

# Balderstone St Leonard's Church of England Primary School Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Mrs Gow's Friday roundup...

Dear school family,

One of the favourite parts of my new role as Headteacher is the privilege of seeing the fabulous learning opportunities the children have across our school throughout the week and seeing the children flourishing. Year 5 and 6 have been busy composing their own war themed poems and performing them using glockenspiels to the tune of 'Oranges and Lemons.' Year 1 and 2 have been focusing on Harvest this week and have written some thankfulness prayers (in their best handwriting). Foxes are still immersed in all things chocolate! EYFS have done some Jazz singing and dancing this afternoon and have been looking at ways music was played in the past including cassettes (how old do I feel?) In worship we have been continuing our theme of trust through exploring Joseph's life.

As a school we are increasingly aware of the many financial pressures that so many of our families are facing in the current climate. We know that school clubs, dinners, extra-curricular activities, petrol, trips and donations all add up and we are trying to be increasingly aware of the burdens we place on you. However, we do need you to be aware that as a small school family we do rely on your support to provide the wider range of educational curricular experiences that we offer. This year we have committed to providing an hour of free sports coaching every lunchtime from 12 - 1pm. We know that lots of our children are busy after school and we wanted to make sure that **every** child has a chance to attend an active, fun, sports club. We have invested in Sports Cool to work alongside us as coaching partners and the children will be able to sign up to join these activities on a half-termly basis. There will be a limit on numbers, but every child will be given an opportunity to attend across the term. Mrs Heyworth has included a provisional timetable of sports clubs for you to share with your child. The clubs start next Monday. On top of this, our fab staff are also committed to taking teams to join the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley competitions. Have a lovely weekend.

Every Blessing, Mrs Gow



TRUST IN THE LORD  
WITH ALL YOUR



Proverbs 3:5



## Open Week - Spread the word!

We are having our Open Week in school beginning **Monday 31st October- Friday 4th November.**

We would like to invite prospective new parents, existing parents and members of the local community to come and have a tour and see all the learning and fun things happening around school.

This is on an appointment basis so please tell family and friends to just give us a call on 01254 769150 to book a tour guide! Please do spread the word about our school in the local community.

We know how special it is to be part of the Balderstone school family, but we need to make sure our school continues to thrive.



**A small school  
with a big heart**

We are currently accepting  
applications.

Join us for our Open Week 31<sup>st</sup>  
October – 4<sup>th</sup> November. Ring  
school to book a tour.



For more information visit  
 [www.balderstoneschool.co.uk](http://www.balderstoneschool.co.uk)   
or contact **01254 769150**

## Thriving Thursday Award



Every week the staff choose a child from every year group who have flourished in one of our school mission areas: Loving God, Loving each other and Loving learning. This week's "thrivers" are:

EYFS: Farrin

Year 1: Primrose

Year 2: Danyal

Year 3: Poppy &

Year 4: Eshaal

Year 5: Abigail

Year 6: Eesa

We are very proud of your efforts! Glad you enjoyed your hot chocolate & treats with Mrs Draycott today!



## We love reading!

As we develop our new school library we would love it if all the children would send us a photo of them enjoying reading their favourite story/book! This might be reading in your favourite place. The staff are also going to send in their photos so we can create a new display board - Balderstone's Beloved Books! The children in Bunnies and Rabbits have already sent their photos in to Miss Roberts and Mrs Moosa so thank you! You can email your photos to [welovereadng@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:welovereadng@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk) Or give them to your child's class teacher. Please send them in by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Prize for every entry!





## Cross-country news

We are very much looking forward to our first sports competition/fun event of the year our Cross-country run on next Monday for the children who have been invited to run. We have had some additional information about the arrangements for the races:

St Michael and St Johns School,  
Lowergate, Clitheroe, BB7 1AG

Start time: Arrive for registration by 4pm.

Girls' race starts at 4.15pm, boys' race at 4.30pm

There is no parking available at St Michael's. There is a car park opposite the school but I would recommend parking in Clitheroe Town centre and walking up as this car park will quickly fill up. Parents are able to spectate but will be asked to stay in a coned off area at the top of the field. There will be **NO** toilet facilities available on site for spectators (they will need to go to Clitheroe if they need the toilet) and competitors will need to be accompanied to the toilets by a member of their own school staff.

Any fun runners will wear bibs and set off a few minutes after the main run but we aim to start the girls race at 4.15 and the boys at 4.30 so please try to arrive in enough time to allow us to do this. The races will be finished by 5 and we will aim to get the results out as quickly as possible after that.







Our very own Crafty G launched her new group after school tonight! We had great fun making our paint free pumpkins. Next week we are going to visit the alpacas!



## FOBS, Charity and School council dates

Our fantastic FOBS team (Friends of Balderstone School) met for the first time this week and they have programmed in a year's worth of family, fun-filled events. These events help bring us together as a school family but also many of them raise essential funds for the school and charity that are used directly on supporting your children and purchasing additional resources. Our school council (due to be elected in October) also have a calendar of events that help raise money for charity through supporting events like Children in Need and Comic Relief. We thought it might help if you have a full run-down of all events now to print out and keep.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest festival in school 	Please bring donations of dried, tinned, packet foods and/or toiletries to school. These will be gifted to Blackburn Food Bank through our church.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Chocolate Tombola donation for Church Christmas Fair	Please come in non-uniform and bring a donation of an unwrapped chocolate gift. Eg, a selection box, a chocolate orange etc. 
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November @ 6pm - 7.30ish	Balderstone Bonfire and Firework display at the school (BBQ, curry, treats)	£10 family of up to 5 (2 adults, 3 children), £4 additional adult, £2 child 
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day in school 	Non-uniform day (bring money donation) and also bring loose change for the afternoon stalls and games in the hall. Wrapped cake donations for cake stall please.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Brass band concert at church	Come along to join in lots of Christmas songs and carols!
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Hamper donation day	Please bring in a donation so we can make some fabulous Christmas hampers for our raffle: Pre-school and Reception - Chocolate gift Year 1- sweet biscuits Year 2- savoury biscuits/crackers Year 3 - Christmas bread/cakes Year 4 - Preserves, jams, sauces Year 5 - tea/coffee Year 6 - bottles (wine, non-alcoholic, fizzy) 

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2pm	Church Christmas Fair at Balderstone School	Come along and support St Leonard's at this fun, family Christmas themed fair	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day	Come to school wearing your favourite Christmas/winter jumper/top.	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm - 7.45pm	Christmas Disco for all children 	Ticket prices to follow - refreshments	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 3.15 - 5.30pm	Film Night	Ticket prices to follow - refreshments available	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Chocolate donation day	 Non-uniform - please bring a chocolate donation - eg, Easter egg, bar of chocolate, box of chocolates	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Chocolate Bingo Night	Times and ticket prices to follow	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Gifts given out 	These gifts are pre-ordered and the FINAL day for orders is 9am on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic relief day	Red Noses on sale. Non-uniform day - money donation.	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Dad's doughnuts day (Father's Day)	 Orders must be in a week before this date to secure purchase Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June last day for orders	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	 Bring a summer toy day	Non-uniform day - bring a summer themed toy donation suitable for a child your child's age.	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS FAMILY SUMMER FUN!	 Our summer extravaganza with inflatables, games, refreshments and fun for all the family (one of the most exciting events locally!)	

Starting next week are our brand new lunchtime clubs and Daily mile too! Mrs Heyworth has sent a message explaining the process of sports team selections.

"Children are selected for teams based on the type of competition being held: some are non-competitive, some are designed to encourage and instill a love of physical activity and some are highly competitive. We monitor and track every child's participation in school competition and school sport and work hard to ensure that there are equal opportunities given to **all** children. If your child is not selected for a particular team or event, it will be for a reason: we strive to distribute the events as best as we possibly can. Where events are highly competitive, we will try to play our strongest team. If children engage with extra-curricular activities offered this will also play a part in the decision-making process."

## Our extra-curricular offer

	8.00 – 8.30am	8:20 - 8:40	12:00 - 12:30 Teacher selected pupils	12:30 - 1pm Pupil Sign up in school	3:15 - 4:15 Parental Sign up via consent slips
<b>Motivation Monday</b>	Headstart – Mrs Gow to invite children in for a brekkie boost	Daily Mile	Y5/6 Team Football Training	KS2 Football (Autumn 1)  KS1 Football (Autumn 2)	KS2 Dodgeball with Sports Cool (Autumn 1)
<b>Technical Tuesday</b>			KS1 Fundamentals	KS2 Girls' Football  Drawing club with (Mrs Turner and Mrs Midgely)	KS1 Football with Sports Cool (Autumn 1)  KS2 Football with Sports Cool (Autumn 2)  Coding club (already started)
<b>Wellbeing Wednesday</b>	Headstart – Mrs Gow to invite children in for a brekkie boost	Daily Mile (Mrs Dixon)	C4L club	TBC Sports club KS1	KS 1 <b>Kurling</b> Mrs Gow (Autumn 2)
<b>Thriving Thursday</b>			KS2 Fundamentals	TBC Sports club KS2	
<b>Flourishing Friday</b>		Martial Arts	KS2 Athletics Team Training	Flourishing Friday Fun: The weekly winning team	Craft club with Crafty G



## Diary Dates

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Celebration worship in church 9.00am - Harvest Festival. Please bring your donation in on this day.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Celebration worship in church 9.00am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Celebration worship in church - 2.30pm STARS for the Half-term

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November Year 1/2 Parent lunch 12.30pm followed by Year 1/2 worship for Remembrance day in church 1.30pm

Wrap-around care is available in our school now from 7.40am - 8.40am and then 3.10 - 5.45pm. This can be on a casual basis if needed. Please speak to Mrs Johnstone to make enquiries.



## Coffee Creative

Many thanks to the 30 families who have already signed up for this creative, relaxing event. There's still time to sign up! Join us on **14<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm - 3pm** for our Coffee Creative session, where you can spend the hour working on a sewing-based activity. Come along for crafts, coffee and companionship. Ask Mrs Turner for more info.

## Harvest Festival



Next Friday is our Harvest festival service where we say thanks to God for all we have!

Please join us for this special worship 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am (for tea/coffee) and then in church for 9am. We are collecting tins, packet foods, dried foods and toiletries. Please send a donation with your child next Friday.



