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Safeguarding Spot



If you have any questions or concerns over your child's use of social media, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Maude our designated safeguarding lead.

Dear Parents

As we enter the last week of this half term, I would like to begin by congratulating all the children on their hard work and efforts. Although it has only been a short half term it has once again proved to be very busy and filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities for all the children.

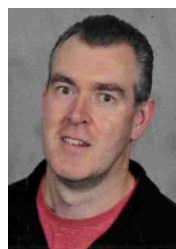
This final week of half term is going to be filled with lots of Jubilee activities for the children, building up to our 'Street Party' lunch outside on the playground on Friday (weather permitting).

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for your continued support to the school and the staff, for their dedication and hard work.

I wish you all a restful and safe half term holiday.

Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff team – Mr Gratton



Hello, I am Mr Gratton. I am the school Caretaker and I also do some of the cleaning. I have been at Baldwins Gate for just over 7 years. Before that I worked on the railways for longer than I care to remember.

As Caretaker I carry out many of the 'behind the scenes' jobs around the school buildings and grounds, such as any day-to-day maintenance work, various health & safety checks (not very exciting but necessary!) and, of course, opening and closing the gates at each end of the school day.

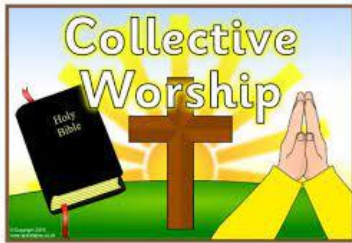
Outside work I enjoy cooking, travelling and anything outdoors, including long-distance walking and camping with my family.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in School

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, throughout this week each class will be taking part in lessons and activities where they will be learning all about the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee. The week will end with a celebration tea on Friday 27th May, weather permitting the children will eat together outside in a street party style.



We invite the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on this day.



Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Friendship'

'Encourage one another and build each other up.'

1 Thessalonians 5.11

Each week our worship will explore the value of friendship using the following themes:

- Sticking together
- Encouraging one another
- Supporting one another
- Making time for each other
- Learning to listen

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.*

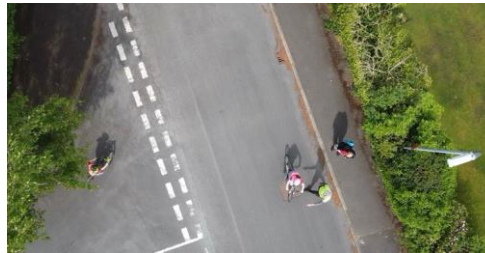
*For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are
yours.*

Now and forever.

Amen

Bikeability and Scooterbility

Congratulations to our Year 2, 4 and 5 pupils who took part in either Scooterbility or Bikeability last week. The children all enjoyed the opportunity to practice riding safely either by or on the local side roads. I was very proud of the children and their wonderful manners and behaviour – this was commented on by all the instructors after each session.



The Tempest

"After half term we are excited to be studying 'The Tempest' as our Shakespeare text, a wonderful play about families, magic and forgiveness. Here at Baldwins Gate we will be focusing on the theme of spirits and monsters. A group of us will go to the New Vic Theatre to perform. Special piece - how exciting!!"

Poppy and Amaya



Key Stage One Trip to Beeston Castle

Last Wednesday Year 1 and 2 went to Beeston Castle where they had a fabulous day exploring.

"It was a really fun day. It took an hour to get there. We went on a woodland walk and had to look out for different things like bluebells, ferns and snails, and we saw bat caves that were blocked off. After the walk we had lunch. Then we walked up to the top of the castle, it was very windy - Miss Macbryde's group's hats kept getting blown away. We saw a secret tunnel and a massive puddle we had to jump over. There was great view at the top of the castle. We did some drawings of what we thought the castle would have looked like in the past and what it looks like now. We had a great day."

Lottie and Sophia

All the staff involved in the trip were very proud of the children and their wonderful behaviour, as a headteacher I was very proud to receive the following comment from the bus driver:

"Would you be kind enough to pass on my gratitude for excellence shown by the children during their trip to Beeston Castle. The cleanliness of the coach after the trip was immaculate and their conduct throughout was impeccable; clearly a culture nurtured by the school and the teachers."



School Lunches

New menu!

