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### Safeguarding Spot



If you have any questions or concerns over your child's use of social media, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Maude our designated safeguarding lead.

Although last week was a slightly shorter week with the bank holiday weekend it still proved to be very busy here in school. Mrs Maude and I were visited by Mr Shaun Miles the Headteacher from St Luke's in Cannock, a school we are making links with. Our focus was the new reading framework and phonics.

The children also had a very busy week, year 2 pupils completed their SATs tests and the year 6 pupils were busy preparing for their tests this week. I am sure you will all join me in wishing our year 6 pupils the best of luck this week.

Across the school this term all classes are focusing on the importance of reading and reading at home. Please try to ensure that your child is reading at home at least 3 times a week and that a comment is recorded in their reading logs. Reading books and logs should be in school every day.

If you have any questions regarding your child's reading, please speak to their class teacher.

Mrs L Lowndes

### Meet our staff team – Mrs Roche



*I was a secondary school English and Drama teacher in Manchester for 25 years before moving to this area with my husband, who grew up round here.*

*I volunteered at Baldwins Gate, then worked as a TA here for a couple of years, before starting a job share teaching with Mrs Heathcote. I've loved seeing the children in our class learn and grow since year 2. They are a lovely, caring bunch who make me laugh and keep me on my toes!*

*When I'm not in school I like to read and walk my dog, Lola the cockerpoo. I also love spending time in Scotland whenever possible. I've just completed a part time degree in Theology and am now thinking about starting another one in something completely different!*

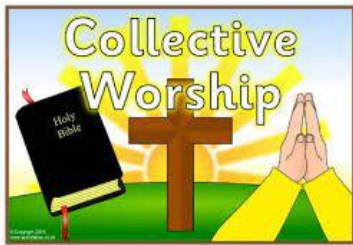
### Well done to our Year 2 pupils

Please can I take this opportunity to say how proud Mrs Maude and Miss Macbryde are of our year 2 pupils. Last week they completed their SATs tests. All pupils worked extremely hard in the lead up to these tests and last week faced these tests with a positive "I can do it" attitude.

I am sure as parents/carers you will join me in thanking Mrs Maude and Ms Macbryde for all their hard work and love and care for the children.

As a reward for their hard work and for completing their 'Miles of Magic' reading challenged the children enjoyed a 'Harry Potter' themed day. There was magic in the air in the year 2 classroom with potion making, wand making and much more. Well done Year 2.





### Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Friendship'

*'Encourage one another and build each other up.'*

1 Thessalonians 5.11

Each week our worship will explore the value of friendship using the following themes:

- Sticking together
- Encouraging one another
- Supporting one another
- Making time for each other
- Learning to listen

### 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*

## Parking

**Parking still continues to be an issue outside school. When dropping off or collecting your child from school please park considerately – the safety of our pupils and parents must be your priority.**

**STAFF CAR PARK** - Parents are **not** permitted to park on the school car park unless you are in possession of a Blue Badge and have made arrangements with the school office.



**ZAGS OUTSIDE SCHOOL** – Under no circumstances should parents park on the zig zag lines and/or pavement outside school/adjacent to the roundabout. This also applies to parents/carers dropping off or collecting children from Buzz club.

## Attendance

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory. At Baldwins Gate we aim for all pupils to have an attendance of 96% or above. Any time missed from school has a negative impact on a child's education.

The school does not authorise absence for holidays unless under exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and attends school every day unless they are unwell.

## Year 5 Art Work

At the end of last term the year 5's enjoyed looking at the work of British sculpture artist Henry Moore.

First they examined his works, considering the forms he chose and what they thought of them. Then they got stuck in with chicken wire, paper mache and paint to create their own fantastic interpretations.



They did a fantastic job, and finally at the start off this term, they were able to share their work in the 'Year 5 Art gallery (the hall) for the whole school to enjoy. Year 2 even followed up by creating writing based on their visit to the gallery!



Well done to all the year 5s for a great range of work, and here are a couple of examples

## Year 4 and Year 6 Visits to Lichfield Cathedral

Year 4 and Year 6 pupils have been invited to visit Lichfield Cathedral to take part in one of their Inspire Days. The visits are to take place on the following dates:

Year 4: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
 Year 6: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

An email has been sent providing you with information. All consents/voluntary contributions must be provided by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

## School Lunches New menu!

Menu Weeks

25<sup>th</sup> April – Week 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> May – Week 3  
9<sup>th</sup> May – Week 1  
16<sup>th</sup> May – Week 2  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Week 3  
Half Term  
6<sup>th</sup> June – Week 1  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Week 2  
20<sup>th</sup> June – Week 3  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Week 1  
4<sup>th</sup> July – Week 2  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Week 3  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Week 1  
Summer Holiday



## Year 5 Residential PGL Boreatton Park 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

Total cost: £210

The trip must be paid for in full by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay the balance in instalments:

1	£45.00	28.2.22
2	£45.00	31.3.22
3	£45.00	29.4.22
4	£45.00	31.5.22

## INFORMATION

**MEETING FOR PARENTS:**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45 pm in the hall

## Year 6 Residential to Llandudno 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45 pm in the hall

## Year 3 Outdoor Education Day Trips

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Total cost: £48.00

The trip must be paid for in full by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

Deposit	£18.00	1.3.22
1	£15.00	1.4.22
2	£15.00	3.5.22

## Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Beeston Castle

Year 1 and Year 2 are to visit Beeston Castle on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This visit replaces the farm visit that had to be cancelled. Information has been emailed to parents with an online consent form. **Forms need to be submitted by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.** Thank you.

