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This week we continue our focus on online safety.



How much is your child online?

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world.

Do you know what your child is doing or accessing online?

Please can we remind you:

- to check your children's privacy settings on their various accounts
- to talk to your children about who they are interacting with online, are they friends or strangers?
- to ensure your child is not playing games or watching content that is not age appropriate, as many games and videos aimed at older children contain violence, theft, aggression and content that is not suitable for primary school children.

You may find these links helpful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Last week was another busy week in school for both staff and pupils. All our clubs are now up and running and the children have really enjoyed taking part in a range of after school activities – many thanks to all the staff for facilitating these opportunities for the pupils. Year 6 made their first visit to the mobile library and were excited to choose their next reading book. I visited another primary school with our chair of Governors, Mrs Boulton, it was great to get out and about and begin to build links with other schools. We also said goodbye to Miss Hope, our trainee teacher, who has been working in year 5; I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best in the next stage of her teacher training.

With the government's lifting of 'Plan B' restrictions we are planning to get back to a more 'normal', pre covid environment in school in the next few weeks, as long as cases remain low in school. This will involve allowing classes to mix on the playground and the coming together of pupils and staff in the hall for our daily worship. This return to 'normal' will require planning to ensure systems and procedures are in place, as many of our younger pupils will not have experienced this before, so for now we will continue with our 'bubble' system. I will update you further in the coming weeks.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Parking

STAFF CAR PARK - Parents are **not** permitted to park on the school car park unless you are in possession of a Blue Badge and have made arrangements with the school office.



ZIG ZAGS OUTSIDE SCHOOL – Under no circumstances should parents park on the zig zag lines and/or pavement outside school/adjacent to the roundabout.

Health & Safety Message - Early Years Soft Pour Play Surface

Could we please ask that our Nursery and Reception parents and children avoid walking on the blue soft pour play area when the weather is frosty/icy. The soft pour surface seems to get very slippery in very cold weather and we are unable to apply grit salt to it. Thank you.

Meet our staff team

Hello! My name is Mrs Heathcote and I currently share the teaching of year 3 with Mrs Roche. My love of Baldwins Gate School began 12 years ago when I moved to the area and my eldest son started in the nursery. I have been a teacher at Baldwins Gate for the last 6 years and have had the privilege of teaching in years 1, 2 and 3. Prior to this, I taught in a primary school in Wolverhampton for 11 years. As well as teaching our wonderful year 3's, I have responsibility for History, Geography and Science across the school.



I live locally with my husband, three children and three crazy cats! We particularly enjoy visiting our caravan in Wales and love our long walks on the beach.



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

Just a reminder...



**The deadline date for
Nursery admissions
(September 2022) is
Monday 31st January.**

School Lunches

Menu Weeks

24th Jan – Week 1

31st Jan – Week 2

7th Feb – Week 3

14th Feb – Week 1

Half Term

Library Bus Visit

On Friday Year 6 walked to the Village Hall to visit the Mobile Library bus. Reading is very important for all children and it was wonderful to see the children so excited to explore the range of books on offer and to choose their next reading book.



Big Schools' Birdwatch Takes Place This Week

This year each class will be taking part in the RSPB's 'Big School's Birdwatch 2022' this week. The children will be going out into the school grounds to see which birds they can spot. We hope that taking part will develop the children's knowledge of British birds, how to spot them and how to identify them, as well as being a fun activity for all.



This is also something you can take part in at home using the link below.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Covid update

Guidance on isolation has changed:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD), test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If you are informed that there has been a Covid case within your child's class—we would encourage you to conduct LFD tests regularly. Children can be asymptomatic and on these occasions - symptoms will simply not show.

FROM MON 24th JANUARY 2022 The Prime Minister announced on 19 January that the temporary introduction of Plan B is to end. As a result, the Plan B measures in this guidance for schools are being removed. This advice remains subject to change as the situation develops. As a school—we shall continue to keep in place our Covid plans and arrangements while the virus is prevalent in the area. **We encourage all visitors to the school site to wear face coverings until told otherwise.**

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>

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

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.

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/>

SATs, Phonics Screening and Multiplication Tables Check Preparation

For the first time since 2019, pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will take external assessments in the Summer of 2022. In preparation for this we wish to provide parents with support and direction on how to help from home and support us here in school. It is acknowledged that the gaps to pupils' education due to covid is expected to affect data, we are working hard in school to reduce the impact of the National Lockdowns on pupil outcomes and I am sure that you will work with us in this by supporting your child at home.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Parents' meeting – date and time tbc
Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting – Tuesday 1st March at 6pm
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Parents' meeting – date and time tbc
Year 6 SATs - Parents' meeting – Tuesday 15th February at 6pm

I am also running additional sessions for year 6 pupils before and after school. These sessions are optional but I strongly recommend attendance as they will be beneficial to pupils learning.

Year 6 reading comprehension – Tuesdays at 8:15am beginning 25th January
Year 6 maths – Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm beginning 27th January

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 in advance.

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Ember
Reception	Evie, Surya
Year 1	Dayna
Year 2	Hudson, Wilfred
Year 3	George, Kai
Year 4	Annabelle, Izzy
Year 5	Lily, Oscar
Year 6	Dan C, Dan W



Headteacher Awards

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.

Mrs Lowndes has presented Headteacher Awards this week to:

- Grace in Reception** for always seeking to challenge and extend her abilities at home and school.
- Myles in Year 2** for fantastic writing.



Well done!

House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
34	29	31	35

What's on this week?

Week

commencing **Monday 24th January**

Monday	Mrs Diop – Online speech and language training Register inspection RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch Week Year 6 Football Team – Chesterton Community Sports College
Tuesday	Deadline for return of Parents' Evening slips to school
Wednesday	Finance Officer in school
Thursday	Miss Ward - End of KS2 Assessment training Tweensafe (4 of 4) Mrs Maude – RSC meeting
Friday	

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 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	Last day before half term
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 1 st March	Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Friday 25 th March	Year 6 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
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 Breatton 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