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Safeguarding Spot



It is really important that children understand that their body belongs to them and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

The NSPCC have a short cartoon video that you may wish to share with your child to help them understand this.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



As we enter the last week of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support during my first half term as Headteacher. It has been a very busy few weeks but I am thoroughly enjoying working in partnership with you all and the children of course have been amazing.

Last week the children had a great time taking part in Children's Mental Health week and it was great to see them in their own clothes on Friday expressing their individuality. Throughout the school there were lots of opportunities for calming and mindfulness activities, as well as discussion around how we can look after our mental health and who we can talk too. Our collective worship also focused on 'Jesus being the light of the world' and how our faith can help us when life is difficult.

After half term I am planning on returning the school to a pre-covid structure with the children being able to mix on the playground and the coming together for collective worship (more details will be sent out this week). We will of course ensure that we continue to ventilate all indoor spaces, practice good hygiene with regular hand washing and sanitising in order to keep cases as low as possible. We will monitor the level of cases in school and, if necessary, revert to our no mixing of classes.

I wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful half term.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff team



Hi! My name is Ms MacBryde, I am a Teaching Assistant currently based in Year 2 and I've been a member of the Baldwins Gate family for eight years. Unlike a lot of the staff here at the school I have only been in education for eight years and previously worked in Finance, which could not be more different!

My journey began in Early Years and I have worked with every year group of children, with a mixture of SEN and whole class support.

I love being involved in education and I try to ensure that children enjoy coming to school and that they have fun whilst they are learning.

In my spare time you will usually find me walking my two crazy dogs (the year 2's hear many stories about my crazy dog Dave) with my daughter and partner and then definitely enjoying a hot drink and cake afterwards!

SATs Information for Parents Meetings - Reminder

Year 6 SATs - Parents' meeting – Tuesday 15th February at 6pm

Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting – Tuesday 1st March at 6pm

Our Prayer this week



Dear God,

May the love of Jesus Christ
bring us wholeness,
The grace of God the Father
grant us peace,
The breath of the Holy Spirit
instil passion,
And the unity between them
give us strength,
For this day and every day.

Amen

Amazing Rainforest Work in Year 3

Year 3 are very excited to be learning about the rainforest in their geography topic this term. Last week they were very busy using their knowledge of the different layers of the rainforest to create their own 3D model. Their work is fantastic – check it out below.



Year 1's Village Walk

On Tuesday Year 1 enjoyed a walk around the village as part of their learning in History and Geography. They visited the Village Hall and the old train station. The children were fascinated to look at the artwork depicting the 'Flying Scotsman' – before heading to Lakeside to look at the wild life around the lake.



Just a
reminder...



School Lunches

Menu Weeks

24th Jan – Week 1

31st Jan – Week 2

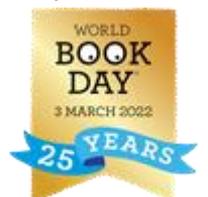
7th Feb – Week 3

14th Feb – Week 1

Half Term

World Book Day – Advance Information

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March 2022**. We are very excited to announce that this year we will be holding our first **World Book Week**. This will enable each class to celebrate and delve deeper into a variety of genres and authors. To help us celebrate we are thrilled to hold a World Book Day Jar Competition. We would love you to get involved by creating your very own story jar.



A story jar captures the essence of a story dear to your child in a jar. Through decorations, adding toys, creating scenes and even writing key phrases on the jar to show the important elements of the story they have picked. For example, a little stick broom, witch's hat and purple bow would go together to help to create a 'Room on the Broom' jar. There are some pictures below to give you some extra inspiration.



Entries should be submitted from **Monday 28th February to no later than Thursday 3rd March 2022** and handed to your class teacher. There will be one winner per year group, winners will be selected on Friday 4th March 2022 and will receive a certificate, a prize and their entry will be displayed with pride in our school library.

London Transport Museum Virtual Workshops

Year 5 and 6 are both taking part in virtual workshops run by the London Transport Museum. The workshops are entitled 'Engineering your Neighbourhood'. There is a charge for the workshops and we are asking if parents would please make a contribution of £2.50 per pupil, payable via ParentPay. Thank you!

Adrefelyn Farm Visit
(Wrexham) Years 1 and 2
Please ensure that consent slips are returned to school asap and before 25th March.

Dress Up

We are also inviting the children to join us on Thursday 3rd March to dress up as their favourite book character. If you have any further questions, please ask your class teacher for more information.

Covid update

We continue to see a number of Covid cases in school. As a school we are doing all we can to limit transmission. We are ventilating our classrooms by opening our doors and windows, ensuring regular handwashing and sanitising, as well as regular cleaning.

If you have been informed that your child is in a class that has positive cases, we ask that your child takes a lateral flow test each day before they attend school. Children in classes where there has been a positive case are required to attend school, unless they themselves receive a positive result or if they have symptoms after a negative PCR result.

Should a child receive a positive test please inform the school office as soon as possible.

If your child is displaying any Covid symptoms but their lateral flow result is negative we would advise that you take your child for a PCR test and await the results before attending school.

Please see the link to the latest isolation guidance as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We ask you to ensure you are aware of Covid symptoms in children:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Remote Education

In line with DfE guidance, attendance in school is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

Under current guidance schools are required to provide remote education to pupils where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19. Choosing to keep a child off school, who has not received a positive test result themselves, but because of a positive case in their class, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and in this case remote learning will not be provided.

