

Baldwins Gate CE Primary School

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NEWSLETTER AND DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support for **Children in Need** on Friday. We had a very colourful day much enjoyed by all. We've raised £142.00 for Children in Need. Thank you!

We are endeavouring to ensure that **Christmas** is a magical time in school for the children. We have Christmas Jumper Day, class parties, Surprise Jars and Christmas lunch. We will also be sending home our virtual Nativity (Key Stage 1) and Christmas Musical (Key Stage 2). To invite parents into a "packed hall" is not advised and it would be unfair if we caused illness over the festive period.



The children are going to church for a Christmas service. To reduce capacity in church we are holding both a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 service. Unfortunately parents will not be able to join us.

Can I **congratulate Mrs Diop** who has completed her Initial Teacher Training.

I hope you have had an opportunity to admire the new **Early Years play area**. The wobbly bridge is proving very popular.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA – 48 HOUR RULE

From time to time children have sickness and/or diarrhoea either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.



Can I please ask parents and carers to ensure that children **do not** return to school if they have sickness or diarrhoea for 48 hours after the last episode of either.

It is important that we all act responsibly and uphold the recommendations issued by Public Health England.

[Public Health England](https://www.gov.uk/public-health-england)

[NHS - Is my child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/)

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

SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Everly, George H, William
Reception	
Year 1	Sennon
Year 2	Everyone!
Year 3	George M, Noah
Year 4	Arthur B, Elodie
Year 5	Emily W, Lincoln
Year 6	Betsy, Jake



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Week commencing Monday 22nd November

Monday	Football match at Chesterton
Tuesday	ELSA training – Miss Green Online safety training – Mrs Maude and Mrs Lowndes
Wednesday	Miss Sahiby, Mrs Lowndes, Mr Ahearne and Miss Ward attending RSC training event after school
Thursday	
Friday	
Assembly Focus	Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up Proverbs 12:25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

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Nursery and Reception

OPEN DAY EVENTS

Monday 29th November, 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Tuesday 30th November, 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Wednesday 1st December, 4.00 – 5.00 pm

If you are interested in a place in our Nursery or Reception class for September 2022, please come along, look around and meet our staff. You will be made very welcome.

Our dedicated and highly experienced staff work hard to ensure that every child reaches their full potential and we celebrate the achievements of all of our children.

Our Christian ethos underpins all that we do; how we treat each other and how we help those around us.

As a small school we are proud of our nurturing and caring environment.



To book your place please contact the school office on: 01782 680649

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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.

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 at our class Christmas parties 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.

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

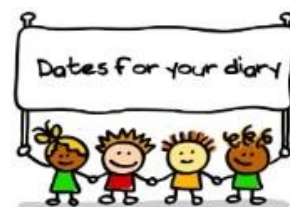
We look forward to seeing some amazing creations!

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	Pupils to visit Whitmore Church for Christmas Service (pupils and staff only) 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 Surprise Jars to school please
Wednesday 15 th December	Pupils to visit Whitmore Church 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