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### Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Trust'. We will be exploring Trust through the following themes:  
Knowing our Friends will support us.  
Knowing Jesus is with us in stormy times.  
Standing on God's promises  
Being Trustworthy, not gossiping.  
Trusting God

"My God is my strength in whom I trust."  
Psalm 18.2

### 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

As we enter our last week of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, both this term and since I took on the Headship in January.

It has been a very busy 12 months with lots to celebrate, including such positive outcomes to both our Ofsted and SIAMs inspections. All we have achieved as a school could not be accomplished without the hard work of my dedicated staff team; I am sure you will join me in thanking them.

We break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday (16<sup>th</sup> December) at the normal time, 3.30 pm. Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas, with best wishes for the New Year.

Mrs L Lowndes  
Headteacher

### Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Whole Class
Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Robin, Ida
Year 4	Enzo, Edie
Year 5	Whole class and Zoey
Year 6	Harris, Harley

### 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:

- Noah H** – for his fantastic performance in the nativity and taking on extra roles.
- Sennon S** – for being kind and caring towards others.



### What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	
Monday	
Tuesday	9.30 am Music Concert Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton 2.00 pm Music Concert Maer and Butterton
Wednesday	Christmas Lunch and Disco (collection as normal at 3.30 pm)
Thursday	9.30am Church Service Maer and Butterton 11.15 am Church Service Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton
Friday	Last day of term



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**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**£19.00**

Deadline dates:

Consent forms – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Payment – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 23

RIVER STUDY CONSENT FORM

**Year 6 – Recorder Festival**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Deadline dates:

Consent forms – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 23

Payments – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 23

RECORDER CONSENT FORM

**Year 5 – PGL Residential**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 23**

**£210.00**

Deadline dates:

Consent forms – 31<sup>st</sup> October

Deposit – 31<sup>st</sup> October

Full/final payment – 31<sup>st</sup> March 23

PGL CONSENT FORM

**Year 4 – York Residential**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**£150.00**

Deadline dates:

Consent forms – 10<sup>th</sup> October

Deposit – 20<sup>th</sup> October

Full/final payment – 31<sup>st</sup> March 23

YORK CONSENT FORM

**Year 6 – Llandudno Residential**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**£140.00**

Deadline dates:

Consent and deposit: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023

Full/final payment – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Year 3 – Stanley Head**

**Residential**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**£169.00**

Deadline dates:

Consent forms – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Deposit – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Full/final payment – 1<sup>st</sup> April 23

Consent forms to class teacher

[LINK TO PARENTPAY](#)

**Sickness and Diarrhoea (IMPORTANT)**

**If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, in line with school policy, they must stay off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.**

**UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep**

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

There are lots of viruses that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating. These should resolve without medical intervention. However, children can on occasion develop a bacterial infection on top of a virus and that can make them more unwell.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other [signs of dehydration](#)
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's [skin, tongue or lips are blue](#)
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

**[Advance Notice for Year 4 Parents – Multiplication Tables Check Information Evening](#)**

We will be holding an information evening for year 4 parents on the statutory multiplication tables check that all year 4 pupils will take in June 2023 on **[Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5:30pm.](#)**

**[Year 6 SATs Week](#)**

Year 6 SATs week takes place on the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. As the Monday has now been declared a Bank Holiday the tests will take place from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. **It is very important that all year 6 pupils are in school on these days.**

**[Additional Bank Holiday May 2023](#)**

The King's Coronation is taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, in addition to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Music concerts in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December



9.30 am            Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton  
2:00 pm            Maer and Butterton

**Please note a change in start time – the afternoon concert will now start at 2pm.**

Mr Hughes is busy working with all the pupils on items for our Christmas music concerts. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend, we are running two performances, children are grouped by house teams.

### Christmas Lunch and Disco – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The children will enjoy Christmas lunch in their classes before our Christmas disco in the school hall during the afternoon. Children are invited to wear their Christmas clothes and hats on this day if they wish.

### Christmas Services at Whitmore Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

9:45am            Maer and Butterton  
11:15am.        Whitmore and Chapel Chorlton

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend, we are running two performances, children are grouped by house teams. On this day the school gates will open at 8:30am.

**Please could all children arrive by 8:45am to allow the coaches to leave on time so that we can begin our first service promptly.**

### Admission to Reception – September 2023

A reminder for our Nursery parents that the application process is open for admission to Reception in September 2023. The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. You will be notified of the outcome on National Offer Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Full information is available on the Staffordshire County Council website  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

### Keele Christmas Trees School Scheme

We have registered with Keele Christmas Tree Farm to be part of their Christmas Tree School Scheme. If you are buying your Christmas tree from Keele please be sure to mention the school's name at the till because at the end of the season the school will receive a percentage donation from the sales made.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS – JANUARY 2023

We will be holding Spring Term Parents' Evenings during the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Information was emailed to families last week. **Please submit your online forms by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – please see link below:**

[PARENTS EVENING ONLINE FORM](#)

### **PARENTPAY – OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

**Please ensure that all outstanding payments on ParentPay are paid prior to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This includes payments for school lunches, BUZZ and Nursery Wraparound. Please ensure that ParentPay accounts are 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@baldwinsgate.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@baldwinsgate.staffs.sch.uk)).

## **LOST PROPERTY**

If your child has lost any items this term, please check the lost property box in the juniors. It contains a number of cardigans, jumpers, grey hoodie from Pep & Co, Adidas black wool hat, navy bobble hat, a knee pad, green lidded plastic snack tub.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **How much is your child online?**

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world.

Do you know what your child is doing or accessing online?

Please can we remind you:

- to check your children's privacy settings on their various accounts
- to talk to your children about who they are interacting with online, are they friends or strangers?
- to ensure your child is not playing games or watching content that is not age appropriate, as many games and videos aimed at older children contain violence, theft, aggression and content that is not suitable for primary school children.

You may find these links helpful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### **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/>

