



Dear Former Staff Member of Baines

I am thrilled to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Baines School and hope that 2017 is the start of a special 'Baines Era' for me, and the continuation of it for you. I am so proud to be associated with the school and really value the long history and all staff who have contributed to that history over the years. As 2017 is a special birthday, I do hope that many of you have fond memories of your time at the school and would like to share those with others.

Dave has outlined some of the ways in which the 1717 Club can develop. I would like to inform you about a special event we are organising at the school. On **Saturday 18th November we are holding a Baines Open Day**. In the morning the PE department and GCSE students will be organising a free '**fun run**', around the school grounds starting at 11am. People can choose to complete 1km, 2km or 3km, they can run, jog or walk and even come in fancy dress. Many former pupils have told me about their 'memories' of the old cross country route. We cannot run on the old route but thought it was a way of remembering the history but bringing it a little more up to date, so we want to encourage a family event where all are encouraged to take part and have fun, whether that is through running it fast or walking and chatting. All finishers will receive a certificate.

The school will be open between 10.00 and 14.00 and refreshments can be purchased (drinks, bacon buns) and there will be a display in the school hall. We are developing a section about former pupils and current pupils in houses and it would be fantastic if we had a section that was about current and former staff. So if you have any photographs and / or would like to write a little about yourself and some memories, we can use it in the display. (Please email details to 300@baines.lanacs.sch.uk).

Finally, in the evening we will be holding an event '**Music and Memories**' from 7.00pm where we hope members of our Baines community will buy a ticket to join us for a celebration evening. There will be musical items from current and former pupils (and staff), a hot buffet and some people will share stories from their time at the school. Tickets are priced at £15 per person (over 18s only to the evening, we are applying for a temporary bar licence) and they go on sale on Monday 23rd October from school.

I hope many of you will be able to attend and that I get the opportunity to meet you and hear about your time at Baines School.

Very best wishes,

Ally Chapman
Headteacher