



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 4 – 24th September 2021

Macmillan Fundraiser Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers in school. Thank you to Mrs Power and Mrs Rey for organising the cakes and coffee.

It was the first school event this year that our pupil leadership team took part in to represent St. Aidan's School.

Thank you to all who bought cakes in the cake sale after school. The total amount raised for the charity will be announced next week

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.



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 pupils before PE/swimming lessons, then they must be covered with plasters.

Have You Updated Your Details

Please can you inform the school office of any new addresses, phone numbers and any other changes that we need to know! This also includes any changes to emergency contacts – this is critical in case of emergencies.

It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. school closures, club cancellations, etc.) via text message.



Harvest Assemblies



This year our harvest service will be led by our Year 5 class and will be filmed for parents/carers to watch. More details about this will be given at a later date. If you are able to send in food donations, please send tinned and packet food with your child that is **in date**. We are unable to accept fresh food or other perishable foods. We will be sending our donations to Blackburn Food Bank.

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
BCHS	Thursday 30 th September	4.00pm – 7.00pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 30 th September	See website for ticket booking details.

Children's University New Members

Sara Burton from Blackburn Children's University came in and spoke to all pupils (except Reception class) earlier this week about Children's University. A letter was sent home regarding signing up if your child is not already a member. Please ensure you return the form by Tuesday 5th October if you want your child to join.



Punctuality



There have been a number children arriving after 8.50am and this affects pupil progress. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at 8.50am every morning to avoid disruptions to their lessons and the administrative running of the school. Children can come into class from 8.40am ready to start their school day. School is required by law to pass names of persistent absentees to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice.

Parking on 'zigzags'

We have noticed that some people are parking on the 'zigzags' outside school when picking up and dropping off children in the morning and evening. Please do not park on these 'zigzags' as it makes it very dangerous for children trying to cross the road. If you get dropped off or picked up by a taxi please remind the taxi driver that they are not allowed to park on the 'zigzags'. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter - the safety of our children is our top priority.



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.

Pupil Absences

If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school, you will need to contact the school office. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.** Please phone the school office on 01254 53148 and leave a message on the absence line.

Labelling school uniform

Can I please remind you to write your child's name in their school jumpers, tops, coats and in their PE kit. It is extremely important that this is done to avoid items of uniform going missing and items being returned to the correct child.

It is the responsibility of all junior pupils to look after their own uniform and belongings; **the school cannot be held responsible for missing items.** Please ensure that your child is aware of this to avoid any upset. Thank you for your support with this.



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



Please help St. Aidan's School Fund WIN from a £5,000 prize fund in the new #easyfundraising Refer to Win competition! We'll get a FREE entry when you sign up before the 1st October! It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already! Sign up

here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidansschoolfund/?invite=002449&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

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%	98%

Dates for the Diary

Harvest Service – to be filmed for parents/carers

School Photographs – Individual and Family

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

Thursday 7th October

Monday 11th October

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)	Sebastian & Lexi-Grace	Evie
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Trixie & Layla H	Lochlan
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Bruno & Aimee	Layla
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Harriett & Cameron	Sky
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Rory & Thomas	Lilly-Marie
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Hannah & Lewis W	Sebastian
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Jessica F & Harley	Rebecca

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher