

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin my last half term by reiterating the importance of supporting the children through partnerships. As we all come through a very difficult time and especially for our children, this has never been so important. If you have any worries or concerns, please contact us here at Baldwins Gate.

HANDING OVER THE REINS

During this half term we will be ensuring that the change of headship role from me to Mrs Lowndes is smooth and seamless. We are sharing school documentation, jointly attending meetings and ensuring the school's safeguarding and health & Safety procedures and protocols are compliant. In this 'sharing way' we are ensuring continuity.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Our Covid-19 risk assessments remain in place. The R rates remain high and, as a result, our local Health & Safety and Outbreak Team recommend caution. These measures are under constant review. I thank you for your amazing support and co-operation.

VALUES

Our school values underpin all we do. Each week we focus on these values through our assemblies, class discussion and PSHE.

This week we will be looking at respect.

Luke 6:31 Treat others just as you would want them to treat you

The children see both respect and disrespect all around them. Football players who take the knee, most people in a crowd clapping, but some booing. They see litter but they also see people picking it up. They see and hear respectful ideas on television and social media and, unfortunately, also see and hear unkind and disrespectful comments.

We teach the children to be respectful of their world, their community, each other and themselves. We will be observing respectfully a minutes silence for Remembrance Day and by looking at the issues being discussed at COP26 we will explore respect for our world.

As part of the Baldwins Gate Primary School community we should all uphold our school values. By sending your child to this school you are also demonstrating a commitment to its values.

I would like to share a quote with you:

"Where there is not community, trust and respect, ethical behaviours are difficult for the young to learn and for the old to maintain."

We will be learning how to be respectful to all by:

- Listening to each other
- Being thoughtful of each other's feelings
- Acknowledging each other with small words of kindness, including thank you.
- Addressing our mistakes with kindness and understanding.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

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| Week commencing Monday 1 st November | |
| Monday | Staff meeting |
| Tuesday | Miss Green attending ELSA training |
| Wednesday | KS1 Moderation (Mrs Maude) |
| Thursday | Bonfire Night Themed Lunch Mrs Boulton (Chair of Governors) attending SIAMS training |
| Friday | KS2 Moderation (Mrs Lowndes) |
| Assembly Focus | Respect Treat others just as you would want them to treat you |

30 HOURS NURSERY FUNDING

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

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TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE – PLEASE ACTION ASAP

We are using the School Gateway app to send messages to parents and carers. Would you please ensure that you install the School Gateway App on your phone to enable the school to message you effectively.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you would like to find out more click [here](#)

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.
Mrs Riley

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Parents using the school's BUZZ Breakfast and After School Club may be interested in the government's Tax-Free Childcare initiative. In brief, for every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2.00, up to £2,000 per child per year. You can use the Tax-Free Childcare scheme to pay for BUZZ. Full details are available online at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

DIARY DATES:

Height and Weight Checks for Reception and Year 6 NHS staff will be in school on **Monday 8th November** to complete the height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6. Information has been emailed to parents. Please contact Mrs Riley if you have not received information. Thank you.

The School Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 11th November** to undertake the **flu vaccination programme on pupils in Reception to Year 6**. Information will be sent home as soon as it is available.

Baldwins Gate Primary School – 2021/2022 Diary Dates

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



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| 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 |
| 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 |