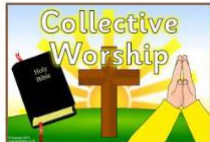


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Our Worship Focus

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

We have attached again this week information regarding Christmas Events in school and a copy of the latest diary dates. If you have not yet completed the Christmas Consent Form, the link is available below. Please submit as soon as possible and before Monday 11th December. Thank you.

[Link to online consent form: Christmas Consent Form](#)



FILM NIGHT

Thursday 23rd November 2023, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Thank you for reacting so quickly to book places for Thursday's Film Night. This makes the catering and organisation so much easier.

Children should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00 pm

NO BUZZ AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November to support the Christmas Fair. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair. We are asking each class to bring donations for the hamper tombola and bottle tombola. Please see list below:

Nursery:	Biscuits	Year 3:	Bottles
Reception:	Chocolate	Year 4:	Jams and chutneys
Year 1:	Chocolate	Year 5:	Bottles
Year 2:	Crisps, crackers, snacks	Year 6:	Bottles

PANTOMIME IN SCHOOL

We are pleased to advise that M&M Productions are visiting us on Friday 26th January to perform their pantomime "A Christmas Carol". Funds raised from Film Night have enabled us to provide this treat for the children. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday's non-uniform day to support Children in Need raised **£192.50**. Thank you for your donations and thank you to Mrs Danks for organising some fun games and activities for the children during the afternoon.



PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

We are delighted to report that we have received five nominations for the three parent governor vacancies. We will be holding an election and information will be sent to you as soon as possible.



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is full of uniform – none of which is labelled. **Please ensure that all uniform, shoes, trainers, coats etc are all clearly labelled with your child's name.**

SCHOOL LUNCHES



w/c	
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.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Henry
Reception	Amari, Daisy
Year 1	Tommy
Year 2	All Year 2
Year 3	Martha
Year 4	Wilfred, Harvey
Year 5	Leah, Monty, Rosie Be
Year 6	Alexander, George



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:

- Ivy Slater** – for her fabulous reading.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Week commencing Monday 20th November

Monday	
Tuesday	Mrs Stonier First Aid training
Wednesday	Nursery and Reception theatre trip Governors' Meeting
Thursday	Movie Night 3.30 to 6.00 pm
Friday	

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2024

ADMISSIONS TO NURSERY

The deadline for applications is: Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Places will be confirmed on: Friday 8th 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:

[Nursery Admissions September 2024](#)

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION

The application system Reception admissions will open on 1st November 2023.

Applications will close on 15th January 2024.

Parents receive outcomes on National Offer Day, 16th 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 1st November 2023. Full information is available at the link below:

[Staffordshire County Council Admissions](#)

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.

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 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	9 th January
6	6 th March	Recorder Festival	TBC	TBC
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	TBC
EYFS	24 th April	Blue Planet	TBC	TBC
3	24 th April	Chester Zoo	TBC	TBC
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
6	26 th to 28 th June	Llandudno	TBC	TBC

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

The total outstanding balance today stands at £724.32.

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>

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.



We know it's early but

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

