



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 1 – 8th September 2023

Message from Mrs Greenwood



I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been great to see the children back in school this week, they all look very smart in their uniforms. We have had a fantastic first week back with lots of new learning in all classes. I would like to welcome Miss Kay, Miss Brindle, Miss Haworth and Miss Aspin to St Aidan's. Miss Kay is the teacher in Year 1, Miss Brindle is the teacher in Year 2, Miss Haworth is the teaching assistant in year 4 and Miss Aspin is our new SENCO.



Just to remind all parents/carers - we are a **NUT FREE** school. We do have some children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any type of nut product into school with your child.

School Uniform and Appearance

The children looked very smart in their school uniform this week. 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. Please remember that **BLACK SHOES or ALL BLACK TRAINERS** should be worn at school.

Children are not expected 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 headlice. 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.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM AND COATS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME



Reception Class

Well done to all our Reception children who have had a fantastic first week in school. They have all settled into school life very well and have been working really hard and have made lots of new friends. Keep up the good work Reception class!

Meet the Teacher Meetings



I would like to invite you into school to meet your child's new teacher. This is a great opportunity to get crucial information about what your child has learnt so far, the curriculum, the class timetable and expectations for the year. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. The meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 12th September – Key Stage 1 - 2.45pm
Wednesday 13th September – Key Stage 2 – 2.45pm
Thursday 14th September – Year 6 – 2.45pm

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
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 5 th October 2023	More info to follow on the website
Darwen Vale	Please check the website	More info to follow on the website
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 28 th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Please check the website	More info to follow on the website
St. Bede's	Please check the website	More info to follow on the website
Witton Park High School	Thursday 28 th September 2023	3.30pm – 6.30pm

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2024

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2024 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 2019 and 31st August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2023

Primary School – 15th January 2024

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.



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EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Selecting the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. To help you with this, we would like to invite you and your child into our school to discover what is truly special about our school and the education we provide.

Our informal guided tours take place during a normal school day, so you can meet our wonderful staff and children. Our Headteacher will take great pride in showing you around, giving you the greatest opportunity to see a school day in action.

To book a personal tour please contact the school office – 01254 53148 or email staoffice@cldarl.co.uk

Norfolk Street
Mill Hill
Blackburn
BB2 4EW

Infant School Milk



Just a polite reminder – if you have ordered milk for your child for the Autumn term please remember to make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney. If payment is not made by Friday 15th September your child's milk order will be cancelled.

Year 4 Swimming

From Tuesday 12th September year 4 will be starting weekly swimming lessons on a Tuesday. Please make sure they bring their swimming kit to school with them every Tuesday morning.

Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



We have booked a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Beauty and The Beast Pantomime on Thursday 7th December, for our Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget we have split the payment into 6 instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost over a period of time, making it more affordable. If you wish to make the payment in full you can do so by clicking on the '+' symbol against each instalment which will add a total of £6.50 to your basket. Payment can be made anytime between now and 1st December.

Correct School Uniform ready for September



Maroon jumper or cardigan



Pale blue polo shirt



Grey long trousers, Grey pinafore or skirt

PE Kit



White t-shirt, black or navy PE shorts and black pumps

Whittakers School Uniform

You can now order our uniform online from Whittakers.




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HOW TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Option 1 – Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop



(NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)
On arrival, you will be designated your very own personal shopping assistant who will help you and your family with all of your uniform requirements. Please check our website for opening times.

Option 2 – Place your order online – www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk



(VOUCHERS CAN NOT BE USED ONLINE)
On our website you will need to enter your school name in the search bar. You will then be able to locate your school uniform. Please try to order as soon as possible, to avoid not having your uniform in time for the start of term in September.


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BLACKBURN The Pavilions 20 - 28 Church Street Blackburn BB1 5AL	SHIPLEY 21 Briggate Shipley BD17 7BP
BOLTON 106 Deansgate Bolton BL1 1BD	SOUTHPORT 35 - 39 London Street Southport PR8 0UY
BURNLEY Pendle Village Mill Hollin Bank, Brierfield BB9 5NG	SWINTON 123 - 125 Chorley Road Swinton M27 4AA
KEIGHLEY 5 Low Street Keighley BD21 3PJ	ST HELENS 38 Bridge Street St Helens WA10 1HW



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ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	98%	98%	94%

Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher – KS1

Meet the Teacher – KS2

Meet the Teacher – Year 6

Flu Immunisation in school

Y1/2/3 DT week

Parents Evening

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM

School reopens

Tuesday 12th September – 2.45pm

Wednesday 13th September – 2.45pm

Thursday 14th September – 2.45pm

Monday 25th September

Monday 9th October

Wednesday 18th October/Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October (1 week)

Monday 30th October

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher