Message from the Headteacher

As we start the second half of the summer term, I’d like to share our sporting news and some exciting events that are coming up in the next few weeks. The first half term is important for our pupils in Year 2 and 6 as they sat the national key stage SATs. After that, it’s all things creative – I can’t wait! This is a great term for the entire family to get behind the children and so we welcome you with great enthusiasm to involve yourselves as much as possible between now and the end of the year.

Baldersby St James has been part of Hope Learning Trust for a year now and as the Trust has grown, there has been a renewed interest for primary schools to convey a working partnership. One of the changes is to our school logo, which has been adapted so that all the primary logos are similar. You will notice the change in logo on the top of this newsletter and we hope you like it.

You will also notice our new website. Whilst the address has stayed the same, www.baldersbystjamesschool.com, the look and feel and content has significantly changed. The site is designed to present to you all the key information about school in a straightforward way. We intend to keep you well informed about all the learning that is taking place at Baldersby St James.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school.

Nigel Stewart

New Website for Baldersby St James

We are very pleased to be able to present our new website to you. We hope that you find the site easy to use and we aim to communicate a lot with you through it. If you have any questions about the site or have a suggestion of what you would like to see on it, please get in touch with the school office.
Cricket Success for Baldersby St James C of E Primary Tuesday 4th June

A big day for our year 3/4 cricketers today. They turned up to take part in this year’s cluster tournament. Arriving at the ground at Thirsk high school, the conditions were overcast suggesting success for the spinners. Our first match, against Alanbrooke, was a close affair. 4's and 6's from Libby Mackay enabled the team to lead the way as the other batters found their way, feeling their way into the game. It was the fielding that unfortunately told in this match with the only highlight being a smart catch from Hermione Helliwell at deep square leg. Baldersby lost this game by 5 runs. On to our second game against Knayton. The team were really beginning to find their form. A great knock by both Rex Briggs and Joseph Little, 18 and 25 respectively ensures that the team had a fighting chance in the field. This time the star of the fielding was Macy Wilson who took a fantastic reflex catch and was instrumental in orchestrating a run out. Her work in the field ensured that we won this game by 10 runs. Our third game was against our local neighbours, Queen Mary’s. After losing the toss we were put into bat and our batting side did not let us down. A combination of great knocks from Macy Wilson, Libby Mackay, Joseph Little and Rex Briggs set a challenging target for the opposition. A well-set field, tight bowling from 6 of our 8 bowlers made it look like we were going to run away with the match. A big push from the final Queen Mary’s batting pair coupled with some shaky fielding made this a tense match, but the team got over the line by 2 runs.

Our fourth match was against Carlton Minot. A tough start to this game as our batters faced the toughest bowling so far in the competition. This reduced our runs to singles or 2’s. However, our fielders were equally as dogged, so this became a game for the fielding sides. Stand out performances from Christopher Traves with a brilliant run out. Smart catches from Rex Briggs and Josh Horewell set the tone for our response to then be followed up by great bowling from Toby Carter and to top things off, a smart wicket from Charlotte Oakes meant that we won this game by 1 run. Amazing! As another game won by a fine margin means that we went into our final game with all to play for. The final game was against South Kilvington and set things up for a grand finale, but it was one step too far. The team were tired and playing a side that were well drilled. Fighting spirit from Toby Carter as he chalked 12 runs with the bat.

Unfortunately, not other batter could match the patience and skill of Toby and so the run chase was easily chalked off. The sum total of our children’s efforts were as follows:
1st - South Kilvington
2nd - Alanbrooke
3rd - Baldersby St James
4th - Carlton Minot
5th - Queen Mary’s
6th - Topcliffe
7th - Knayton

I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating our year 3/4 children in a fantastic effort - Well done!
**KS2 Vacancy**

It is with both sadness and gratitude that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Wakefield at the end of this term. Miss Wakefield has secured a position in a school in Brighton next year. I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to our school. The children have really enjoyed being in her class. The interview process will take place on Monday where I hope to be able to announce the junior class arrangements for next year.

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**Diary Dates**

For diary dates, we have a comprehensive calendar on our website. On this calendar, you can sync the calendar with your phone, tablet or desktop computer. Once synced, when we make a change to the calendar, it will automatically update on your device. This way, you will be kept up to date with what is happening in school.

The calendar can be found at: [http://www.baldersbyatjamesschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2019/06/](http://www.baldersbyatjamesschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2019/06/)

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