Children who are self-isolating due to a positive test result but who are not physically unwell will have access to remote education in the form of work accessible from the school's Google Drive, as well as live direct teaching for Maths and English as soon as reasonably practicable. Teaching staff will communicate timetables to the affected families.

Can You Help?

The Stoke on Trent Churches Community Night Shelter is running very low on donations at the moment. They are in need of the following:

- Sleeping Bags
- Men's clothing sizes small, medium or large: joggers, jeans, t-shirts, jumpers, coats, underpants, trainers sizes 8-12
- Women's clothing sizes 6 -12: T-shirts, jumpers, leggings, jeans, coats, boots, trainers, shoes size 5-7.

If anyone is able to help, items can be dropped off at the school office this week and Mrs Lowndes will deliver donations on Saturday.



Book Donations

Have you any unwanted children's books at home?

We are always looking to enhance our classroom library areas. Do you have any unwanted children's books from ages 3 – 12 that could be recycled and donated to school? Please hand any donations to your child's class teacher or Mrs Riley in the school office. **Thank you to everyone who has already sent books to school.**



Community Fundraising



On Friday 18th February each class will be enjoying cake and hot chocolate. Please bring in a donation for this event. All monies raised will go towards the defibrillator.



Meet our Eco-Leaders and Warriors, Sports Ambassadors and Worship Leaders and Worship Team

On Friday last week we selected our remaining pupil leaders. Our Eco-Leaders, Sports Ambassadors and our Worship Leaders will join our house captains/vice captains and Royal Shakespeare Ambassadors on our Pupil Leaders team. These pupils will meet with staff to share their ideas about how to develop the school, as well as taking a leading role organising events in school.

Eco-Leaders

Oscar and Constantina

Eco-Warriors

Noah, Cereece, Lottie, Emmett and Grace

Sports Ambassadors

Harvie and Maddie

Worship Leaders

Fraser and Lily

Worship Team

Nancy, Ava, Xavier, Isla-Rae, Lezaan, Noah, Flora, Ruby, Lily T, Lily W, Holly, Oliver H, Harvie, Julian, Lexi, Edith

Congratulations to all pupils – we are very excited to work with you all to help make our school even better.

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Floyd
Reception	Georgie, Alexander
Year 1	Finn
Year 2	Franklin, Sophia
Year 3	Seb, George M
Year 4	All year 4
Year 5	Charlie, Lily T
Year 6	Benji, Charlie



Headteacher Award

Children can be nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Lowndes which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.

This week Mrs Lowndes presented the Headteacher Award to:

James for an amazing poster about Neil Armstrong



House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
120	118	133	130

What's on this week?

Week

commencing **Monday 14th February**

Monday	Mrs Diop Speech & Language online training (am)
Tuesday	Mrs L Cowling – Link Governor for Early Years in school Mrs L Jennings – Lichfield Diocese in school Year 6 SATs information evening at 6.00 pm
Wednesday	Governing Body Meeting at 4.00 pm
Thursday	Arc Theatre Group in school for Years 5 and 6
Friday	Mrs Maude End of KS1 Assessment training (pm) Community Fundraising – children to bring a donation for hot chocolate and cake

School Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a school Facebook page. We're trying to post regularly to give our families an insight into what the children are up to at school. Do please like our posts!

<https://www.facebook.com/BaldwinsGatePrimarySchool/>



Baldwins Gate Primary School – 2021/2022 Diary Dates

PLEASE CHECK DIARY DATES ON A REGULAR BASIS IN CASE OF AMENDMENT

Date	Event
Friday 15 th October	Deadline for the return of Academy Photo orders to school
Thursday 21 st October	Pupils break up for half term
Friday 22 nd October	Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	October half term week
Monday 1 st November	Pupils return to school
Thursday 4 th November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch
Monday 8 th November	Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight checks
Thursday 11 th November	Flu immunisation team in school – Reception to Year 6
Monday 15 th November	Stoke City Football Club City 7's in school to visit pupils in Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 17 th November	Year 5 and Year 6 religious difference and diversity workshops in school
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need – wear your glitz n glamour for a £1.00 donation to Children in Need
Thursday 2 nd December	PTA Film Night 3.30 – 5.30 pm BUZZ after school club closed.
Friday 3 rd December	Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – wear your Christmas Jumper and donate £1.00 to Save the Children Surprise Jars to school please
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch in school Class Christmas Parties (bring a £1.00 for Surprise Jars)
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Pupils return to school
Saturday 15 th January	Closing date for Reception admissions
Tuesday 8 th February	Year 1 Village Walk
Tuesday 15 th February	Year 6 SATs - Parents' meeting – at 6pm
Thursday 17 th February	Arc Theatre in school – road safety and staying safe around construction sites workshops to Years 5 and 6
Friday 18 th February	Community Fundraiser – hot chocolate and cake will be on sale Last day before half term

Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school Entries open for World Book Day story jar competition
Tuesday 1 st March	Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – dress up and closing date for bring in your story jar competition
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Friday 25 th March	Year 6 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall
Friday 8 th April	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday (Easter Monday on 18 th April)
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Week commencing 9 th May	KS2 SATs
Friday 27 th May	Last day before Half Term
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June	Half Term (Bank holidays on 2 nd and 3 rd June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 8 th to Friday 10 th June	Year 6 residential to Llandudno
Monday 20 th to Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 5 residential to Boreatton Park
Wednesday 13 th to Friday 15 th July	Year 4 residential to Stanley Head
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (1 of 2)
Friday 15 th July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (2 of 2)
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day before summer holiday
Thursday 21 st July	Summer holiday starts