Baldwins Gate CE Primary School

Everyone learning together in faith, truth and love

NEWSLETTER

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EASYFUNDRAISING

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LINK TO TERM DATES



<u>Our Worship Focus</u> This half term our worship focus is Friendship

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

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

BRITAIN IN BLOOM PAINTING COMPETITION

We are thrilled to announce that we have seven prize winners this year. Prize winners will be invited to an awards ceremony at Keele Hall. Congratulations to:

Competition Class 2 – up to year 2 prize winners				
Leo	Year 2	1 st Prize		
Amari-Jaxon	Reception	Highly Commended		
Eleanor	Year 1	Highly Commended		
Competition Class 3 – years 3-6 prize winners				
Phoebe	Year 6	2 nd Prize		
Xavier	Year 5	3 rd Prize		
Esme	Year 6	Highly Commended		
Elodie	Year 6	Highly Commended		

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:

NurseryTeddyReceptionAmari-Jaxon, FreyaYear 1ArthurYear 2Xander, GeorgieYear 3Adam, Esme
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Year 3 Adam, Esme
Year 4 Hudson, Violet
Year 5 Monty, Xavier
Year 6 Arthur, Matilda

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:

Year 4 for being fantastic ambassadors of the school while in York



What's on? Week commencing Monday 22 nd April				
Monday	Boys' football after school activity (KS2)			
Tuesday	Girls' football after school activity (KS2)			
Wednesday	Nursery and Reception to Blue Planet Year 3 to Chester Zoo Cancelled – BeeActive After School Activity (EYFS)			
Thursday	Creation Club after school			
Friday				





SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 22nd April (week 1)

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

School Lunch Menu

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

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: <u>edwardsandward.co.uk/speci</u> <u>al-diets/</u>

MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME

NUT FREE

THIS SCHOOL IS

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.



DISCO Thursday 23rd May. 6.00 – 7.00 pm



We are pleased to let you know that the staff are putting on a school disco for the children.

The cost will be £2.00 per child and this will include a bag of crisps and some juice/water. If your child wants to attend the disco you need to process payment on ParentPay before Tuesday 7^{th} May.

Please be assured that despite ParentPay stating that the charge is $\pounds 8.00$, you will be charged $\pounds 2.00$ per child. Apologies for the confusion.



IMPORTANT – SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS – DATE CHANGE Due to the Year 6 induction days at Madeley School, the summer term music concerts will now take place on:

Wednesday 10th July, 9.30 am for Maer and Butterton (Red/Yellow) Thursday 11th July, 9.30 am for Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton (Green/Blue



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.



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.

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.



FAIR-GREEN ROAD – COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENTS

We have received a complaint from residents in Fair-green Road asking that parents/carers refrain from reversing into drives when turning around. Please use the turning area at the bottom of Fairgreen Road. Thank you for being considerate to our neighbours.

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.

School Car Park

May I please remind parents that you must not park on the school car park.

Payments for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound

The total outstanding balance today stands at £972.25

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.

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.

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	9th 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	26th to 28th June	Llandudno	£170.00	31 st May

The list will be updated on a regular basis.

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

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!

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 <u>www.mynametags.com</u> but please insert the school's ID at the checkout page.



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