



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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St. Aidan's and the Cidari Trust family sends its condolences to His Majesty The King, and the entire Royal family following the death of Her Late Majesty The Queen. As we pray, we reflect and give thanks for a life of extraordinary dedication and service.

Years 1-6 reflected on and celebrated the life of the Queen in a special worship held this morning.

### **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 Grey and Mr Thew to St Aidan's. Miss Grey is teaching in Year 4 and Mr Thew is the teacher in Year 5. We have also welcomed Mr Szejner and Miss Green who are teaching and learning apprentices and will be working with us over the next 2 years as they work towards their level 3 qualification.

I would like to draw your attention to the holiday list for 2022-23, which is on the website: <https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/termdates> . We have a 2 week holiday for half term in the summer term from 26<sup>th</sup> May until 12<sup>th</sup> June. We have done this so that families are able to book a holiday outside of normal school holidays when it is usually less expensive. It will also mean that you will not be fined for taking your child out of school in term time and your child will not miss any learning time in school. I am unable to authorise any family holidays in term time unless parents are employed in the armed forces or the emergency services or there are exceptional circumstances why the holiday could not be taken in the school holidays.



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** 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:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Key Stage 1 - 2.30pm**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Key Stage 2 – 2.30pm**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 – 2.30pm**

### **Reading books**



This week children in years 4, 5 and 6 will have brought home new reading books. Please ensure you listen to your child read at least twice per week.

These books must be in school on a Tuesday and will be returned on a Thursday. As the books get longer as the children move up school, please do not feel they have to read the whole book during that time.

As the reading bands have also been changed, you may find at first your child's book may be too easy or too hard. Feel free to use your child's reading record to communicate this to your child's teachers.

### **Bringing pets onto school grounds**

It is school policy that no animals are to be brought onto school grounds, with the exception of guide or assistance dogs. This is to ensure that staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety. Please do not be offended if you bring a pet onto school grounds and a member of staff asks you to leave, they are simply following school policy. Many thanks for your support with this matter.



## **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	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Bookings to be made via their website (starts 6.00pm)
Darwen Vale	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	5.00pm – 8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	4.00pm – 7.30pm
St. Bede's	Check website for updates	
Witton Park High School	Check website for updates	

## **Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2023**

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2023 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

**Secondary Schools – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**Primary School – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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.

## **Christmas Pantomime 2022 – CINDERELLA**



Just a reminder that the Pantomime has been booked at Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Cinderella on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the whole school. The cost of this trip is £6.50 and is payable via ParentPay. **If you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal please let the office staff know.**

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1<sup>st</sup> December allowing you to buy the tickets over this time if you have more than one child in school.

We are aware of the rising costs of day to day living and utility bills and therefore want to recommend spreading the cost. As an example - if a payment of approximately £1.62 was spread over 4 monthly payments from September to December or approximately £2.17 was spread over 3 monthly payments from October to December this would cover the cost.



There has been a spate of burglaries recently in the local area. Can we please remind everyone to be vigilant and make sure doors and windows are locked.

## Little Lions

Do we have any budding footballers looking to start their journey in football. Little Lions can help children be active in an evening or weekend and help them achieve their potential in football. For anyone interested please see the poster below for contact information.



### Dates for your diary

- Meet the teacher KS1 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm
- Meet the teacher KS2 - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm
- Meet the teacher Year 6 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm
- Harvest Festival - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 9.00am in Church
- School closes for half term** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher