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Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is
Courage

“Be strong and
courageous; do not be
frightened or dismayed,
for the LORD your God is
with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Our Prayer this week –



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.

Amen

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

I do hope you enjoyed the half term break. It's a short half term this side of Easter and we have a lot of learning and activities to squeeze in!

We have a number of trips taking place this year. Please assist us with the planning and organisation by providing consent as soon as possible and meeting deadline dates for payments. We have numerous invoices to pay and need to be able to confirm numbers and the viability of trips. Thank you.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's wellbeing, education or if there is anything you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

We are here to work in partnership with you.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

What's on?

Week commencing Monday 19th February

Monday	Hockey after school activity (KS2)
Tuesday	Girls' football after school activity
Wednesday	Mrs Jennings from the Diocese in school BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS)
Thursday	
Friday	



Traffic Lights in Baldwins Gate

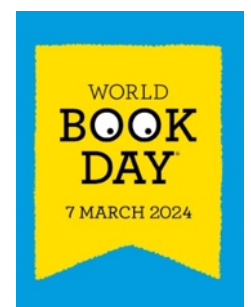
We very much appreciate how much of an issue the traffic lights near the Sheet Anchor are causing. If you are stuck in traffic and running late, for the duration of the roadworks children arriving before 9.30 am will not be marked as Late.

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If children do not wish to dress up, they can wear own clothes.

Competition Time

We are going to have a **decorate a paper plate to represent your favourite book competition** across the school. Paper plates will be sent home with the children this week, along with their World Book Day voucher. **Decorated plates should be returned on Wednesday 6th March** for judging on World Book Day. There will be a prize for the best plate in each year group.





School Lunches – Price Increase in April 2024

The school meal price from 1st April will increase to £2.95 per meal.

SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 19th February Week 1

A copy of the menu is available on the school website, please see link below.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

Special Diets

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register with Edwards and Ward at the following link: edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

May we please remind you that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and any snack or packed lunches must not contain items containing nuts. We have several children in school who are anaphylactic and carry epipens.



MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can I remind you that the use of mobile phones on school grounds is not permitted. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at drop off and pick up times. Do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your mobile phone away.



Year 6 – Recorder Festival on Wednesday 6th March

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that they can purchase tickets for the Recorder Festival. Please see information below:

Recorder Festival Ticket Booking Information



Victoria Hall Concerts

Tuesday 5 March 12.30pm and 6.45pm

Wednesday 6 March 12.30pm

£6.50 adults / £5 children / £18 family ticket

You can purchase tickets at the Victoria Hall box office 90 minutes before the show starts.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Regent Theatre or Victoria Hall box office if there is a show on at that time (you can check by using the ATG website).

You can also purchase online at www.atgtickets.com or with the ATG call centre 0333 009 6690. Booking online or through the call centre incurs an additional charge made by ATG per ticket plus a transaction fee.

Half Term Holiday Club

Having spoken to some of the children who attended the holiday club provided by VIP Education during the half term holiday, they seem to have enjoyed the various activities on offer.

It would help us tremendously if you could please complete the holiday club feedback form available at the link below. This isn't just for the parents of those who used the half term club but an opportunity for all our families to provide their views on holiday club provision at Baldwins Gate. Would you please submit your form by Tuesday 27th February. Thank you.

[HOLIDAY CLUB FEEDBACK FORM](#)

VIP will be running an Easter Holiday Club at Baldwins Gate and information will be sent out later this week.

Payments for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound

The total outstanding balance today stands at £559.88

Breakdown:		
Dinner money	17 payments outstanding	Totalling £226.28
BUZZ	19 payments outstanding	Totalling £291.60
Nursery Wraparound	3 payments outstanding	Totalling £42.00

Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.

Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.

SAFEGUARDING

At Baldwins Gate Primary School we have a moral and legal duty to keep all our children safe from harm. Harm which can hinder the development of a child can be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and sexual abuse.

Where we have concerns in any area we will talk firstly to the child. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council. It will then be their responsibility to investigate further.

Please do not be offended in any way if a member of staff approaches you or discusses a concern with you. Equally if you have any concerns or require any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our safeguarding leads.

