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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

I do hope you had an enjoyable half term break despite the wet weather. This half term is always busy so please do read the newsletter thoroughly and keep an eye on the diary dates section.

Thank you for your very kind harvest donations. We have received a thank you from the local foodbank advising that our collection has provided the equivalent of 275 meals which is wonderful.

We have also received a thank you from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. They left a collection tin following their recent visit and we raised £139.39.

We are holding our Open Evening later today and we look forward to welcoming prospective parents.

We are still accepting nominations for our Parent Governor vacancies and if you are interested, the deadline for returning nomination forms is Thursday 16th November (at 3.30 pm).

Back by popular demand we are holding a Film Night on Thursday 23rd November from 3.30 – 6.00 pm. If your child/children would like to attend, please book on ParentPay by Tuesday 14th November.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher



POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion have provided us with poppies and a collection tin. If your child would like a poppy they should bring a donation to school. Year 6 pupils will be on the school gate in the morning and will be visiting classes so that children can select a poppy and donate. Thank you.



Baldwins Gate CE (VC) Primary School
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
OPEN EVENING
on Tuesday 7th November
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

On Tuesday 7th November, we will be opening our doors to the local community between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

This will be a chance for families to come and view our wonderful school and facilities and get a feel for our culture and ethos. The event is open to everyone.

We currently have places throughout the school so whether you are looking for a nursery or reception place in September 2024, or perhaps considering a place in another year group, it would be a perfect opportunity to see what we can offer.

We hope you can join us and look forward to meeting you.

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A Big **THANK YOU**

for supporting Newcastle-Staffs foodbank.

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis. A collection by Baldwins Gate Primary School provided the equivalent of 275 meals.

Newcastle-Staffs foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide network.



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](#)

The catering company have updated the lunch menu slightly. They are introducing sausage and mash on a Monday in Week 2. The updated menu will be introduced after half term.

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
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

Film Night
Thursday 23rd November 2023
3.30 – 6.00 pm



Hot dogs, juice, cake and popcorn will be served during the interval

£5.50 per child
 (maximum of £11.00 per family)

PLEASE BOOK ON PARENTPAY

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED BY TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER
 (WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS FOR CATERING)

Children should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00 pm

NO BUZZ AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

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 16th November.

SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery and Reception	Logan
Year 1	Frances, Meera
Year 2	Leo
Year 3	Finlay, Noah
Year 4	Hudson, Ida
Year 5	Edie, Isla-Rae
Year 6	Maddie, Poppy



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Week commencing Monday 6 th November	
Monday	Back to school after half term
Tuesday	Open Evening 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday	Harvest Festival assemblies
Thursday	Level 1 Safeguarding for Governors and Volunteers (3.45 pm)
Friday	Remembrance Assembly

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.

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 today stands at £842.68

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.

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 31st January 2024.

Parents 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:

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

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](#)

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).

We know it's early but

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

**ENJOY A
FESTIVE FAMILY DAY
OUT AND
EARN CASH BACK ★
FOR YOUR
SCHOOL**

HOW IT WORKS

- 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
- IN THE NEW YEAR WE ADD UP HOW MUCH EACH SCHOOL HAS EARNED AND SEND A PERCENTAGE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

**KEELE
CHRISTMAS
TREE FARM**