



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 12 – 1st December 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

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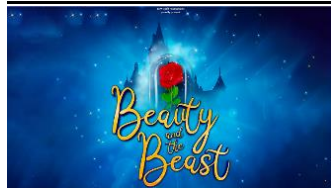
Outward Bound 2024



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.

Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Our whole school panto trip is next Thursday! The cost of the trip is £6.50 per pupil.

Snowball Disco



It is the Snowball Disco tonight!

Session 1 - Reception, Years 1 & 2 from 5.00pm-6.00pm

Session 2 - Years 3/4/5 & 6 from 6.15pm-7.30pm



Infant Nativity-A Wiggly 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.

Due to health and safety reasons, we cannot accommodate siblings and we can only offer each child **one** parent/carer place. The cost of this is just £1.00 and is payable at the office as you arrive and sign in.

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.**



Afterschool clubs



Next week is the last week for afterschool clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's. Blackburn Rovers dance club on a Thursday will finish on Thursday 14th December. The last week for that club is Thursday 14th December.

Head lice



These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

Please can we ask that children with long hair try and keep it tied up tight, either in a ponytail or plait to try and prevent Head lice



Parenting Smart

We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

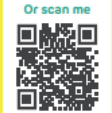
Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.




Learn more at parentingsmart.org.uk



Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart - Online Course



Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

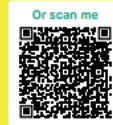
The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

- ✔ Free
- ✔ No fixed times
- ✔ Accessible from any device
- ✔ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✔ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 4-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

Learn more at place2be.org.uk/family or talk to the Place2Be staff member in your school.



GFS (Girls Friendly Society)

GFS is a social club held every Friday in the school hall for girls from year 1 upwards. They are holding a Christmas party in the school hall on Friday 15th December from 3.20pm-5.15pm. If you would like your child to attend please message Marion on 07783 893857 to confirm their place.



Join us for a

GFS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

GIRLS ONLY

DECEMBER | 15 | STRAIGHT AFTERSCHOOL

GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS MAKING NEW FRIENDS

TILL 5.15PM

WILL BE RUNNING EVERY FRIDAY

PLEASE CONTACT MARION 07783893857 TO BOOK ON

Please bring this with you.

child's name

Tel.no.....



December 23 / January 24 Leaflet

The Wonders of God's Love (Based mainly on Isaiah 5:8-24)

When a group of children are together occasionally one of them turns to another, points accusingly at them and says, "You're in trouble!" Usually there's no further explanation forthcoming but the eyes of the rest of the group turn towards the child in the spotlight. They either respond by protesting their innocence or looking at their feet and turning bright red. Both of these responses indicate that they are fully aware of why the initial comment was made. Towards the start of Isaiah's prophecy the phrase, "You're in trouble" is repeated several times. The comment is addressed to the people of Israel. In case they are not sure why they are in trouble with God the issues are itemised. They included the adverse impact of drinking an excess of alcohol, the pursuit of criminal activity, disregard of the marginalised, rampant corruption and being ego-centric! You may spot that all these matters are still issues today. People obviously don't recognise the seriousness of the situation because they ask God to hasten His work. They seem to assume that this will be beneficial to them, which of course it isn't. The season of Advent which occupies much of December is a time when we can reflect on behaviour patterns and how God views them.

We are aware that December ends with the season of Christmas. If we jump forward a couple of chapters in Isaiah's prophecy we find references to Jesus' birth, which was necessary because of the behaviour patterns touched on earlier. Jesus is Immanuel-"God with us". Isaiah 7:14 speaks of "A virgin who gives birth to a Son and will call Him Immanuel". Then, Isaiah 9:6 explains a bit more about this Child who will be "Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!" Christmas is often called "The most wonderful time of the year". For me, this is because, through Jesus' birth the Lord Almighty brings justice and a second chance to us. There is no better reason to celebrate. Jesus alone is worthy of our praise. As it says in the last verse of "Joy to the World", "He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and the wonders of His love!"

Every Blessing Cath

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	Reader
1st of Advent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Alan
2nd of Advent	10th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Alex (2)
Carol singing	16th	12.15 at church	Around Mill Hill	Mince pies After & brew
3rd of Lent	17th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	David
Christmas eve	20th	9.30 & 11am	Holy communion Christingle and Carol service	Dorothy
Christmas day	27th	10.30	Family	Marion
1st of Christmas	31st	9.30 & 11am	Formal communion	Jeff

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	Reader
1st of Epiphany	7th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula
2nd of Epiphany	14th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Audrey
3rd of Epiphany	21st	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Elaine
Presentation of Christ in the temple	28th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Malc

CHRISTMAS FAIR

What a good day, lots of stalls filled with goodies, lots of customers, but also lots of hard work by many. We owe such a debt to you all who set up, those who manned the stalls, those who provided goods and those who cleared up, but most of all to Elaine, with the help of Jeff, who worked her socks off both before, during and after the sale, thank you. Just one slight down side we could have done with much more help, where were you? We raised over £900 well done.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	98%	100%	96%

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Carols concert-Blackburn Cathedral
 Whole school Pantomime visit
 Infant Nativity (10.00am/2.00pm)
 Christmas crafts (PM)
 Christmas Jumper day/Christmas dinner
 Christmas party KS1 (AM)/Selection Box raffle
 Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm
 Christmas party KS2 (AM)

School closes 1.15pm

School reopens

Monday 4th December
 Thursday 7th December
 Thursday 14th December
 Wednesday 20th December
 Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December
Friday 22nd December
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)	Lola & Noah	Alfie
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Reggie & Lamya	Aliza
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Lilly-Ann & Oakley	Isabella
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Achillea & Ibrahim	Cole
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Sophie & Bailey	Freddie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Reece & Harvey	Rafal
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Sarah & Christiana	Yousif

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher