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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

I cannot believe we are in the final week of January already. We've been busy in school and the weeks have certainly flown.

Year 1 had a super day in Nantwich last Tuesday and enjoyed extending their learning about the Great Fire of Nantwich. Thank you to everyone who accompanied the children.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Multiplication Tables Check information evening. We do hope you found it of use.

We rounded last week off with a pantomime. The children enjoyed a pantomime version of “A Christmas Carol” on Friday afternoon.

Mrs Lowndes, Headteacher

GOVERNORS

Governors met on Wednesday last week and welcomed Mr Lawton, Mr Pithers and Mrs Rowe, our newly appointed parent governors, to the governing body.

POLICIES

Governors have approved the school's updated Attendance Policy. A copy is attached to this newsletter and available on the school's website. In addition, as a result of recommendations during the recent financial audit undertaken by Staffordshire County Council, the school's charging and remissions policy and debt policy have been updated. Again, copies are available on the school website.

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.



PARKING

I am afraid that we have received reports of inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times. Could I stress the importance of not parking in the 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.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is still full of uniform – none of which is labelled. **Please ensure that all uniform, shoes, trainers, coats etc are all clearly labelled with your child's name.**





SUPERSTAR AWARDS None awarded last week



SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 29 January Week 1

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

[School Lunch Menu](#)

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

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/

WHAT'S ON?

Week commencing Monday 29th January

Monday	
Tuesday	NSPCC Workshops in school for Years 2, 5 and 6 Year 6 Netball tournament at Keele
Wednesday	BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS)
Thursday	
Friday	Mrs Lowndes out – Headteacher conference

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.

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

The total outstanding balance today stands at £1,103.08.

Breakdown:

Dinner money owed	£194.58
BUZZ payments owed	£730.50
Nursery Wraparound	£178.00

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

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.



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

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.

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.

Mrs S Maude



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Designated Staff - Looked After
Children
Lead Professional for Ethics
(Early Help Assessments)

Mrs L Lowndes



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs F Boulton



Chair of Governors
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding
Nominated Governor for Looked
After Children

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Please don't forget that VIP Education are running a holiday club at Baldwins Gate during February half term (Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February).

**FEBRUARY
HOLIDAY CLUB**

@ BALDWIN'S GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

12TH FEB, 2024 - 16TH FEB, 2024

EXCLUSIVELY FOR BALDWIN'S GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

OPEN TO AGES 3-11!

**Please note that there is a maximum session duration of 4 hours for any child aged 4 or under.*

FROM 08:00-17:30 EVERY DAY!

£20 Full day **£12.50** Half day (4 hours)

Get ready for a jam-packed schedule with sports, artsy fun, cooking adventures, music sessions and themed days at our holiday club!

CONTACT US
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Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to create an account and book.

To book, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://vipeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/>

VIP Education
Visionary Individual Pathways

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.

KEELE CHRISTMAS TREES

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by purchasing a Christmas tree from Keele. We have been notified that £73.50 was raised for school funds. Thank you again.

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	TBC	TBC
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
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSION TO NURSERY – SEPTEMBER 2024

The deadline for applications is: Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Places will be confirmed on: Friday 8th March 2024.

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 2024

The application system Reception admissions will open on 1st November 2023.

Applications will close on 15th January 2024.

Parents receive outcomes on National Offer Day, 16th April 2024.

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>