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Safeguarding Spot



Are you aware that Staffordshire has its own Safeguarding Children's Board?

The Staffordshire Children Board (SSCB) is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how local organisations will co-operate, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people living in Staffordshire.

It has some superb advice and guidance for parents/carers. If you have a moment - take a look at the website. It provides a wealth of information on safeguarding your children.

<https://www.staffsscb.org.uk/children-and-families/parents-and-carers/>



We are very quickly moving through this first half of the Spring Term, each week sees a very busy week in school with lots of learning and exciting things happening in school. See below for some of the great things that have been happening and what to look out for in the coming weeks.

We are currently working to assemble our 'Pupil Leaders'. Our pupil leaders, from Key Stage 2, will have different responsibilities within school and will meet with myself and the senior leader in school to represent the views of all pupils and help to improve the school, as well as organising a variety of events in school. Last week we appointed our Royal Shakespeare Ambassadors. Look out for letters this week for Sports Leaders, Eco Leaders and Worship Leaders. This is a very exciting opportunity to develop our school, I'm sure you will all agree.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for children to maximise their educational opportunities. The expectation is that every child should be in school, every day, unless they are unwell.

Our annual register inspection took place last week with Mrs Sheldon, Education Welfare Worker. Mrs Sheldon was concerned at the number of children arriving late and the number of term time absences for holidays.

Should you have any questions regarding attendance or you would like to discuss how we may support you in ensuring your child attends school regularly, please contact the school office for an appointment with Mrs Lowndes. Thank you.

Meet our staff team



Hey! My name is Mr Smith. I have been part of Baldwins Gate School since leaving school - I will let you decide how many decades ago that was... 😊

Throughout my time here I have worked in every year group from nursery all the way to year six, where the maths became a little tricky. 😊 This has been both whole class teaching and SEN support.

I currently have many roles within the school. As well as working within the Early Years Department, I am the session leader for our before and after school club, the school's Medical Co-ordinator and responsible for first aid administration and supplies.

I am sure if you ask any child what Mr Smith does, they will answer with "causes trouble". I believe children should have fun and enjoy their environment with lots of laughter to ensure they are learning with confidence and happiness at all times.

In my free time I enjoy a good cup of coffee, a chat with friends and of course a good sing song and causing mischief.

Our Prayer this week



Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our school, our pupils, our teachers, our parents and our governing body.
Help us to grow together as a worshipping, learning community.
We ask that you give us the humility to share our strengths and gifts humbly.
We thank you for the friendships that we make at our school and we ask for your loving care as you watch over our school.
We ask this in your holy name.

Amen

Just a reminder...



The deadline date for Nursery admissions (September 2022) is TODAY!

School Lunches

Menu Weeks

24th Jan – Week 1

31st Jan – Week 2

7th Feb – Week 3

14th Feb – Week 1

Half Term

Year 1 Village Walk:

Tuesday 8th February – comfortable shoes and coat please!

Football Success

Congratulations to our year 6 footballers who played in their second round of league fixtures last Monday night at Chesterton Community Sports College. The children all played extremely well, they demonstrated some super football skills and excellent team work. The team won both of their league fixtures and drew a friendly game.



Well done!

Children's Mental Health Week

It is Children's Mental Health week from 7th – 13th February 2022. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'.

During this week the children will be doing various activities in class that will encourage the children to consider how they have grown and how they can help others grow. As well as engaging in some mindfulness activities.



On Friday 11th we are asking pupils to come into school in their own clothes, following the theme – 'Dress to Impress'.

Covid update

We had an increase in positive Covid cases in school last week. If you have been informed that your child is in a class that has positive cases, please can we ask that you lateral flow your child each day before they attend school.

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

If your child is displaying any Covid symptoms but their lateral flow result is negative we would advise that you take your child for a PCR test and await the results before attending school.

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>

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/>

Remote Education

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

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

Children who are self-isolating due to a positive test result but who are not physically unwell will 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.

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.

Our Royal Shakespeare Company Ambassadors

We are pleased to announce that our two newly appointed Royal Shakespeare Company ambassadors are Poppy and Amya. As part of their role they will get the opportunity to work with other schools, share their love of Shakespeare and to help plan big Shakespeare activities at our own school! They are very excited to get started and will soon be attending their first training session at The New Vic theatre.

Parent's Evenings

Our parents evenings are being held week beginning 7th February. If you have requested a meeting with your child's class teacher your appointment times will be sent out from the school office this week.

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 to everyone who has already sent books to school.**

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Thomas
Reception	Eden, Khalid, Violet
Year 1	Noah
Year 2	Dave, James B
Year 3	Emilia, Lily, Noah
Year 4	Harry, Lottie
Year 5	Allegra, Harvie, Lexie
Year 6	Toby



House Points

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What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 31st January	
Monday	Mrs Diop - Online speech and language training
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Governor Finance and HR Committee Meeting
Thursday	Entrust Property Surveyor to meet Mrs Lowndes
Friday	Year 5 to visit mobile library

School Facebook Page

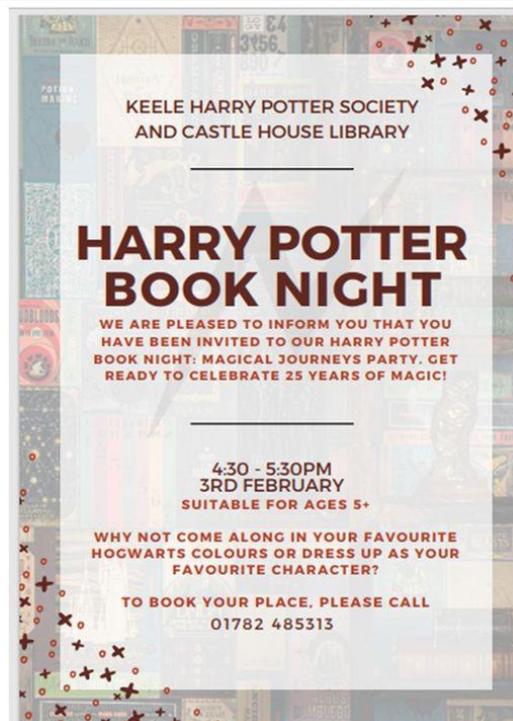
Did you know that we have a school Facebook page. We're trying to post regularly to give our families an insight into what the children are up to at school.

Do please like our posts!

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



**Harry Potter fans
are in for a treat!**



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	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
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall
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