# **Baldwins Gate CE Primary School**

Everyone learning together in faith, truth and love

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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

### Welcome to this week's newsletter!

#### MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Their visit last week was a huge success.



### **ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHY – SIBLING/INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

Smile!



Academy Photography will be in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to take sibling/individual photographs. If you have a pre-school age child and would like to include them in a sibling photograph, please contact Mrs Riley in the office. We usually provide an opportunity for pre-school age sibling photos from 8.30 am. Thank you.

#### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

The Macmillan coffee afternoon is taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Can you please donate a cake (nut free)? It doesn't have to be home made.

Children can bring a money donation and buy a cake at break time and parents are invited to some in and enjoy coffee and cake from 2:30pm - 3:30pm in the school hall



#### **MEDICAL CARE PLANS**

Would parents who have a medical care plan for their child, please sign and return the plan that Mr Smith recently sent home. Please return forms promptly.

# PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES, BUZZ AND NURSERY WRAPAROUND

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.

May we please remind you that 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.

The total outstanding balance currently stands at £918.91.

Please check your ParentPay balance today and clear any outstanding balance.

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.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES



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

Lunch Menu Autumn Term 2023

# **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

Full information is available at the link below:

Staffordshire County Council Admissions



#### HARVEST WORSHIP

You are invited to join us for our harvest worship on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



#### 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.



#### <u>SAFEGUARDING</u>

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

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#### **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@baldwinsgate.staffs.sch.uk).

# **Superstar Awards**

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery and Reception	Albie, Arabella, Esme
Year 1	George B
Year 2	Ella, Finlay
Year 3	Freya, Nyla
Year 4	Sophia, Sophie
Year 5	George M, Kaylah
Year 6	Phoebe, Stanley

# **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:

- Edie B, Finn, Rubie and Sennon for amazing, independent English work
- Daisy for acts of kindness towards her friends

### What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	
Monday	Swimming (week 3 of 3)
	Flu Immunisation Team in school – R to Year 6
Tuesday	5.30 – 7.00 pm EYFS Art Gallery
Wednesday	BeeActive in school
Thursday	
Friday	Mr Dixon Madeley School to visit Year 6

# **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.

### **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!



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