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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

Please can I start by congratulating the children on their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning last week, they did us very proud. Can I also thank you as parents and carers for your support during what was our pending, routine two day Ofsted inspection. The report should be available for parents in 30 working days. As soon as it is published you will receive a copy and we look forward to sharing it with you.

This week promises to be another busy week. We start out inter school cross country competition; the first race is at Sir John Offley Primary School in Madeley at 4pm tomorrow. This is our last week of swimming, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it has been wonderful to witness the progress made by all age groups. We do however have lots of left-over kit - if your child is missing a towel, goggles, shoes, clothes, swimming costume/trunks please speak to your child's class teacher.

Once again 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

### Chapel Chorlton and Whitmore Church Harvest Service Invitation - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Our families are warmly invited to attend the Harvest Services taking place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Chapel Chorlton Church at 9:30am and Whitmore Church at 11am. The services will be led by the Archdeacon of Stoke, the Venerable Dr. Megan Smith. During this week in school children will be working on harvest/autumn artwork, some of which will be displayed in the churches.

### 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



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12<sup>th</sup> September: Week 1

19<sup>th</sup> September: Week 2

26<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Can you help? If you are able to donate cake/cakes either homemade or bought we would be very grateful. All donations to be bought into school on the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks in advance.**



## **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:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 6pm** – EYFS and Year 1 – A bedtime story for children and a reading information presentation for parents.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<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 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## **ParentPay – payments for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound**

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit for school lunches, BUZZ and nursery wraparound.

You need to pay for school lunches for the week ahead on a Monday morning.

With regard to BUZZ and Nursery Wraparound, you must ensure there is enough credit on the account to cover the bookings made for the week ahead.

**Please, please keep ParentPay up to date so that Miss Green and Mrs Riley do not have to chase outstanding amounts.**

Thank you.

## **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)).

## Superstar Awards



Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	Phoebe
Reception	Beant, Anna W, Everly
Year 1	Theo, William
Year 2	Esme
Year 3	Lottie, Ida
Year 4	Rosie B
Year 5	Chase, Elodie, Zoey
Year 6	Charlie, Issac

## 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:

**George G in Year 4**

## What's on this week?

### Week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Monday	Final week of swimming lessons commence at Baldwins Gate
Tuesday	Mr Hope, Madeley School visiting Year 6
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Assembly with the Hearing Impairment Team 2.00 pm MacMillan Coffee Morning in school

## 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/>

