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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

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Dear Parents and Carers

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

You should have received an email from your child's class teacher containing all the "Essential Information" for the class. 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 or still have any questions, 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

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

The children had a very informative and fun visit from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity today. We even had the helipod on the playground. This is their mobile demonstration helicopter shell and provides the closest experience to an air ambulance without the need for the actual one.

Our thanks to the Air Ambulance team who made the visit possible. If you would like to make a donation to the Air Ambulance Charity, you are welcome to send in a donation to school. Thank you.



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



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

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

[Lunch Menu Autumn Term 2023](#)

REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC)

We have received confirmation from Staffordshire County Council that we do not have RAAC present in the school.

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.



HEAD LICE

There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. Please check your child's head as soon as possible. For further information please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice. We appreciate your help to ensure we keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

FLU IMMUNISATION – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

The School Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 25th September for the flu vaccination for children in Reception to Year 6. You should have received an email regarding the programme and a link to the consent form.

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Baldwins Gate CofE Primary School – 25 Sept 2023 - Flu
Your school code is: SS124290-23

Please make sure that you complete and submit your child's consent form as soon as you get it, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and **only submit one consent form per child**.

Consents Forms must be submitted by 10am on 22nd September 2023, as we are unable to accept them after this date. You may be required to bring your child to a community clinic for a catch-up appointment, if you do not submit the consent form by the required date above.

VERY IMPORTANT – PUPIL MEDICAL INFORMATION

As we move into the colder months, some children can develop asthma like symptoms and are prescribed inhalers by their GP to help with their breathing. Although this is not as a result of an asthma diagnosis please inform the school as soon as possible.

We are undertaking a review of all medical records and medicines in school. If your child has a medical diagnosis, requires medication in school and you have not been contacted by Mr Smith please contact the school office or e-mail him directly on:

Jamie.smith@baldwingsgate.staffs.sch.uk

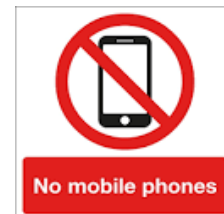
All medications sent to school must be on prescription and should be in the original container with your child's name visible and in date.

If your child has an inhaler in school, please check that it is in date.

As a school we do endeavour to check medication but ultimately this is the responsibility of carers and parents.

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.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon on **Friday 6th October at 2.30pm** 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.

HARVEST WORSHIP

You are invited to join us for our harvest worship on **Wednesday 25th October** in the school hall.

9:30am for houses Maer (red) and Butterson (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 2nd 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@baldwinsgate.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)	Matilda	Arthur
Whitmore (Blue)	Maddie	Phoebe
Butterson (Yellow)	Evelyn	George
Chapel Chorlton (Green)	Stanley	Cerece

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Whole class
Reception	Whole class
Year 1	Whole class
Year 2	Ella, Frankie
Year 3	Edie, Sennon
Year 4	Blake, Gracie-Mae, Henry B
Year 5	Joseph, Kai, Xavier
Year 6	Izzy, Lainey-Rae



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:

- Arthur and Annie – for leading our Roald Dahl Day whole school assembly.
- Edie S – for being caring and looking after the younger children.

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 18 th September	
Monday	Swimming (week 2 of 3) Air Ambulance in school Staff Meeting: Safeguarding training
Tuesday	
Wednesday	BeeActive in school
Thursday	Finance Officer in school (afternoon)
Friday	

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

The nearly new uniform shop is well stocked at the moment. If you are looking for any items of school uniform, please pop in and see Mrs Riley. All items are £3.00 and all proceeds go to school funds.

Is my child too ill for school?

Although lengthy, we thought you may find the following information helpful.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Professor Chris Whitty, and leading health professionals have written to schools to provide advice for parents regarding illnesses and whether or not children should attend school. Children can attend school with a minor coughs and cold, provided they do not have a fever.

The link to the NHS site Is my child too ill for school? is provided below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

INNOCULATIONS – MEASLES ADVICE

Measles is **very infectious** and can spread rapidly among communities, such as schools, if people have not been fully immunised with the MMR vaccine. While

most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles **can cause very serious illness** – sometimes leading to permanent disability or even death. The best way to protect against measles is to make sure people/families are up to date with their MMR vaccines – which also protect against mumps and rubella.

TWO doses are needed to give maximum protection:

1st dose just after the child's first birthday

2nd dose at 3 years 4 months and certainly before children start school full time.

Anyone who is not up to date with their MMR vaccines should be advised to **make an appointment with their GP as soon as possible, to get their MMR**. This is especially important when measles is circulating – as it is now.

Further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-flyer-for-schools/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres>

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/>

