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Safeguarding Spot

It is really important that children understand that their body belongs to them and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. The NSPCC have a short cartoon video that you may wish to share with your child to help them understand this.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



As we enter the penultimate week of the first half term of the new year the children and staff continue to work extremely hard and this week look forward to sharing your child’s successes with you at parent’s evenings.

We continue to have a number of positive Covid cases in school. If you have been notified of a positive case in your child’s class, please follow the guidance and lateral flow test your child each day before school to help limit cases.

The staff are working hard in staff meetings to develop and enhance our school curriculum. We are all very excited to explore new opportunities and ways to extend children’s learning in our school.

Collective Worship in school has been a big focus this half term, our theme has been courage. We have enjoyed Bible stories as well as learning about figures in history who have shown courage and, finally, how we can all show courage in our daily lives. I do hope the children have been sharing some of this learning with you.

We have lots going on in school and we are also starting to plan for next half term too, so please read on to find out more.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff



Hello! My name is Gate since being a working in a qualifying from lucky enough to be starting my teaching career as a Year 6 teacher, alongside Mrs Lowndes. As an Early Career Teacher, I am also supported by Miss Cartwright and Mr Ahearne.

team

Miss Ward. I have been a part of Baldwins student teacher in Year 4 last year and then Teaching Assistant role in Year 5. After Keele University last summer, I am now

currently run a British Sign Language Club with Year 6 and I look forward to the opportunities that Baldwins Gate holds for me.

In my free time, I enjoy going to Stoke City with my younger brother (Ben) and friends, going out with my boyfriend and spending time with my Mum, Dad, Ben and my twin sister, Emily.

Congratulations Mrs Danks

Many congratulations to Mrs Danks who has been very busy recently studying in her spare time. She has completed the Level 3 Award in Special Educational Needs and the Level 4 Award in SEN Teaching Advanced, achieving a Higher Distinction in both. Well done!

Library Bus Visit



Year 5 have visited the Library Bus this week. They were very excited to go along and choose their next reading book.

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

Just a
reminder...



School Lunches

Menu Weeks

24th Jan – Week 1

31st Jan – Week 2

7th Feb – Week 3

14th Feb – Week 1

Half Term

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!

Children's Mental Health Week

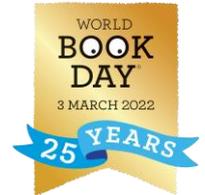
This week it's Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'. During this week the children will be doing various activities in class that will encourage the children to consider how they have grown and how they can help others grow. We will be celebrating our uniqueness and individuality as well as engaging in some mindfulness activities.



On Friday 11th we are asking pupils to come into school in their own clothes.

World Book Day – Advance Information

This year World Book Day is **Thursday 3rd March 2022**. We are very excited to announce that this year we will be holding our first **World Book Week**. This will enable each class to celebrate and delve deeper into a variety of genres and authors. To help us celebrate we are thrilled to hold a **World Book Day Jar Competition**. We would love you to get involved by creating your very own story jar.



Competition

A story jar captures the essence of a story dear to your child in a jar. Through decorations, adding toys, creating scenes and even writing key phrases on the jar to show the important elements of the story they have picked. For example, a little stick broom, witch's hat and purple bow would go together to help to create a 'Room on the Broom' jar.



Here are some pictures to give you some extra inspiration.

Entries should be submitted from Monday 28th February to no later than Thursday 3rd March 2022 and handed to your class teacher. There will be one winner per year group. Winners will be selected on Friday 4th March 2022 and will receive a certificate, a prize and their entry will be displayed with pride in our school library.



Dress Up

We are also inviting the children to join us on Thursday 3rd March and dress up as their favourite book character. If you have any further questions, please ask your class teacher for more information.

Covid update

We continue to see a number of Covid cases in school. As a school we are doing all we can to limit transmission, we are ventilating our classrooms by opening our doors and windows, ensuring regular handwashing and sanitising as well as regular cleaning.

Although not on the official list of symptoms, several of our children have suffered with headaches and nausea prior to testing positive.

If you have been informed that your child is in a class that has positive cases, please can we ask that you lateral flow test your child each day before they attend school. Children in classes where there has been a positive case are required to attend school, unless they themselves receive a positive result or if they have symptoms after a negative PCR result.

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.

Adrefelyn Farm Visit (Wrexham) Years 1 and 2

Please ensure that consent slips are returned to school asap and before 25th March.

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 in school is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

Under current guidance schools are required to provide remote education to pupils where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19. Choosing to keep a child off school, who has not received a positive test result themselves, but because of a positive case in their class, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and in this case remote learning will not be provided.

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.

ParentPay – Payments for school lunches



May we please remind everyone that school lunches must be paid for in advance. There must be enough money on your ParentPay account on a Monday morning to cover the week ahead. You can of course upload a larger amount to cover your child's lunches for a month, half term or term. You are only charged when your child orders a lunch.

House Captains and Vice Captains

In school the children are split into four houses: Maer, Whitmore, Butterson and Chapel Chorlton. The names for the houses were taken from the local villages where, prior to the building of Baldwins Gate Primary School, there were small village schools.

This week the children in Year 6 have discussed and elected a House Captain and Vice-Captain for each house. These pupils will form part of our group of Pupil Leaders in school.

	House Captain	Vice Captain
Maer	Charlie	Dan C
Whitmore	Edith	Lexi
Butterson	Betsy	Ruby
Chapel Chorlton	Martha	Niamh

Parent's Evenings

Our parents' evenings are being held this week. We hope that you find these helpful in understanding your child's attainment and progress, targets and attitudes to learning in school. We look forward to meeting with you this week and doing all we can as a school, in partnership with you as parents to ensure the very best for your child.

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.**



Community Fundraising

Whitmore Parish Council is raising money for a defibrillator.

“The intention is to install a defibrillator in a redundant telephone kiosk and to site it adjacent to the bus stop outside the Sheet Anchor, which is where it used to be located when it was still functioning as a telephone kiosk. Whitmore Parish Council own the kiosk but for a number of years it has been in the safekeeping of a resident, who has undertaken to completely refurbish it and to relocate it. Whitmore Parish Council has obtained the necessary permissions from Highways and NuLBC to the location and the intended purpose, leaving us now to obtain the necessary funding, which amounts to £4012, which includes the defib kit, installation and power supply.”



On Friday 18th February each class will be enjoying cake and hot chocolate. Please bring in a donation for this event. All monies raised will go towards the defibrillator.

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Vinuli
Reception	George H
Year 1	Nyla
Year 2	Gracie-Mae, Lottie
Year 3	Ava, Leah
Year 4	Evelyn Stanley
Year 5	Miami, Oliver H, Ruby
Year 6	Julian, Oscar



House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
89	85	104	92

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 7 th February	
Monday	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday	Year 1 Village Walk Mrs Burke and Mr Smith online training (am) Miss Ward out (pm) training course
Wednesday	Mr James Bowen (Student Teacher) in school
Thursday	Miss Green out (pm) ELSA training
Friday	Mrs Mary Gale in school to meet Mrs Lowndes and Governors for Headteacher Performance Management

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/>



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	Hot chocolate and cake fundraiser for community defibrillator 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	Entries open for World Book Day story jar competition Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – dress up and closing date for bring in your story jar competition
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 Boreatton 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