# BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL



Friday 13th October 2023

A **Beyond** ACADEMY

## **Important Dates:**



## **Times Tables Tea** Parties for parents and carers:

Year 3 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

### Parents evenings:

Tuesday 17th October Thursday 19th October

# End of Term 1 and TAG day: Friday 20th October

# Start of term 2: Monday 6th November

Anti-bullying week: 13th—17th November

# **Christmas lunch and** jumper day:

Wednesday 13th December

# Christingle service at St Stephen's: Friday

15th December (due to limited capacity in the church, parents and carers are unfortunately not able to attend)

# Click on the icon for advice on Roblox





#### **Year 6 visit Chatham Dockyard**

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Chatham Dockyard this week. They have been learning about how the dockyard influenced the development of the Medway towns and its impact on the residents of Chatham, as part of their local history study. Throughout the day the children were able to take part in lots of different activities including rope making, exploring HMS Gannet, Cavalier and Ocelot, making aerodynamic boats and testing them. The children had a wonderful day of memorable learning experiences and lots of fun!



#### **Mini Youth Games**



Congratulations to our two hockey teams, who took part in the Mini Youth Games hockey tournament yesterday. The teams have shown great dedication to practising during lunchtimes and showed great teamwork and integrity during the tournament. They also showed great resilience to continue to play in the rain! The cup team placed 13th out of 25 schools and scored lots of goals. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs Riley and Mrs Smitherman for taking the teams.

#### **Hello Yellow!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day this week. We raised a fantastic £190 for Young Minds, a brilliant charity who support children and young people with maintaining good mental health. The Young Minds website has lots of information and suggestions for both parents and young people www.youngminds.org.uk



If your child is absent from school, please remember that you must tell us the reason before 9:00am on the morning of the absence, and use the Studybugs app

to report it. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you or are unable to contact you, we may consider conducting a visit to your home address as a welfare check, as per our safeguarding procedures.

We are delighted to be able to offer a range of lunchtime and after school clubs in term 2, providing opportunities for pupils' personal development, the following clubs will be running at lunchtime: Story club, table tennis (Y5 & Y6), Debate club (Y6), Homework club (Y3 & Y5) Mindfulness colouring (Y3 & Y4) Clubs running after school include: Multisports and football (MFSE) Karate, Drama (Spotlites), Art club, Dodgeball (ID PE & Sport) Ukulele and badminton (Y5 & Y6)

Details of lunchtime clubs are given to the children in assembly; to book an after school please contact the provider or sign and return the letter that is sent home if it is run by a member of school staff.

# Times Table Facts of the Week!

The facts we will be focusing on next week are: 3x5 = 15 and 5x6 = 30







