

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your patience while we complete work to our early years playground. It is going to be very special when it's complete.

The children respectfully held a minutes silence on Thursday. The poetry writing and art work has been a pleasure to read and share. Have you seen the video we shared to our Facebook page?



<https://www.facebook.com/BaldwinsGatePrimarySchool/videos/622608185762099>

We will be continuing with our theme of sacrifice focusing on the ugliness of fighting and unkindness.

School Development Plan – Overview: Please find attached a document detailing the priorities from our School Development Plan. This will be discussed with governors at the meeting tomorrow.

We are all looking forward to Friday when we focus on **Children in Need** and **Get our Strictly on** to fundraise! The children can come to school in their sparkly best (dress, tie, bowtie, shirt) or Pudsey clothing. We look forward to a day of sparkles and fun!

Mrs Lowe
Headteacher

30 HOURS NURSERY FUNDING

Nursery parents are encouraged to apply or reconfirm their 30 hour code for Spring term by 31st December 2021

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Many of our parents who use BUZZ Breakfast and After School Club pay using Tax-Free Childcare.

Parents using the Tax-Free Childcare system must please email Mrs Riley when they have made a payment and let her know:

- Name of child
- Payment Reference
- Amount paid
- Date of transaction

This information allows Mrs Riley to match the payment on the government website. TFC payments are sent to Staffordshire County Council and then transferred to the school's budget. This can take up to 10 days. Once the payment is on the budget Mrs Riley uploads it to ParentPay.

Information on Tax Free Childcare is available at the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

PTA CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Thank you for returning your order forms and payments so promptly.

We will now get everything off to the suppliers.



SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Rogan, Violet
Reception	
Year 1	Noah
Year 2	Frank, Katie
Year 3	Kaylah, Seb
Year 4	Esme, Matilda
Year 5	Harry K, James
Year 6	Julian, Martha, Toby



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Week commencing Monday 15 th November	
Monday	Staff meeting – assessment Stoke City Football Club visiting Year 2 and 3 (City 7's)
Tuesday	ELSA training – Miss Green Online safety training – Mrs Maude Governors' Meeting at 4.00 pm
Wednesday	Year 5 and Year 6 religious difference and diversity workshops in school
Thursday	
Friday	SENCO Training - Mrs Lowndes Online Safety Training – Mrs Maude Children in Need – Get your Strictly or Pudsey on - £1.00 donation Celebration assembly
Assembly Focus	Sacrifice The ugliness of fighting and unkindness

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 19th November we are supporting Children in Need and Getting our Strictly or Pudsey On! We're asking the children to wear their Strictly or Pudsey best for a £1.00 donation to Children in Need. Please support this wonderful cause – bow ties, Pudsey t-shirts, top hats, glitter and feathers at the ready!



Christmas Surprise Jars

Please bring your Surprise Jars to school on Friday 10th December. They will be for sale to the children during the afternoon of Wednesday 15th December and will be sold for £1.00 each.

Some of you may be wondering what a surprise jar is?!!!!

Families fill jars with sweets or treats and then decorate them externally. It's always extremely popular with the children and a prize will be awarded for the best decorated jar in each class.

GUIDES AND RAINBOWS IN LOGGERHEADS

Information on the Guides and Rainbow groups at Hugo Meynell Primary School is attached. They meet on Mondays.

Christmas Countdown

Christmas is a magical time and we want to make it special for the children. However, we are still being advised to be cautious with regard to Covid-19 and avoid large indoor events. Thank you.



Christmas Cards

Children are very welcome to send Christmas cards within their individual classes but we are not operating the santa postbox and whole school posting.

Christmas Productions

This year's Christmas productions will be held virtually and sent to you via a video link.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be performing the Nativity and Key Stage 2 will performing a Magical Musical Celebration from their classrooms.

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Please start collecting/saving your empty jam jars, coffee jars, pickle jars any jars to be honest!

How to make your Surprise Jar!!!!

1. Wash out a jam jar and lid.
2. Fill the jam jar with interesting contents
3. Put the lid on and have fun decorating your jam jar – don't forget to put your name somewhere on the jar!

Contents examples:

- Sweets (small packets or wrapped not loose sweets) – no nuts
- Pens
- Hair accessories
- Bubble wands
- Toy cars
- Small bouncy balls



Please send filled jars to school on Friday 10th December

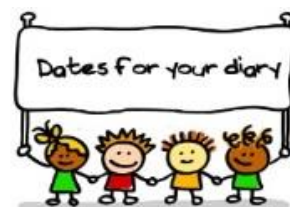
We look forward to seeing some amazing creations!

Thursday 2 nd December	Christmas Movie Night from 3.30 pm Information will be sent home shortly
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 donation for Save the Children Surprise Jars to school please
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch Followed by class Christmas parties and Surprise Jars Please bring £1.00 for a Surprise Jar.
Friday 17 th December	We break up for Christmas at the normal time of 3.30 pm

Additional events may be added so please check diary dates on the school newsletter each week.

Baldwins Gate Primary School – 2021/2022 Diary Dates

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



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
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch in school
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