Menu Weeks

25th April – Week 2
 2nd May – Week 3
 9th May – Week 1
 16th May – Week 2
 23rd May – Week 3
 Half Term
 6th June – Week 1
 13th June – Week 2
 20th June – Week 3
 27th June – Week 1
 4th July – Week 2
 11th July – Week 3
 18th July – Week 1
 Summer Holiday



Year 5 Residential

PGL Boreatton Park

20th to 22nd June 2022

Total cost: £210

The trip must be paid for in full by 31st May 2022.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay the balance in instalments:

1	£45.00	28.2.22
2	£45.00	31.3.22
3	£45.00	29.4.22
4	£45.00	31.5.22

Year 6 Residential to

Llandudno 8th-10th June 2022

Year 3 Outdoor Education Day Trips

14th and 15th July 2022

Total cost: £48.00

The trip must be paid for in full by Tuesday 3rd May.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

Deposit	£18.00	1.3.22
1	£15.00	1.4.22
2	£15.00	3.5.22

Year 4 residential visit to Stanley Head

13th to 15th July 2022

Total cost: £130

The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 10th June 2022

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

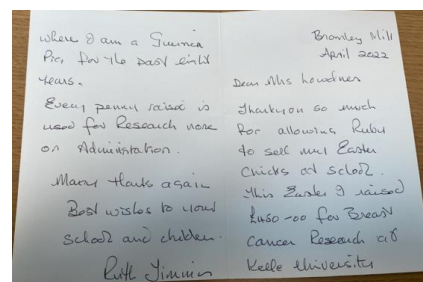
Deposit	£40.00	1.3.22
1	£30.00	1.4.22
2	£30.00	3.5.22
3.	£30.00	7.6.22

INFORMATION MEETING FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS:

Tuesday 14th June at 2.45 pm

Charity Fundraising

Congratulations to Ruby who before Easter was selling Easter chicks, both in and out of school to raise money for Breast Cancer Research, she raised an amazing £450 – well done Ruby.



Year 4 and Year 6 Visits to Lichfield Cathedral

Year 4 and Year 6 pupils have been invited to visit Lichfield Cathedral to take part in one of their Inspire Days. The visits are to take place on the following dates:

Year 4: Tuesday 7th June

Year 6: Monday 13th June

An email has been sent providing you with information. All consents/voluntary contributions were due by Friday 20th May. **Would those families who have not yet provided consent please do so as a matter of urgency.** Thank you.

MADELEY SCHOOL – YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS

Our Year 6 pupils who join Madeley School in September will spend two induction days at their new school on Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July. We will share transport with Hugo Meynell Primary School on both days. Madeley School will provide more information in due course.

BUZZ Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that parents must book places at Breakfast and After School Club in advance. You are able to pre-book sessions for the academic year or on a weekly basis if your childcare needs are different each week. If you are booking on a weekly basis, you must email the school office with your booking information for the following week by 3.30 pm on a Friday afternoon (office@baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk).

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 23rd May

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Year 6 – BeeActive (pm)
Thursday	Deb O'Neill Stoke Community Trust Reception and Year 6
Friday	Jubilee Lunch – children to dress in red, white and blue

School Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a school Facebook page. We're trying to post regularly to give our families an insight into what the children are up to at school. <https://www.facebook.com/BaldwingsGatePrimarySchool/>



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 8 th February	Year 1 Village Walk
Tuesday 15 th February	Year 6 SATs – Parents' meeting – at 6pm
Thursday 17 th February	Are Theatre in school – road safety and staying safe around construction sites workshops to Years 5 and 6
Friday 18 th February	Community Fundraiser – hot chocolate and cake will be on sale Last day before half term
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school Entries open for World Book Day story jar competition
Tuesday 1 st March	Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – dress up and closing date for bring in your story jar competition
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Wednesday 9 th March	Western Power workshop Years 5 and 6 (pm)
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief – Mismatch dress code for a donation of £1.00
Thursday 24 th March	Return shoeboxes for Ukrainian children to school today
Friday 25 th March	Year 6 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Monday 27 th March	Weightlifting demonstration and taster sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall
Monday 4 th April	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6 th April	Year 4 Information Meeting for Parents re Multiplication Tests 3.30 pm in classroom
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Services at Whitmore Church (morning) School Film Night – 3.30 – 6.00 pm (Bookable via ParentPay)
Friday 9 th April	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday (Easter Monday on 19 th April)
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Week commencing 5 th May	K52 SATs
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 6 Llandudno Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Wednesday 18 th May	Years 1 and 2 to Beeston Castle, in school for 8.45 am
Thursday 19 th May	Year 5 PGL Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall Academy Photography in school – class groups, teams, Year 6 leavers
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Lunch – children to dress in red, white and blue 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
Tuesday 7 th June	Year 4 to Lichfield Cathedral
Wednesday 8 th to Friday 10 th June	Year 6 residential to Llandudno
Monday 13 th June	Year 6 to Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 4 Stanley Head Information Meeting for Parents, 2.45 pm in classroom
Monday 20 th to Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 5 residential to Boreatton Park
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Monday 4 th July	Madeley School Induction Day 1 of 2 (Year 6 pupils transferring)
Tuesday 5 th July	Madeley School Induction Day 2 of 2 (Year 6 pupils transferring)
Friday 8 th July	Sports Day (contingency date)
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)
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2.00 pm (Year 6 families invited) Year 6 BBQ at 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day before summer holiday
Thursday 21 st July	Summer holiday starts