We are all committed to giving the children the environment and safety in which to learn.



PARENTS' EVENING – SUMMER TERM

A note for your diaries. Parents' evenings next term will take place during the week commencing Monday 15th April. Information will of course be sent out nearer the time.

PE KIT ON PE DAYS

Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on PE days. Our PE kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or black shorts
- Navy joggers

Hoodies and any other t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you.

Services provided by Baldwins Gate Primary School are no different to those provided by any other business in that meals and other services must be paid for in advance and on demand. Most parents and carers understand that they cannot take their child to McDonald's and expect the provision of food or services without paying.

Please check your ParentPay account regularly and ensure your balance is not outstanding. Chasing outstanding money owed to the school causes considerable extra work for office staff and embarrassment for all concerned.

If you require any assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Riley in the office. She will be only too happy to help.

SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We are introducing a rolling programme of trips so this list should prove useful for everyone by providing information on trips that your child will access as they progress through school.

The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 th October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 th November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 nd October
N/R	22 nd November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 th November
All	21 st December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 rd January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 th January
6	6 th March	Recorder Festival	£5.00	23 rd February
All	21 st March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 th to 12 th April	York	£165.00	4 th March
2	16 th April	Trentham	£15.00	2 nd February
EYFS	24 th April	Blue Planet	£20.00	1 st March
3	24 th April	Chester Zoo	£23.00	1 st March
3	1 st to 3 rd May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 th April
5	8 th to 10 th May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 th April
1	22 nd May	Lakemore Farm Park	£10.00	8 th April
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

A number of families pay for Nursery Wraparound and BUZZ using the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme. For every £8 you pay into the TFC online childcare account, the government will pay in £2.00 to use to pay your provider. It can sometimes take 10 days for payments to reach school. Would you please bear this in mind and process payments in advance to avoid your ParentPay account going into arrears. Thank you.

Information on the Tax-Free Childcare scheme is available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



PARKING

Could I stress the importance of not parking in the GP surgery car-park. Staff need to gain access to the surgery throughout the day. Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

A reminder of the school's policy with regard to sickness and diarrhoea. A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at school is to be collected immediately and **kept away until 48 hours following their last case of sickness and/or diarrhoea**. If a child reports that they have had sickness and/or diarrhoea whilst at home, the school will contact the parent. If the parent confirms that this is the case, they will be asked to collect their child immediately.

This 48 hour rule is essential in order to protect other students or staff from contracting a bug. Unfortunately, this may mean that a student misses a school event.

Fundraising for our school and how you can help

In addition to supporting the various fundraising events organised throughout the year, Baldwins Gate Primary School (School Fund) is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

We use our School Fund to support trips, resources and fun things for the children, such as the recent pantomime.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:
<http://efraising.org/ELorNbEQrU>

Thank you so much!

What's going on in the local area?

Airfix Make n' Paint

Date and time

Sat, 16 Mar 2024 10:00 - 15:30

Location

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery Bethesda Street Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DW



Build and paint your own model kit in the Spitfire Gallery! Perfect for first-time modellers, you'll learn how to assemble and paint one of a range of vehicle models. Materials and models have been kindly provided by Airfix including Spitfires, iconic Sopwith Camel biplanes, Fokker DR1 triplanes, and WWI tanks.

Places are limited and booking is advised. Tickets are free but participants will be asked to fill out a short survey.

This activity involves glue and paint, appropriate clothing is advised. These are authentic Airfix kits with small parts and detailed instructions. Children (16 and under) will need adult supervision and assistance. Depending on the age and competency of your child, one on one supervision may be required. The activity is not suitable for children under 5.

Slots are booked for 60 minutes, with the first slot at 10am and the last 2:30pm. You may need to finish off your model at home.

To claim your place, simply book a time slot. Each ticket reserves space for 1 person building 1 model. Multiple bookings for the same person are not permitted. Supervising adults who aren't building a kit themselves do not need to book a ticket. Please note that, due to availability of kits, we can't guarantee which model kit you will be given on the day.

To book tickets: [TICKETS](#)

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