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### Our Worship Focus

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

*'God loves a cheerful giver.'*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

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

Loving others as we love ourselves  
Giving Sacrificially  
Giving Cheerfully  
Caring for creation  
Giving our time  
Giving as God gives

### 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

A relatively short message this week but I would like to thank Mrs Hulme, one of our governors, who has very kindly provided Level 1 safeguarding training recently for staff, governors and volunteers.

Miss Cartwright held a phonics and reading workshop yesterday evening and I would like to thank her for putting the workshop together and those parents who attended. We do hope you found it informative.

This half term is particularly busy with lots of events. A separate note regarding Christmas Events is attached to this newsletter. This includes a link to an online consent form, please complete and submit as quickly as possible.

We've had a fantastic response to next week's Film Night. Due to Film Night taking place, BUZZ after school club will not open on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Mrs Lowndes  
Headteacher

### CHILDREN IN NEED

It's Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and we're supporting the appeal by holding a non-uniform day (bright and colourful) in exchange for donations for Children in Need.



### 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.

Make a difference  
Become a Parent  
Governor

at Baldwins Gate Primary School

We are looking for three  
Parent Governors  
to join the governing  
body in January 2024

Information on the nomination/election  
process is available on the school website  
[School Website Link](#)

Please return nomination forms  
to the school office no later than  
3.30 pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



w/c	
18 <sup>th</sup> September:	Week 3
25 <sup>th</sup> September:	Week 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	Week 2
9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Week 3
16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Week 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> October:	Week 2
6 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 1
13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 2
20 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 3
27 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week 1
4 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 2
11 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 3
18 <sup>th</sup> December:	Week 1
8 <sup>th</sup> January:	Week 1

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

[School Lunch Menu](#)

## 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:

Lily in Year 5 for her amazing Remembrance poem

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

### Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Monday	
Tuesday	Reading/Phonics Workshop at 6.00 pm for Nursery/Reception/Year 1
Wednesday	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday	
Friday	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day

## SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMARY

We thought it may be useful to provide you with a summary of school trips for the coming year, costs and payment deadline dates.

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.

Some trips have not yet been finalised and information has not yet been sent to parents. The list will be updated on a regular basis.

Year Group	Date	Trip	Cost	Deadline date for payment
4	5 <sup>th</sup> October	River Study	£20.00	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop	£15.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
All	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whitmore Church	-	-
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nantwich Museum	£15.00	9 <sup>th</sup> January
6	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Recorder Festival	TBC	TBC
All	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whitmore Church	-	-
4	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> April	York	£165.00	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trentham	£15.00	TBC
EYFS	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue Planet	TBC	TBC
3	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Chester Zoo	TBC	TBC
3	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Standon Bowers	£156.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
5	8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Boreatton Park	£209.00	4 <sup>th</sup> April
6	26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Llandudno	TBC	TBC

## PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

**The total outstanding balance today stands at £785.43. Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.**

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.

**Payment for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning.** 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.

### **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>

### **ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2024**

#### **ADMISSIONS TO NURSERY**

The application system will open this week.

The deadline for applications is: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Parents will be confirmed on: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Please contact Mrs Riley in the school office if you would like an application pack.

Alternatively, you can download an application form from the school website, using the link below:

<https://www.baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk/nursery-admissions.html>

#### **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION**

The application system Reception admissions will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

Applications will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Parents receive outcomes on National Offer Day, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online application will appear on the Staffordshire County Council website when applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

Full information is available at the link below:

[Staffordshire County Council Admissions](#)

#### **MORNING BREAK AND PACKED LUNCHES FROM HOME**

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.



#### **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



### **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.

### **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)).

We know it's early but .....

The Christmas Tree farm will open from 18th November and up until 24th December

A promotional poster for Keele Christmas Tree Farm. The background is light green with stylized green Christmas trees and a sun icon. The text is centered and reads: "ENJOY A FESTIVE FAMILY DAY OUT AND EARN CASH BACK FOR YOUR SCHOOL". Below this, under a dashed line, is the heading "HOW IT WORKS" followed by three bullet points: "-COME ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE FARM PICKING YOUR PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE", "-WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TREE, ASK AT THE TILL FOR YOUR SCHOOLS TOKENS. THE AMOUNT YOU HAVE SPENT ON YOUR TREE(S) WILL BE PUT AGAINST YOUR SCHOOL", and "-IN THE NEW YEAR WE ADD UP HOW MUCH EACH SCHOOL HAS EARNT AND SEND A PERCENTAGE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL". At the bottom center is the Keele Christmas Tree Farm logo, which consists of a small green tree icon and the text "KEELE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM".