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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

This week we are excited to welcome Mademoiselle Vanhamme. Mademoiselle Vanhamme is training to be a teacher in France and is to spend the next two weeks at Baldwins Gate, kindly hosted by our French teacher, Madame Hadfield.

We also welcome Mr Morton, an Associate Teacher, who will be based with Miss Cartwright in Year 1.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and throughout the week the children will be taking part in various activities in their classes to promote positive mental wellbeing.

Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher

School Meals – Price Increase

We have received notification that due to unprecedented inflationary pressures on food and labour the school meal price will go up to **£2.83 after the February half term** (£14.15 per week).

Reception and Year 1 ELS E-Book Trial

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.

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](#).

Safeguarding – Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Please use the link below to explore resources that you can use at home with your children to explore this theme.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

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](#)

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	Frances, Thorley
Reception	Charlie, Marcella, Indie, Esperanza
Year 1	Khalid
Year 2	Florence, Sofia
Year 3	Dave, All Year 3
Year 4	George G, Leah
Year 5	Izzy, Arthur
Year 6	Eva, Poppy, Constantina, Lily T, Lincoln



What's on this week?

Week commencing 6 th February 2023	
Monday	Mrs Lowndes and Mrs Maude safeguarding training (in house)
Tuesday	Netball at Keele Staff meeting
Wednesday	Governors – School Agenda meeting at 4.00 pm
Thursday	Athletics at Keele
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!

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

