



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 3 – 17th September 2021

Pupil Leadership Team

This week we held our pupil leadership election. The whole school participated in the vote, including the staff. The votes were very close but we are delighted to announce:



Head Boy – Brandon

Head Girl – Tegan

Deputy Head Boy – Oliver-Jon

Deputy Head Girl – Gracie-Mae

This is a very important role with lots of responsibilities including;

- Working in conjunction with the School Council to make decisions about fundraising ideas.
- Speaking at school events.
- Welcoming guests and showing them around school.

Congratulations to you all, we know that you will be fantastic representatives for St. Aidan's Primary School – A Church of England Academy.

Flu Vaccination Consent Form

Your child will have brought home a Flu Vaccination Consent Form, can you please ensure that this is completed and sent into school by Wednesday 22nd September.



School uniform, jewellery and appearance



The children looked very smart in their school uniform. This really reflects the aims of our school and gives everyone a sense of belonging. Thank you for ensuring your children look so well dressed.

Children are expected NOT to wear any form of make-up in school, for example painted fingernails, false or gel nails, fake tan or eye make-up. It is advisable that long hair is tied back to help prevent the spread of head lice. Extreme hairstyles (e.g. shaving lines, spikes, gel, dye) are discouraged. We find that a neat, tidy appearance helps to create

a good work ethic.

Earrings

Please can I remind you that our school uniform policy states that only plain ear studs are to be worn in school. No earrings are to be worn during PE or swimming lessons. If they cannot be removed by the pupils before their PE lesson then they must be covered with plasters.



Macmillan Fundraiser Coffee Morning



We will be holding a coffee and cake fundraiser at 9.00am – 10.30am on Friday 24th September in the hall. Please sign in at the school office and join us to support this worthy cause.

Reception Class 2022 – School Visit

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022, please call the school office to arrange an appointment where you will be able to see the whole school in action.



Year 1- History of Toys Workshop

On Thursday Year 1 had a visit from Steve who works at Blackburn Museum. He brought with him an exciting selection of toys from all eras as part of Year 1's History topic. The class had the chance to play with the toys and enjoyed playing all the different games. The children had a wonderful time.



School Attendance

The school attendance policy is available to view on our school website.

We expect all children and parents to work hard to gain 100% attendance.

Lateness and attendance are monitored **daily** by the school attendance officer and Family Support Worker who will contact parents to discuss why their child is not in school.

School will inform parents when their child's attendance has become of concern and support will be offered.

There are 175 days a year not in school, plenty of time for other activities.	Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children receive a full time education.	It is important that everyone works together to help children obtain the best possible start in life with a good education.
Good attendance in primary school improves your child's reading, writing and maths skills.	You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.	90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year.

BRFC Internet For All Scheme

What is the scheme?

BRFC wish to tackle 'digital isolation' through our partnership with 6G. As a result, BRFC can offer a free internet connection to those in need (the company's founder grew up in Blackburn and wishes to donate 20% of connections to those in need).

Who is it for?

Families who are 'digitally isolated' with school-aged children. For the internet connection, we will need to check the home is 'on net' (has the correct infrastructure within the area to receive a 6G connection).

When does it start? Ongoing.

How can I apply?

Please contact amy.taylor@brfctrust.co.uk as she will need your postcodes and house numbers to check the houses are 'on net', then can arrange the connection through our contact at 6G.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find a list below of the upcoming Open Evening Events for Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Darwen Vale	Tuesday 21 st September	5.00pm – 8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 23 rd September	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 30 th September	4.00pm – 7.00pm
St. Bede's	Check website for updates	

Outward Bound Trip



Pupils in Year Five and Six have been given a letter regarding an exciting residential trip taking place from 7th March 2022 – 11th March 2022 to The Outward Bound Trust in Howtown. This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £400.00 to £150.00. There are **2 payment items** on ParentPay for this trip; £30.00 deposit (non-refundable) and the other Outward Bound payment item is for the rest of the fees that

will reduce each time a payment is made. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE ONLY 4 SPACES LEFT**

If you have put your child's name down for the residential please ensure that the deposit has been paid.

Please ask at the school office if you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal.

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2022



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2022 is now accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018), please ensure you complete the online

admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools - Sunday 31st October 2021

Primary School - Saturday 15th January 2022

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

Easyfundraising – raise money for St. Aidan's Primary Academy



Did you know if you shop online you can also save money for school?

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for our school. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small

donation to school to say "thank you". It is simple, free and easy to use. When you sign up as a supporter, 4,500 shops and sites will donate for free, every time you shop online. This includes all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more! To find out more head to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidansschoolfund>

Thank you to everyone who has used this service. We have raised £163.80 so far for school funds.

How easyfundraising works

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Start at easyfundraising	Click on the retailer and shop as normal	Your cause gets paid

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	98%	100%	100%

Dates for the Diary

McMillan Coffee Morning - 9.00am – 10.30am

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Secondary school application deadline date

Parents' Evening (more information to follow)

Primary school application deadline date

Friday 24th September

Friday 22nd October

Monday 25th October (1 week)

Monday 1st November

Sunday 31st October

Monday 22nd November

Saturday 15th January

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week.



	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Ezra & Lexi-Lou	Emily
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Tatum & Freddie	Killian
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Ella & Lucas	Avery
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Zenon & Riley W	Hollie-May
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Alfie & Ava-Bella	Quanie
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Nicole & Isabella	Lily-May
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Brandon & Kyle C	Lexus

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher