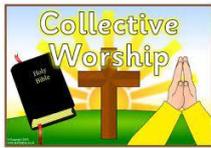




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Our Worship Focus

This half term our worship focus is 'Thankfulness' which will be closely linked to harvest.

'Always be thankful.'
1 Thessalonians 5.16

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

Thanking God for people who help us.
Praising God in Creation
Remembering to say thank you
Giving thanks even when times are difficult
Counting your blessings

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

I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying a huge "well done" to all the children who returned to school last week with big smiles, positive attitudes and settled very quickly, especially our new nursery and reception children who have been amazing.

Last week you should have received an email from your child's class teacher with an "Essential Information" document. We hope that you have found this useful and that it has helped to answer some of your questions. If you have not received this, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

This year we are trying to give parents as much prior notice of school events as possible. Attached to this newsletter is a list of dates for the upcoming academic year – please put these into your diaries. Other events and trips will be added as they are arranged and we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible for these. This newsletter is full of information for the upcoming events this half term.

For whole school events, due to the growing nature of the school, we will hold two events so that we can welcome all parents and grandparents. The children will be grouped according to their school houses, Maer (red), Whitmore (blue), Butterton (yellow) and Chapel Chorlton (green), for new children class teachers will inform you what house your child is in.

Please can I take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to working in partnership with you as parents. Please do speak to either your child's class teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns – our door is always open. Staff check their emails regularly during the working week and try to always reply by the next working day – if a message is urgent, please contact the school office.

Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher

State Funeral

In line with the guidance from the DfE the school will be closed next Monday 19th September, the day of the state funeral as a mark of respect.

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
- 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.

Mrs S Maude



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Designated Staff – Looked After
Children
Lead Professional for EHAs
(Early Help Assessments)

Mrs L Lowndes



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs F Boulton



Chair of Governors
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding
Nominated Governor for Looked
After Children

SCHOOL LUNCHES



w/c
12th September: Week 1
19th September: Week 2
26th September: Week 3

A copy of the menu is available on the school website.

<https://www.baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk/school-lunches.html>

A new menu will be introduced in October.

****IMPORTANT****

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

We found out last week that the cost of school meals is increasing to **£2.57** with effect from Monday 19th September.

Meals for **Nursery pupils** will increase to **£1.43** per day.

We apologise for the short notice but the update from our provider only came through at the start of term.

Mobile Phones in School

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.



Meet the Teacher

This week (and next for EYFS), we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions for years 1 to 6. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out about the key learning and expectations for your child's new class. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions. If there is anything you wish to discuss in detail, or is of a personal nature, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a separate meeting.



EYFS	Tuesday 20th September drop in from 5:30pm – 7pm
Year 1 and Year 2	Monday 12th September @ 3pm
Year 3	Wednesday 14th September @ 3pm
Year 4	Thursday 15th September @ 3pm
Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 13th September @ 3pm



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon on **Friday 30th September at 2pm** in the school hall. You are all warmly invited to join us for coffee, cake and a chat with all donations going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We will be asking for donations of cakes (bought or homemade) to support this event.

Reading workshops for parents

Reading is a key focus for us as a school and we are keen to work in partnership with you as parents to support your child's progress in reading and love of books.

To help us work together we will be offering the following workshops:

Wednesday 5th October @ 6pm – EYFS and Year 1 – A bedtime story for children and a reading information presentation for parents.

Thursday 6th October @ 6pm – Year 2 and Key Stage 2 – The importance of Comprehension presentation for parents and story sharing for children.

Harvest Worship

You are invited to join us for our harvest worship on **Wednesday 19th October** in the school hall.

9:30am for houses Maer (red) and Butterton (yellow)
2:45pm for houses Whitmore (blue) and Chapel Chorlton (green)



We will be collecting donations for the local food bank. A donation box will be in the school entrance from 1st October.

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).

House Captains and Vice Captains

We would like to introduce our new house captains and vice captains. I am sure they will do a wonderful job leading their houses this year.

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Maer (Red)	Ruby	Constantina
Whitmore (Blue)	Holly	Oliver Bo
Butterton (Yellow)	Lily T	Oliver H
Chapel Chorlton (Green)	Oscar	Florence

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Leo
Reception	Thomas W, Illarni, Aria
Year 1	All Year 1
Year 2	All Year 2
Year 3	All Year 3
Year 4	Rosie, Sarah, Kaylah
Year 5	Alexander, Esme, Yaroslav
Year 6	Haris, Joshua, Rosie



What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 12 th September	
Monday	Swimming lessons commence at Baldwins Gate Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher at 3.00 pm
Tuesday	Year 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher at 3.00 pm
Wednesday	Year 4 Meet the Teacher at 3.00 pm
Thursday	Mrs Lowndes attending Keeping Children Safe in Education update
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/>

