parent Portal and App, please do so as soon as possible, so that you are ready to receive important communications such as: 'Bumped Head & Plaster' messages. If you have not received a welcome to Arbor email or have any issues with logging in, please contact the office for assistance. We are currently looking into how we can best communicate as a school and classes and we will be reviewing this and updating in the spring term.

Governors

Thank you to our governing board too, who give their own time to support the school with their time and expertise. Thank you to the parents who also put themselves forward for our parent governor vacancy and congratulations to Omar Ali who has been elected as a new parent governor, we look forward to welcoming you onto the governing board and working with you, as a governor to the school.

Parking/Safe Driving

Unfortunately, I am frequently informed that some of our parents/carers are not driving safely or responsibly at school drop off and pick up. Often, I am informed of how some still park on the pavements/corner of Over Lane, drop off in front of the school gates/park on the double yellow lines and zig zags. Please always think that it could be your child that is put at risk, when somebody is not adhering to the safety/parking requirements. We also ask that our community and neighbours are fully respected when driving through the village and parking. Our children's safety is imperative and it takes all of us to ensure that this is supported.



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Reminders for December:

- Friday 12th - Y2 sing for the Senior Citizens at the Village Hall
Tuesday 16th - KS2 Enterprise Christmas Fayre at school 3:20-4:30pm (all welcome!)
- Wednesday 18th - Christmas service at church 9:30am start, all welcome
Thursday 18th - Whole school cinema Christmas Movie afternoon (voted by the School Council)
- Friday 19th - Party day/party lunch + non-uniform/Christmas outfits – break up!
(Reminder: Monday 5th January is an INSET day and the children return on Tuesday 6th January 2026).

We still have a little time before we break up, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Baslow Team, as they do work incredibly hard for all of the children, which is very much appreciated and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, and wish you all a very 'Happy Christmas' and festive break when we get there!

Best wishes and kind regards

Headteacher