## Clubs this half term

Reception – Bee Active

Year 3 – Drama

Year 4 – Cookery

Year 5 – Craft club and football

Year 6 – Craft club and football



Football after school club cancelled this week - Wednesday (Years 5 and 6)

## Alice Charity Appeal

The Peoples Pantry ran by Alice Charity are absolutely desperate for supplies to help families across the city. Some of our parents are collecting donations and have asked if our school community would like to help.

If you would like to donate any of the following items, please drop them off at school this week. Thank you.

Any non perishable goods - Tinned meats, Vegetables, Cereal, Crisps, Juice, Dried Food and any longlife products.

Toiletries - Toothpaste and Brushes, Shower gels, Shampoo, Feminine hygiene products, Deodorant.

Cleaning Products - Washing Powder, Washing Liquid, Bleach, Surface Cleaner.

Baby Care Products - Nappies, Wipes, Baby Milk, Baby Toiletries

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO LLANDUDNO 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

### YEAR 6 INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45 pm in the hall

## MADELEY SCHOOL – YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS

Our Year 6 pupils who join Madeley School in September will spend two induction days at their new school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will share transport with Hugo Meynell Primary School on both days. Madeley School will provide more information in due course.

## Covid update

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April universal free covid testing ending, as a result there are changes to the measures and guidance for managing Covid-19 in education. Updated guidance advises that:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

## Year 4 residential visit to Stanley Head

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Total cost: £130

The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

Deposit	£40.00	1.3.22
1	£30.00	1.4.22
2	£30.00	3.5.22
3.	£30.00	7.6.22

## INFORMATION MEETING FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45 pm

## Water Bottles and Sun Protection

As we enter the summer term and we cross our fingers for some sunny weather, please can I remind you that all children should bring their own water bottle to school each day. We have a limited number of spares that can be lent on occasion if a child forgets.



Again, as we enter the summer term, please can you ensure that on days where the weather is forecast to be warm and sunny that your child has a sun hat in school and either applies 24 hour sun cream before school or brings this with them. We CANNOT allow pupils to share or use each other's sun cream due to potential allergies and allergic reactions.



## 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](mailto:office@baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk)).

## What's on this week?

### Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Monday	KS2 SATs week (Year 6 pupils)
Tuesday	Level 1 Safeguarding (staff, governors, volunteers)
Wednesday	BeeActive - Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Deb O'Neill Stoke Community Trust Reception and Year 6
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/BaldwingsGatePrimarySchool/>



## Baldwins Gate Primary School – 2021/2022 Diary Dates

PLEASE CHECK DIARY DATES ON A REGULAR BASIS IN CASE OF AMENDMENT

Date	Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for the return of Academy Photo orders to school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Pupils break up for half term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	October half term week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Pupils return to school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight checks
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation team in school – Reception to Year 6
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stoke City Football Club City 7's in school to visit pupils in Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and Year 6 religious difference and diversity workshops in school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – wear your glitz n glamour for a £1.00 donation to Children in Need

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Film Night 3.30 – 5.30 pm BUZZ after school club closed.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – wear your Christmas Jumper and donate £1.00 to Save the Children Surprise Jars to school please
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in school Class Christmas Parties (bring a £1.00 for Surprise Jars)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Pupils return to school
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for Reception admissions
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Village Walk
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 SATs – Parents’ meeting – at 6pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Arc Theatre in school – road safety and staying safe around construction sites workshops to Years 5 and 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Fundraiser – hot chocolate and cake will be on sale Last day before half term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school Entries open for World Book Day story jar competition
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents’ meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up and closing date for bring in your story jar competition
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Western Power workshop Years 5 and 6 (pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief – Mismatch dress code for a donation of £1.00
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Return shoeboxes for Ukrainian children to school today
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Weightlifting demonstration and taster sessions for Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Information Meeting for Parents re Multiplication Tests 3.30 pm in classroom
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Services at Whitmore Church (morning) School Film Night – 3.30 – 6.00 pm (Bookable via ParentPay)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Holiday (Easter Monday on 18 <sup>th</sup> April)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Llandudno Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 1 and 2 to Beeston Castle, in school for 8.45 am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 PGL Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day before Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half Term (Bank holidays on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to Lichfield Cathedral
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential to Llandudno
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Stanley Head Information Meeting for Parents, 2.45 pm in classroom
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 5 residential to Boreatton Park
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Madeley School Induction Day 1 of 2 (Year 6 pupils transferring)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Madeley School Induction Day 2 of 2 (Year 6 pupils transferring)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 residential to Stanley Head
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (1 of 2)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (2 of 2)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day before summer holiday
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer holiday starts