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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'm pleased to report that Year 5 and 6 have done really well at netball recently. They won all four games at the first round of fixtures last week. Our footballers showed great team work yesterday during the tournament at Chesterton. Thank you to everyone who helped with transport and support.

Please support us if you can by signing up to Easyfundraising. It's a very simple fundraising initiative and supports the School Fund. Our School Fund is a very valuable resource and helps us support educational visits, resources and fun things, such as the recent pantomime. Information and instructions on how to sign up are provided further down the newsletter.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break.

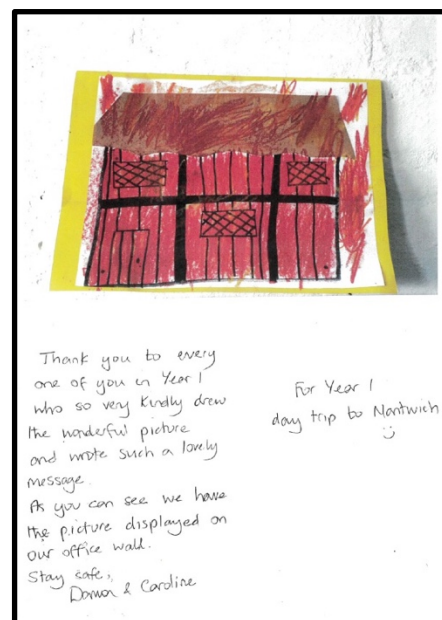
Mrs Lowndes  
Headteacher

### WELL DONE YEAR 1

Year 1 thoughtfully sent thank you cards to the Nantwich Museum and the coach company who took them following their recent trip.

Today they received a thank you note from the coach company.

How lovely. Well done Year 1.



### SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Oliver, Teddy
Reception	Edward, Esme
Year 1	Charlie, Everly
Year 2	Alex, Henry B
Year 3	Freya, James
Year 4	Harvey, Lucy
Year 5	Ava, Kai
Year 6	George, Lainey-Rae



### WHAT'S ON?

Week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday	Year 5/6 football at Chesterton
Tuesday	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday	BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS)
Thursday	
Friday	am Mrs Lowndes and Mrs Maude Safeguarding training (in school) Break up for Half Term (return to school on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February)



## SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February Week 2

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/](http://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.



## 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.



## 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!

## 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).

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**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!

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## 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 EHA  
(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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parents Survey on Wraparound Care

SCC are supporting working families through the UK government's biggest ever investment in childcare, to make it more affordable, available, and flexible.

As part of this expansion, we're reviewing wraparound care (before and after school childcare) for primary school children across Staffordshire, which includes reviewing the number of places available, and supply and demand, to support working families in the local community.

What is wraparound care? [Before and after school childcare: Everything you need to know about wraparound care - The Education Hub](#)

Parents of primary school age children (5yrs -11 yrs. old) are encouraged to complete the survey and will be entered into a draw to win one of 5 x £30 Amazon Vouchers. (Terms and Conditions apply).

The survey closes on **9th February 2024**

Parents Survey



## 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.

## PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

**The total outstanding balance today stands at £610.60**

Breakdown:

Dinner money	26 payments outstanding	Totalling £191.60
BUZZ	22 payments outstanding	Totalling £341.00
Nursery Wraparound	5 payments outstanding	Totalling £78.00

**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.

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.

## 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.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
N/R	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Theatre, Crewe	£13.00	6 <sup>th</sup> November
All	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 <sup>th</sup> January
6	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Recorder Festival	£5.00	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
All	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> April	York	£165.00	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trentham	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> February
EYFS	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue Planet	£20.00	1 <sup>st</sup> March
3	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Chester Zoo	£23.00	1 <sup>st</sup> March
3	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
5	8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
6	26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 <sup>st</sup> May

## ADMISSION TO RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 2024

The application system Reception admissions will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

**Applications will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Parents receive outcomes on National Offer Day, 16<sup>th</sup> 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>