



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th March 2022

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Safeguarding Spot



At Baldwins CE 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
- Social and emotional
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse

Where we have concerns in any area we will question and investigate. If we have cause to be concerned, we will make our concerns known to the First Response team at Staffordshire County Council.

Our school safeguarding lead is Mrs Maude. If you have any concerns about a child, or feel that you as a family may need some help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with school.

It is the penultimate week of the spring term and yet again it promises to be another busy week in school for both the children and staff.

We are seeing a number of Covid-19 cases in school at the moment, please can I ask that you are extra vigilant and follow government guidance if your child displays symptoms, more information is contained later in the newsletter.

Last week our year 5 and 6 cross country runners competed in their first race and this week we are excited to announce that the second race will take place here on Tuesday 29th at 4pm. Please come along and support the children, remembering to be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Year 6 are going to the Victoria Hall this week to take part in a recorder festival, they have been working hard and practising a lot, especially for their solo performance. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them luck.

Thank you all for your continued support and don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or your child's class teacher should you have any questions.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff team – Mrs Diop



Hello everyone, I am Mrs Diop and I teach in Reception. I adore working with the children each day and seeing them reach their full potential.

When not at work I very much enjoy spending time with my family. I have three children ranging from 14 to 23 years old.

I was born in Senegal, West Africa but relocated to France when I was 5. I lived with my family in Paris until I moved to the UK in my early 20's. I worked as an Early Years Practitioner and Teaching Assistant before training to become a teacher.

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.

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. This also applies to parents/carers dropping off or collecting children from Buzz club.

**Our Prayer this week –
A Prayer for Ukraine written
by our Reception Class**



*Please God,
Can you save the people of
Ukraine with your love,
Help Russia stop hurting
people and destroying their
homes.*

*Please help the people of
Ukraine know that we are
thinking of them,
Keep them safe and help
make sure our gifts of
support get to the people on
need safely.*

*Please let the children have
fun with our toys that people
are sending them.*

Amen

Written by Reception



**Just a
reminder...**

School Lunches

Menu Weeks

28th Feb – Week 3

7th March – Week 1

14th March – Week 2

21st March – Week 3

28th March – Week 1

4th April – Week 2

Easter Holiday

Film Night – Thursday 7th April – 3.30-6.00 pm

On Thursday 7th April, there will be a film night after school. The film (to be confirmed) will be a "U" certificate and the children will be split into KS1 and KS2 to watch it. During the event, the children will be given a snack of popcorn, hotdog, cake and juice.



There will be no BUZZ after school club on this evening.

The children will need to be collected **at 6.00 pm from the main entrance.**

There will be a fee of £5.00 per child and a maximum charge of £10.00 per family.

If your child/children would like to take part in film night, please provide payment and consent via ParentPay **before Monday 4th April so that we have time to buy provisions for the night.**

On ParentPay you will also be asked to provide information regarding allergies and dietary requirements. Please ensure you include the relevant child's name against this information.

We do hope your child will be able to take part. It should be a fun way to start the Easter Holiday.

Covid update

On Monday 21st February the Government announced that from Thursday 24th February 2022 there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate; however, if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. From 24th February contacts of those who have tested positive for COVID-19 are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, contact tracing has ended.

The guidance published by the UK Health Security Agency (see link below) states that, "Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not** attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature."

If your child receives a positive COVID-19 test result, you **should follow this guidance.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Remote Education relating to COVID-19

In line with DfE guidance, attendance in school is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

Under current guidance schools are required to provide remote education to pupils where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19.

Choosing to keep a child off school, who has not received a positive test result themselves, but because of a positive case in their class, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and in this case remote learning will not be provided.

Remote education relates specifically to COVID-19, children who are not in school because they are unwell with any other illness, do not have access to remote

**Adrefelyn Farm Visit
(Wrexham) Years 1 and 2**
Please ensure that consent slips are returned to school asap and before 25th March.

**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

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS:
Thursday 19th May at 2.45 pm in the hall

Year 6 Residential to Llandudno 8th-10th June 2022
Total cost: £120.00
The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 25th March 2022.
Payment schedule if you have opted to pay the balance in instalments:

1	£17.00	26.11.21
2	£25.00	28.1.22
3	£25.00	25.2.22
4	£25.00	25.3.22

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS:

Tuesday 17th May at 2.45 pm in the hall

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

learning. Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are unwell are not required to access remote learning until they are physically well enough to do so.

Children who are following Government guidance and self-isolating due to a positive test result but who are not physically unwell will continue to have access to remote education in the form of work accessible from the school's Google Drive, as well as live direct teaching for Maths and English as soon as reasonably practicable. Teaching staff will communicate timetables to the affected families.

Information for Parents – Year 4

Miss Sahiby will be holding an information session for parents about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) on Wednesday 6th April at 3.30 pm.

Information for Parents – Year 6

On Monday 4th April Miss Ward and Mrs Lowndes are holding a parents' evening for year 6 parents. Appointment times will be sent out this week.

Sports Success

Last week the year 6 netball team took part in their final round of league matches in the Newcastle Netball league. The children played very well, winning 2 out of 3 of their matches, finishing third in the league overall – we are very proud of their achievements.



Last Tuesday the year 5 and 6 cross country runners took part in their first race at Sir John Offley Primary School. All the runners did very well with many top 10 finishes. However, I feel I must congratulate the whole team not just for their results but for the amazing resilience and determination shown by all those taking part and the encouragement and team spirit shown by everyone. I was very proud of all those who took part and the way our school values shone through.

Clubs and Additional Sessions

There continues to be lots going on both before and after school this half term.

Year 1	Wednesdays is Well-being club
Year 2	Tuesday pm – Stop Animation Club and Additional maths (Tuesday and Wednesday morning depending on group) in preparation for SATs.
Year 3	Tuesday is Games club
Year 4	Tuesday is Craft Club
Year 5	Thursday is Cookery club
Year 6	Tuesday is additional Comprehension; Thursday is additional Maths in preparation for SATs.

A big thank you to staff for this.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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@baldwinsgate.staffs.sch.uk).

Support for Ukraine – Thank you

Thank you to all those who made up boxes or donated items for the 'Support Boxes for Ukraine' appeal. The generosity of our school community was something to behold.



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

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Phoebe
Reception	William W, Lori
Year 1	James W
Year 2	Caleb, Hudson
Year 3	Monty
Year 4	Zoey, Maddie
Year 5	Harley, Noah
Year 6	Lexi, Edith



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:

- Lily B** for being an amazing helper and helping Mr Smith and EYFS at lunch time.
- Jayden** for putting in lots of effort and producing a super piece of work about the railway in history.

House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
289	278	283	280

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 28th March

Monday	Weightlifting taster sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall Cross Country race at Baldwins Gate (after school)
Wednesday	Worship Committee to meet with Mrs Boulton and Mr Talbot Meeting of the governing body at 4.00 pm
Thursday	Deb O'Neill Stoke Community Trust Reception and Year 6
Friday	Mrs Lowndes – attending SENCo training

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. Do please like our posts!

<https://www.facebook.com/BaldwinsGatePrimarySchool/>



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	Arc 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 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
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 6 Llandudno Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Thursday 19 th May	Year 5 PGL Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
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
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
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)
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