

NEWSLETTER

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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

A couple of important notices for Year 6, EYFS and Years 3 and 4:

Year 6 parents are invited to a SATs information meeting this afternoon at 5.30 pm. Year 6 pupils are very welcome to attend too.

The BeeActive after school activity for Nursery and Reception children is taking place on Thursday afternoon this week (not Wednesday). If your child takes part, please send their PE kit to school on Thursday.

Year 3 and 4 parents should have received information this week regarding the performances on Wednesday 13th March. Please submit your online seat allocation form on time please.

On a final note, a reminder to everyone that we're celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and the very best of luck to our netballers who are competing at Keele this afternoon.

Mrs Lowndes, Headteacher

Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:

Nursery	Henry, Olive
Reception	Frances, Leo, Meera
Year 1	Wylder
Year 2	Albie, Archie
Year 3	Dayna, Rubie
Year 4	Franklin, Gracie-Mae, Isla
Year 5	Joseph, Seb
Year 6	Arthur, Cerece, Elodie

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:

Lucy in Year 4 for fantastic reading

What's on?

Week commencing Monday 4th March

Monday	Hockey after school activity (KS2)
Tuesday	Netball competition Girls' football after school activity 5.30 pm Year 6 SATs Info Evening
Wednesday	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall Creation Club after school
Thursday	World Book Day BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS) CHANGE OF DAY FOR ONE WEEK ONLY
Friday	



SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 4th March Week 3

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

[School Lunch Menu](#)

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/

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.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



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.



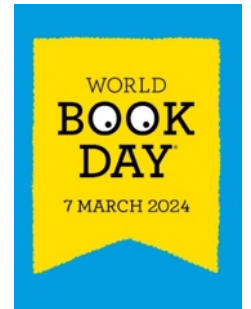
PARKING

Parking continues to be an issue outside school. Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. You must NOT park on the zig-zag lines or leave cards unattended on the roundabout to drop off or pick up children from BUZZ club. Could I also stress the importance of not parking in the GP surgery car-park. Staff need to gain access to the surgery throughout the day. Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.



World Book Day on Thursday 7th March

A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If children do not wish to dress up, they can wear own clothes.



Competition Time

Decorated plates should be returned to school tomorrow, Wednesday 6th March for judging on World Book Day. We've had several already!

There will be a prize for the best plate in each year group.

Year 6 – Recorder Festival on Wednesday 6th March

Year 6 parents are attending the Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall tomorrow. We wish them the very best for their performances and an enjoyable day. Parents and Carers can purchase tickets for the Recorder Festival. Please see information below:

Recorder Festival Ticket Booking Information



Victoria Hall Concerts
Tuesday 5 March 12.30pm and 6.45pm
Wednesday 6 March 12.30pm
£6.50 adults / £5 children / £18 family ticket

You can purchase tickets at the Victoria Hall box office 90 minutes before the show starts.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Regent Theatre or Victoria Hall box office if there is a show on at that time (you can check by using the ATG website).

You can also purchase online at www.atgtickets.com or with the ATG call centre 0333 009 6690. Booking online or through the call centre incurs an additional charge made by ATG per ticket plus a transaction fee.



Eggtastic Easter Hamper Fundraiser

If you are able to donate any items for the Easter Hamper, would you please send your donations to school by Friday, 8th March.

Thank you for your support.

School Lunches – Price Increase in April 2024

The school meal price from 1st April will increase to £2.95 per meal.

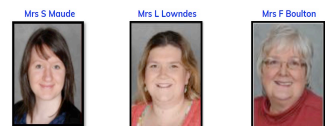
SAFEGUARDING

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 Meade
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Designated Staff - Looked After
Children
Lead Professional for EHEA
(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

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.

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.

My Nametags – School Fundraising

The lost property box is bursting with uniform and other items, all unnamed. We have signed up with My Nametags to promote labelling uniform and support school funds. Each time a parent orders online using the link below or inputting our School ID on the website, the school receives commission.

The link is: [MY NAMETAGS LINK](#)

You can order online at www.mynametags.com but please insert the school's ID at the checkout page.

School ID: 32061



Half Term Holiday Club

The feedback on the half term holiday club run by VIP Education was extremely positive. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

VIP will be running an Easter Holiday Club at Baldwins Gate:

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB
© BALDWIN'S GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
25TH MAR 2024 - 5TH APR 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 08:00-17:00 EVERY DAY!
£20 Full day
£12.50 Half day (4 hours)
Scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to create an account and book
CONTACT US
INFO@VIPEDUCATION.CO.UK
07782 367219
To book, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://vipeducation.mega2bookings.co.uk/>
VIP Education

Payments for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound

The total outstanding balance today stands at £907.69

Breakdown:

Dinner money	£333.76
BUZZ	£528.55
Nursery Wraparound	£45.38

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

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.

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.

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.

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>

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	£5.00	23 rd February
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
1	22 nd May	Lakemore Farm Park	£10.00	8 th April
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

Fundraising for our school and how you can help

In addition to supporting the various fundraising events organised throughout the year, Baldwins Gate Primary School (School Fund) is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

We use our School Fund to support trips, resources and fun things for the children, such as the recent pantomime.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:
<http://efraising.org/ELorNbEQrU>

Thank you so much!



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