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Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Perseverance'. We will be exploring Trust through the following themes:

Running the race of life
Keeping going against all odds
Doing the right thing
Meeting a personal challenge
Encouraging others to keep going

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
Philippians 4.13

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 would like to begin this week by congratulating our Year 6 Football team on coming third overall in the Newcastle Schools League. We are very proud of their efforts, their wonderful football skills and, most importantly, their team work and support for each other. They were fantastic ambassadors of the school.

We continue to be very busy here in school but we are always available to meet with you if you have any questions about your child's wellbeing, education or if there is anything you would like to discuss. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

We are here to work in partnership with you.

Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher

Medical Care Plans

Mr Smith is currently reviewing all care plans. You should receive an updated care plan via email by Friday 3rd February. If you do not receive an updated care plan by Friday, please get in touch jamie.smith@baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Term dates for the academic year 2023-2024 have been distributed with this newsletter. They will be uploaded to the school website.

Reception and Year 1 ELS E-Book Trial

Last week parents of children in Reception (Mrs Maude) and Year 1 (Miss Cartwright) should have received an email inviting you to take part in the ELS E-Book trial. If you wish to take part and haven't already signed up, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Strike Action

As you may have seen on the news, the NEU teachers' union have proposed a number of strike dates within the coming weeks, the first being 1st February. I can confirm that school will remain open to all pupils on this date.

COVID-19 and Flu

As winter illnesses continue to spread the DfE have provided schools with the following information in line with the UKHSA.

Information direct from the DfE:

UKHSA advice remains clear that children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. [Further information](#) on when a child is too ill for school or nursery is available. There is no requirement to be absent from school on a precautionary basis.

For further information, please also see our Education Hub post on the [latest guidelines around COVID-19](#) and for Strep A, our separate post on the [exact circumstances in which children should be kept off school](#).

SCHOOL LUNCHES



A copy of the menu is available on the school website.

<https://www.baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk/school-lunches.html>

Educational Visits Information in brief

Year 4 – River Study
16th March 2023
£19.00
Deadline dates:
Consent forms – 11th November
Payment – 11th November
RIVER STUDY CONSENT FORM

Year 6 – Recorder Festival
21st March 2023
Deadline dates:
Consent forms – 31st Jan 23
Payments – 31st Jan 23
RECORDER CONSENT FORM

Year 5 – PGL Residential
3rd – 5th May 23
£210.00
Deadline dates:
Consent forms – 31st October
Deposit – 31st October
Full/final payment – 31st March 23

PGL CONSENT FORM

Year 4 – York Residential
7th – 9th June 2023
£150.00
Deadline dates:
Consent forms – 10th October
Deposit – 20th October
Full/final payment – 31st March 23
YORK CONSENT FORM

Year 6 – Llandudno Residential
12th – 14th June 2023
£140.00
Deadline dates:
Consent and deposit: 1st Feb 2023
Full/final payment – 1st May 2023

Year 3 – Stanley Head Residential
17th – 19th July 2023
£169.00
Deadline dates:
Consent forms – 1st November
Deposit – 1st November
Full/final payment – 1st April 23
Consent forms to class teacher

[LINK TO PARENTPAY](#)

Safeguarding – what should I do if I'm worried about a child?

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, it is important that you share these concerns.

You can speak to us about your concerns or you can speak to the NSPCC in confidence using the link below.

[LINK TO NSPCC](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call 999

DIARY DATE – EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

I am pleased to advise that we will be holding our Easter Services at Whitmore Church on Thursday 30th March. The format will be similar to that adopted for the Christmas Church Services. The services will be held as follows:

9.30 am Whitmore and Butterton houses
11.15 am Maer and Chapel Chorlton houses

You are welcome to join us.

Admission to Reception – September 2023

A reminder for our Nursery parents that the deadline for applications closed on 15th January 2023. You will be notified of the outcome on National Offer Day, 17th April 2023.

PARENTPAY – OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit for school lunches, BUZZ and Nursery Wraparound. ParentPay accounts must be kept in credit and payments made in advance for lunches, BUZZ and Nursery Wraparound.

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).

Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Phoebe W, Kasia
Reception	Anna, Floyd, Tommy, Harper, George F
Year 1	Elliot
Year 2	Finn, Andrianna
Year 3	Lottie, Frank, Harvie
Year 4	Monty, Rosie B
Year 5	Poppy, Annie
Year 6	Oliver Bo, Oliver H, Harvie

Headteacher Award

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.



This week Mrs Lowndes presented the Headteacher Award to:

- Georgia, George W and James – for amazing work on the rainforest.

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 30th January 2023

Monday	Mrs Boulton, Year 6 Link Governor, visiting Year 6 Finance Officer in school Mr Smith reviewing medical care plans this week
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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!



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