



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 11 – 24th November 2023

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

Admission to Reception Class 2024

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class is 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:-

Primary School – 15th January 2024

It is extremely important that the deadline is met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

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

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
for September 2024

APPLY NOW

Primary school applications are open from:
4 September 2023 to 15 January 2024

Secondary school applications are open from:
4 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

WWW.BLACKBURN.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS

If you need help contact the school admissions team:
tel: 01254 666605
email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions

Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4EW
www.staidansblackburn.co.uk

Tel: 01254 53148

Outward Bound 2024



The deadline for paying the deposit and securing a place has now passed however there are still a few places available. If any children in years 5 or 6 would like to go please pay the deposit of £40.00 via Schoolmoney.

The residential trip is taking place from 18th March 2024 - 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater.

Children In Need



We have raised a total of £148.35. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Y6 Girls Football tournament

Well done to our Year 6 girls who attended a Football tournament hosted by Children's University and Lancashire Police Constabulary on Monday at Blackburn Soccerdome. They showed fantastic effort and teamwork throughout the tournament even coming away with a medal. Well done girls, you did us proud 🙌⚽



Blackburn Light Festival

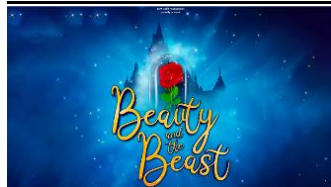
This morning we took 3 children from our 1940's Christmas craft club to The Exchange, Blackburn. They decorated a tree using decorations they had made for the Christmas Tree Festival starting tomorrow, as part of the Blackburn light switch on.

The Christmas tree lights will be illuminated by the Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen, Cllr Parwaiz Akhtar at 4pm on Saturday 25th November.

The Christmas tree festival event takes place, Saturday 25th November 4pm-9pm and Sunday 26th November 12pm-4pm, and on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December 12pm-4pm.



Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Our whole school panto trip is just under 2 weeks away! The cost of the trip is £6.50 per pupil.

This is a **final reminder** for all outstanding payments to be paid before **Friday 1st December** via SchoolMoney. Unfortunately if we do not receive payments the event may have to be cancelled. We have sent out plenty of reminders about this.

Snowball Disco

This year's Snowball Disco will be taking place on Friday 1st December over two sessions and is £2.50 per person. The price includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar.

If you would like your child to attend please make payment via Schoolmoney.



Session 1- 5:00pm-6:00pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only

Session 2- 6:15pm-7:30pm- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children only

Please note, if you have not yet paid for the panto, please can we ask that you make that payment first

Infant Nativity



The KS1 (Years Rec,1 & 2) concert will be held on Thursday 14th December. There will be two performances of the concert which will be held during the school day at **10.00am and 2.00pm**.

Tickets are £1.00 each, maximum of 4 tickets per family and can be purchased via Schoolmoney. Just select 1 option for the number of tickets you want to buy, for example 3 tickets, select the AM OR PM 3 tickets option, add to basket and at checkout you will be asked to pay £3.00. Under 3's are free if **sitting** on an adult's knee.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Thursday 21st **December**, we will be raising funds for Save the Children by paying £1.00 to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, **please do not buy one especially for this day**; you could help your child decorate a jumper they already have by adding a few Christmas decorations.

Selection Box Raffle



We are having a selection box raffle on Thursday 21st December. We are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 27th November for **20p per ticket or £1.00 a strip**.

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner is being served on Thursday 21st December (a vegetarian option is available).

Children can choose this option on the morning of the 21st December. If your child pays for a school dinner, the charge will be £2.41 payable via Schoolmoney.

Christmas Craft Afternoon



Parents/carers are invited to take part in our Christmas Craft afternoon on Wednesday 20th December at 1.30pm-2.50pm. This is a great opportunity to work alongside your child or within a small group and take part in our Christmas craft activities.

There will be tea/coffee/biscuits available in the hall until school finishes. Children will not be released early to go home.

School Milk

The parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been sent a text message consent form this week requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Spring term. **It is extremely important that this is completed no later than Friday 15th December 2023**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for January. **If you do not complete the form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.**



IntraHealth Family Health Fair

BLACKBURN NORTH & WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD'S

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
THE GRAND VENUE, BB2 2JE
9AM - 3PM

CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER!
LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD WITH PAINT, COLOURS & DIY FUN

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
HENNA - FACE PAINT - RAFFLES - PRIZES - FOOD & MORE!

STALLS
CAREER ADVICE - DIGITAL SUPPORT - WELLBEING - PHYSICAL HEALTH - WALKING GROUPS - HOME SUPPORT & MUCH MORE!!

• FREE HEALTH CHECKS & TALKS
• MEN & WOMEN'S HEALTH
• CHAT WITH A GP
• FREE COVID/FLU VACCINATIONS*
*FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
• COME & MEET THE MAYOR & MAYORESS!

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE CONTACT IFRANA ON IFRANA.LAKHI@NHS.NET OR 07966674495

COME & MEET YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHEROES!

St Aidan's Church

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
All Saints Day	5th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula
3rd before Advent	12th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Alex
2nd before Advent	19th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Beth
Christ the King	26nd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	David

SATURDAY BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 4TH
11am - 1.00pm

HARVEST

A BIG THANKYOU to anyone who brought gifts, made donations for the flowers or 'Billies Project'

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 18th

In Church from 11am to 1pm

We need donations of : Christmas Gift bags, tombola and raffle prizes, bottles of drink, any item for Surprise parcels, teddy bears (second hand) Jewellery and chocolate. We also really need you help manning the stalls

THE GARDEN

Unfortunately Brian has had to hang up his boots and we owe him a big thankyou for all he has done. This will leave a big hole in the up keep of the garden. Michael Scholes has volunteered to mow the back lawn, but there are still a lots of other jobs outside, such as weeding, painting the fence and benches, keeping the drains clear and maybe even just brushing the tarmac, please help if you can.

November 23

Keep Your Eye On The Ball

(Luke 12:39-48 Based on a social media post)

I know that many of you enjoy watching cricket or support Blackburn Rovers but I'm not sure how many have followed England's Rugby World Cup adventure. They went into the tournament as no hoppers. Their form going into the competition was poor and some even suggested that they'd be lucky to progress beyond the group stages. They actually made it to the semi-finals where they were complete underdogs to the holders, South Africa. England lost the match 16-15 but were in the lead up to 3 minutes before the end. Steve Borthwick, the head coach, commented, "We went into the match with a plan but we were unable to execute it up to the final whistle"! The team had prepared carefully but a combination of tiredness, substitutions and a change in South Africa's tactics meant that England fell short of reaching the final and their end goal. They hadn't prepared for all eventualities and they took their eye off the ball at the vital moment. In the Church's year we come to the end of the "Sundays after Trinity" and are entering into the four weeks before the start of Advent. Advent is all about being prepared for Jesus Christ and our Bible readings now are already concentrating on the theme of "Being ready". Because of carol concerts and school nativity plays our focus in Advent is often mainly on Jesus' first coming as a baby. It isn't as fashionable to focus on His second coming as Ruler and Judge. Yet, as Christians in the 21st century this should be a clear area of focus. We celebrate and give thanks for His first coming but this has come and gone. Jesus doesn't want His followers, whenever they like, to get caught out by being distracted at the vital moment. After all no one but God knows when Jesus will return. Jesus gave specific teaching to the disciples about this because He knew how important it is. May we use these weeks before Christmas to take stock and readjust our focus as necessary so that we are prepared and ready for our Lord's return whenever this happens. Amen

Class Trips



Whole School – Blackburn Empire Theatre – Thursday 7th December

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for the Diary

Snowball Disco	Friday 1 st December
Christmas Carols concert-Blackburn Cathedral	Monday 4 th December
Whole school Pantomime visit	Thursday 7 th December
Infant Nativity (10.00am/2.00pm)	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas crafts (PM)	Wednesday 20 th December
Christmas Jumper day/Christmas dinner	Thursday 21 st December
Christmas party KS1 (AM)/Selection Box raffle	
Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm	
Christmas party KS2 (AM)	Friday 22 nd December
School closes 1.15pm	Friday 22nd December
School reopens	Monday 8th 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 Rigby)	Jaymee-Leigh & Scarlett	Laiyla
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Theo & Tayla	Olivia
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Ethan & Leighton	Oliver James
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Sampson & Jessica	Oscar
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Harry & Abbie	Ava-Sue
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Sandor & Sulaiman	Mia
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Tilly & Christiana	Krista

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher