



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 13 – 3rd December 2021

We light a second purple candle this second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.



Whole school visit to the pantomime,

Yesterday the whole school enjoyed a trip to the pantomime to see Dick Whittington and his cat. We had such a fun time cheering, singing and dancing...OH YES WE DID!



Bishop Philip.

On Wednesday Bishop Philip came into school to tell us how the season of Advent is preparing us for the birth of Christ. Everyone loved seeing Bishop Philip and enjoyed his teachings and sense of humour. Bishop Philip also commented on how well our children sing! We are already looking forward to seeing Bishop Philip again soon.

Girls' Football

On Tuesday night girls from Year 5 and Year 6 represented our school in a football tournament at St. Bede's. Mrs Rourke and Sam were very impressed with their attitudes and skills. Well done girls!



Helicopter Stories.

This week Reception class took part in a 'Helicopter' story session with the actor Paul Simpson. They had lots of fun making up stories and acting them out.

Winter Weather

In the event of any school closure or delayed opening due to severe weather conditions, a text will be sent to parents no later than 7.40am.

Please do not contact the school office. Please note, our text messaging service sends texts to the first contact (number one priority) on your child's contact details. If you wish to change this for text-messaging purposes, please let a member of the office staff know immediately.



Christmas Dinner

If your child is on packed lunches they should have brought home a letter this week about the school Christmas Dinner that will be served on Thursday 16th December. The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas Dinner (a vegetarian option is available) at a cost of £2.30. If your child qualifies for either free school meals or the Universal Infant Free School Meals but has a packed lunch then they are entitled to have a Christmas Dinner free of charge. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please complete the slip on the bottom of the letter and return it to school. This needs to be paid via ParentPay. If you require a barcode, please inform the office.



Selection Box Raffle



We are having a selection box raffle on Thursday 16th December. We are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be sold by the school council team at break time for **20p per ticket or £1.00 a strip.**

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 16th 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



Children's University Passports:

Please see the dates below when your child's Children's University passport will be updated for this half term if they are currently a member. These will be updated during lunchtime. Please note that if you still have your child's passport at home please make sure it is handed in to the office before these dates. All passports will be kept at the office.

Monday 6th December – Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 7th December – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 8th December – Years 1 and 2

School Milk

The pupils in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 have brought home a letter requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Spring Term. **It is extremely important that this is returned as quickly as possible but no later than Friday 10th December** to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for January. **If you do not return the form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.**



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:-

Primary School - Saturday 15th January 2022

Afterschool clubs.

The last week for clubs this term will be next week commencing Monday 6th December 2021.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
94%	98%	100%	100%

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)	Bella and Emily	Lexi-Lou
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Lola and Jessica	Junior
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Freddie and Harry	Yara
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Harriet and Cooper	Mia
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Blake and Lilly	Annalise
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Maisie and Thomas	Lewis
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Jessica and Gracie Mae	Lexus

Dates for the Diary

Last week of clubs
Y3 DT week
Christmas jumper day
Christmas craft day
Christmas parties
Christmas carols

School finishes for Christmas break – 2.30pm

School reopens

Primary school application deadline date

Monday 6th December
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Thursday 16th December
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Friday 17th December
Monday 20th December- tbc
Tuesday 21st December
Thursday 6th January
Saturday 15th January

Kind regards,
Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher