



Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter 21st June 2024

"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

Mrs Gow's words for the week!



It's been another busy week with Little Mermaid rehearsals in full swing. We've heard some amazing singing emanating from the hall. Today we enjoyed our Year 1/2 Parent Lunch and our EYFS Stay and Play lesson - where our school was invaded by a lot of little aliens.

Tomorrow (Saturday 22nd) we join with our local community of Mellor Brook to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the community centre. EVERYONE is invited to join us at the community centre to join the fun. There will be refreshments, community group shows and a warm welcome at the centre. Our Balderstone children are opening the event. We need as many of our children to join us from **1.50pm to start the festivities**. Our Year 5/6 ukulele group will be playing from **2.30pm too**. The children's amazing art work will be on display, as our two murals (one representing Mellor Brook in 2024 and one showing Mellor Brook 1824) are up on display. Do come and see the amazing job the children and staff have produced! Our History Heroes and Mrs Turner have also put together an amazing video interviewing lots of locals about the life and times of Mellor Brook. Please meet Mrs Gow and Mrs Riddell at 1.50pm at the Community centre on Whalley Road to help us join the party.

On Sunday, our very own Matilda and Georgia are being 'confirmed.' This is an important part of their Christian faith journey as they 'confirm' their belief in Jesus publicly and take their first bread and wine (communion). We shall join the Bishop at 6.30pm at St Mary's Mellor to celebrate this next step in Georgia and Matilda's faith journey. We pray that this will be a blessed and special time for you and your family. May God continue to bless you on this special day.

Monday is our annual sports day. Please see the notes below about essential kit. All parents, carers and family are welcome to join us from 1pm (bring a chair/rug) and be aware that the weather is to be quite hot so please bring water, suncream and hats. The children need a t-shirt in their house team colours. We spoke to all the children today to make sure they knew their team, but if you need a reminder then email Mrs Gow on head@balderstone.lancs.sch.uk for a reminder whether they are red, yellow, blue or green!

This week is International Refugee week. In worship we have prayed for all those who are displaced and have had to flee their homelands through no fault of their own. We hold in our prayers those from war torn areas in the world who are **still** suffering. We have learnt about the Refugee International Olympic team, who have come from all areas of the world representing a diverse range of sports. We continue to pray for peace in our world and wisdom for our world leaders/governments.

I hope to see you tomorrow at the community centre.

Every blessing, Mrs Gow

As promised, here is a quick overview of the busy week ahead.

Parent diary 24th June

Date	Event	Timings	Pupils Involved
Monday 24 th June	Sports day NO FOREST SCHOOL today Girls' football Alpaca visit – Adah's art club (parents to take please)	1pm onwards 4-6pm	All pupils from Pre-school to Year 6. Parents/family members welcome to join us from 1pm on the school field. Bring a chair/mat – sunscreen.
Tuesday 25 th June	Youth games Gardening club after school	10 – 3pm	10 year ¼ children Children signed up with Mrs Riddell
Thursday 27 th June	Fire service talks (year 2 and year 6) Ribblesdale transition meeting for parents EYFS alien day Stay and Play session	1 & 2pm 4pm	Year 1 and 2 parents/carers Year 6 children/parents/carers attending Ribblesdale
Friday 28 th June	Clitheroe Grammar transition day	1.50pm at Community Centre	Year 6 children attending the grammar from September
Saturday 29 th June	Balderstone Summer fun	5-8pm	EVERYONE!

Sports Day 2024 - Monday 24th June 1pm onwards



Monday afternoon is our annual school sports day. Please make sure that your child has the following things:

- suncream
- sunhat/cap
- water bottle
- coloured t-shirt for house team (email Mrs Gow if you are unsure of your child's house team and they don't know)
- trainers MUST be worn/in school for the day
- black PE shorts

Our youngest children (EYFS) can come to school in their kit to make life easier. It looks like it might be quite warm on the day so please make sure your child has sun protection and a hat.

Parents/family and carers are welcome to join us from 1pm on the school field. Please bring a chair/rug. The children will be in their family/house groups. They are not allowed to leave these groups and go off with you for obvious safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring additional snacks for your child. Mrs Burton is running a refreshment station for drinks/snacks etc for the children. Come along and join the fun! Don't forget your trainers for the grown up races too!

Year 3/4 Youth Games - Tuesday



10 children from Year 3/4 have been invited to the Youth Sports Games and colour run on Tuesday 25th June. **Mrs Gow desperately needs more one or two drivers** from the 10 children/parents who are attending to help her get the children to Queens Park, Burnley BB11 3AA from 9.30 - 2.45pm. Without some help with lifts, we will need to book transport and this will be an additional cost. We are VERY lucky to be invited to this special event.

All children involved **must** have:

PE kit/trainers

White T-shirt provided for the super exciting colour run

A pair of cheap sunglasses to protect their eyes from the powder paints!

Suncream

Sunhat

A water bottle

Packed lunch (children on school dinners will get a grab bag provided)

Balderstone Family Fun 2024 - Sign up please



Balderstone Family Fun Night

Saturday 29th June 5 – 8pm

@ Balderstone St Leonards' Primary School

The banner features a light blue background with a white border. On the left is an illustration of a pink and yellow ice cream bar. On the right is a smiling sun wearing blue sunglasses. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold red and black fonts.

Our biggest family fun event of the year is nearly upon us. SATURDAY 29th JUNE, but we **ABSOLUTELY NEED YOUR HELP**. The FOBS team are now *desperate* for additional volunteers to sign up and run a stall for some of the evening. There is a sign-up sheet at front office in school. Honestly, many hands make light work with this event and the monies raised make a MASSIVE impact on school - especially with school budgets the way they are at the moment, so please, if you can, volunteer an hour of your time.

Good news for our Year 6 pupils. FOBS have kindly given each of you a free inflatable and ice-cream ticket to use at the fair as a special gift to you now you are our 2024 leavers! These will be given out later this week (do not lose them!)

This evening is the biggest and best of our school events, and is a wonderful way to bring our whole school community together so please do your best to support us in making this the best Balderstone Summer Fun yet!

Balderstone Family Fun Night



Saturday 29th June 5 – 8pm

@ Balderstone St Leonards' Primary School



An evening of fun, music and food

Entry £5 per family

Please note this is a cash only event.



Hook a Duck



Barbecue

(Halal barbecue also available)

24ft Climbing Wall



20 ft inflatable slide



DJ

Toy Tombola



Raffle

Beat the Goalie



Inflatable Assault Course

Face painting



Bring your own camping chairs and picnic rugs.

Church and community corner



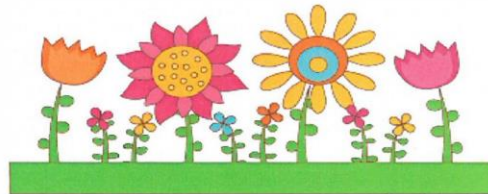
Open Gardens 2024



**St Leonard's Church
Balderstone**

Open Garden Month 2024

**Saturday 15th June
to
Saturday 13th July
plus
Sunday 11th August**



WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Saturday 15th June 2-3pm	Summer Afternoon Tea On the school playground and school field £10, adults children free	Shuffles will be playing during the afternoon Children's games etc Plant stall / Quiz Raffle
Friday 21st June 10am - Noon	Ruth Mather Rivernagh Jacksons Bank Road Balderstone BB2 2JH	Open Garden Coffee morning Donations please
Friday 21st June 10am - 7pm	John & Elaine Coar Smalley Fold Farm Commons Lane Balderstone BB2 2JH	Open Garden Wine & Cheese. Evening including samples Donations please
Saturday 22nd June 10.30am - 12.30pm	Chris & Rachel Haze Whimsey Lane Barn Whimsey Lane Melkior BB2 7EH	Open Garden Tea, Coffee & Cakes Donations please
Thursday 27th June 3pm - 5pm	Ian & Margaret Fletcher 21, Gravelade Drive Bunley BB12 8AR Please come and meet me on Lealand Way and walk from there, due to limited parking. Thank you	Open Garden Light Refreshments Donations please 01282 451909

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Friday 28th June 6pm-8pm	John & Cathy Evans Open House Farm Commons Lane Balderstone BB2 7JL	Open Garden Wine & Nibbles Donations please
Substuary 29th June 2pm - 4pm	Margery Ashworth with Kath & Helen Roberts Farrington East & West Commons Lane Balderstone BB2 7JL	Two Open Gardens Refreshments Donations please
Sunday 7th July 2.30pm - 5pm	Elton Farm Pickering Fold Farm Mezza Lane Balderstone BB2 7JL	Open Garden Refreshments Children's Treasure Hunt Weather permitting, bring your wellies and walk for things in the book Donations please
Tuesday 9th July 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Balderstone School Commons Lane Balderstone	View the children's gardens see what they've been growing Call Chris & I for refreshments Donations please
Friday 12th July 5pm - 7pm	Andrew & Cathy Evans Holmes Cottage Higher Commons Lane Balderstone BB2 7JL	Open Garden Drinks and light snacks Donations please
Sunday 11th August 2pm - 5pm	Extra event Janice Taylor Lane Ends Cottage Juniper of Commons Lane & Highfield Lane Balderstone BB2 7JL	Open Garden Afternoon Tea starts from 2.30pm Donations please

Flourishing Friday Winners



Well done to the following children, who were chosen for living our school Christian mission of Loving God, loving each other and loving learning this week:

EYFS. Ruby

Year 1. Muhammad Aidan

Year 2 Zayyan

Year 3 Eeva

Year 4 Zayn

Year 5 Aaisha A

Year 6 Falak

Sports and school trip Dates - upcoming



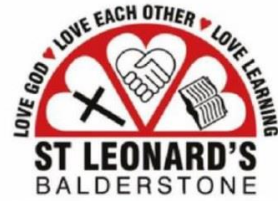
We have a busy few weeks ahead with sports events. Here are the dates we have so far. We do deeply appreciate the parents/carers who help us to transport and support pupils attend these events. Please watch out for the Parentmail forms with your child's invite for the event.

Monday 24th June - Sports Day and Girls' football after school

Tuesday 25th June - 10 - 2.45pm 10 children from Year 3/4 Youth games and Colour Run - Accrington

Thursday 4th July. Blackpool Zoo trip Year 1/2

Contact Us



**A small school
with a big heart**

We are currently accepting
applications.

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



For more information visit
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