



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 13 – 9th December 2022



School is **open** until Tuesday 20th December at 2.15pm.

End of Term Celebration Assembly

Due to the recent increase in Strep A and Scarlet Fever cases we have decided not to hold the celebration assembly this term. We thank you for your understanding.



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.

Years 3/4/5/6

KS2 can bring in a piece of fruit as a snack at playtime. It is **ONLY** fruit that we allow. We have recently seen children eating snacks such as Nutella/Rice Krispie bars, these are not allowed during school time.



Children In Need - Amended information



Apologies for the incorrect amount being printed on the newsletter for week ending 25th November 2022, that was infact last year's amount raised! The correct amount raised this year was £132.55.

Snowball Disco

Thank you everyone who bought tickets to the Snowball disco. Everyone had lots of fun dancing along to songs that the children had chosen. The night was a huge success and we raised £226.50 for school funds.

Selection Box Raffle - Amended information



We are having a selection box raffle on Tuesday 20th December. We are raising money for school funds. Money for the raffle tickets can be brought in to school from Monday 12th December up to Tuesday 20th December but raffle tickets **will not** be given out until the day of the raffle. **Tickets are 20p each or £1.00 a strip.**

Infant Nativity – Prickly Hay



Due to health and safety regulations, admission to the KS1 concerts will be by ticket only. The KS1 (Years Rec, 1 & 2) concert will be held on Tuesday 13th 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 per family and can be purchased via Schoolmoney under the Shop tab, click on the + icon for the number of tickets required, for example if 2 tickets are required click the + icon twice. Under 3's are free if **sitting** on an adult's knee.

Carol Service at the Cathedral

Year 5 and Year 6 are singing carols at Blackburn Cathedral on Wednesday 14th December from 1.00pm - 1:30pm. All are welcome to come and watch the service.

Any Parents/Carers watching the service are welcome to take their child/ren home when the service has finished. Please complete the online form.

Christmas Jumper Day



On **Thursday 15th 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.

If you have a Christmas jumper, in good condition that your child has grown out of please could you donate it to school. Jumpers can be brought into school and if we get enough donations we will be having a stall when parents/carers can come and pick up a jumper for their child/children. This is much better for the environment than throwing jumpers away and buying a new jumper every year.

Christmas Dinner-updated

Christmas Dinner is being served on Thursday 15th December (a vegetarian option is available). The Academy have given the school some extra funding and so we are going to provide all of the children, whether entitled to FSM or not, with a **free** Christmas dinner.

A text has been sent out to those children who usually bring a packed lunch. Please can we ask that the online form is completed indicating whether or not your child/ren is wanting a Christmas Dinner so that the kitchen staff have the correct numbers for the day. For any parents/carers that have already paid for their child/rens Christmas dinner, this will be refunded.



School Milk

The parents/carers 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 16th December 2022**, 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.**



School holiday activity clubs



For families who are entitled to free school meals or who have been identified as being in need of the provision, Get stuck In are providing each child with free holiday club sessions and a meal each day. The clubs are running from 19th December to 23rd December and places are available to book now.

To book your place please visit or telephone 07879 774978:

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[2e9d9ea66a11&psq=get+stuck+in+.org&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9nZXRzdHVja2luLm9yZy51ay8&ntb=1](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=45c2399109357ca6JmltdHM9MTY2OTc2NjQwMCZpZ3VpZD0xOWFhM2NjMS05YWE2LTU0OTUzMmU3ZS0yZTIkOWVhNjZhMTEmaW5zaWQ9NTE3NQ&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=19aa3cc1-9aa6-6495-2e7e-2e9d9ea66a11&psq=get+stuck+in+.org&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9nZXRzdHVja2luLm9yZy51ay8&ntb=1)

Please note this is a scheme run by the government/local authority and NOT the school.

Henry Programme



This programme is being run for parents/carers who would like support and ideas to develop a healthier family lifestyle which the whole family can enjoy. Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent. It is free to join.

There is a welcome session in the school hall on Monday 16th January at 1.00pm-3.00pm followed by 8 weekly meetings in school from 23rd January 2023 up to 20th March 2023. Unfortunately we do not have the facility to accommodate young children. These sessions are for parents/carers only.

If you are interested in attending please let Jan or the school office know.

Outward Bound

There are still a few places available to Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested in going, a deposit payment of £30.00 is required initially to secure their place. This must be paid via ParentPay. If you would like a PayPoint barcode to make the payment please contact the office.



As a reminder – this is an exciting residential trip taking place from 20th March 2023 – 24th March 2023 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. The trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £489.25 to £170.00. For those children already booked on the trip please continue to make regular payments to reduce and clear your balance by March 2023.

PLEASE ONLY MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS OUTWARD BOUND VIA PARENTPAY

Admission to Reception Class 2023



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class in September 2023 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 2018 and 31st August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. **The closing date is Sunday 15th January 2023**

If you do not have access to the internet or you are having difficulty completing the online admission form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

NHS Dentist

Do you and your family need to register with an NHS dentist? Mydentist on Railway Road in Blackburn are looking to support local families and children. They have limited availability and may be able to offer some NHS examinations.



To find out more please email the practice at blackburn3-am@mydentist.co.uk with your details: Full name, D.O.B, Full address including post code, email address, & telephone number and they will get back to you within 1-2 working days. Please do not phone the practice, registration is by email only.

St Aidan's Church events

Carol Singing Walk – Saturday 10th December

Starting at St Aidan's Church at 12.30pm and walking to Blackburn Baptist Church at Bank Top via St Luke's. Come and join us for some or all of the route.

Dates and Events for December and January

Dec 22/JAN 23



The Voice Preservation Society

During the December the Voice Preservation Society comes into it's own - carol singing, especially outdoors, it really takes it's toll on the vocal cords. And since 1918, when a simplified version of 9 lessons and carols was developed, there has been even more strain on the voice. The voice is needed if the words of the carols and Bible readings are to be heard.

No doubt we all have our favourite carol but what is our favourite Christmas reading from the Bible? For many it is the start of St. John's Gospel, which begins, "In the beginning was the Word", yet if someone who isn't a regular church attender is drawn into a Christmas service because the lights were on and it might be warm inside or because BBC broadcast vans were outside the cathedral and the reading was the start of St. John's Gospel, they may well think it was rather obscure.

At the recent Diocesan Conference Ruth Valerio, the global advocate for Tear Fund, the relief agency, said that the message of God's saving grace is rooted in John 1:1-14. It echoes the start of the Bible as in Genesis we hear about God speaking His perfect creation into being. The start of John highlights how through incarnation (the birth of Jesus) and free gift of God's saving power is spoken into existence. This may seem very theological but that's the nature of this Bible passage.

However, the same theology is expressed in a more accessible and pictorial way in our Christingle service. This year it is being held on Christmas Eve at 4pm. The message of God's creating power is shown through the orange and the sweets or raisins. The red ribbon represents God's saving power through Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for us all. The time of the year when we hold Christingle services reminds us that Jesus was born to show us the way and to save us. The candle is part of the Christingle to show that Jesus is God's gift to us as the Light of the world.

In the run up to Christmas a lot of time and money is spent on buying gifts but Jesus is the perfect free gift for us all. I hope that you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas time.

Rev Canon Cath Brooks

Ps: If someone asks you what you want for Christmas and you can't think of anything, why not ask for a brick or two for our LEGO church, which is not yet fully built?

**COFFEE MORNING
& SALE
DECEMBER 3rd
In Church 10.15 - 11.45**

SUNDAY/DAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE/EVENT	READERS/PLACE
Thursday	1st	6pm	Carol singing	Albion Care Home
2nd of Advent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Paula
Saturday	10th	12.30pm	Carol walk	St Aidan's -St Luke's -to Blackburn Baptist's
3rd of Advent	11th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Kath
	11th	7pm	Alternative Carols	St Lukes @ St Wilfrids
Thursday	15th	2pm	School Carol Service	St Aidan's
4th of Advent	18th	9.30 & 11am	Readings and carols	St Aidan's
	18th	7pm	Classic Carols	St Lukes @ St Wilfrids
Christmas Eve	24th	4.00pm	Christingle & Crib	St Aidan's
	24th	11.15	Midnight	Cathedral
Christmas day	25th	10.30	Family Communion	Malc

JANUARY 23

Naming of Jesus	1st	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Marion
Epiphany Sunday	8th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Elaine
2nd of Epiphany	15th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Barbara
3rd of Epiphany	22nd	9.30 & 11am	Communion & organ	Dorothy
4th of Epiphany	29th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Jeff

100 CLUB

Thankyou to all who have joined the 100 club. We have 50 number taken. If you still want to join you can at any time @ 50p a week.
There will be a draw of 1st prize £20 and 2nd prize £10 at the end of every month

Poppies

We raised nearly £30.00 pounds from the poppies, thank you everybody

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for your diary

Y5 DT week	-	Monday 12 th December
Infant Nativity (AM and PM)	-	Tuesday 13 th December
Carols at the Cathedral (Y5/Y6)	-	Wednesday 14 th December
Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day and Christmas dinner	-	Thursday 15 th December
Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm	-	Thursday 15 th December
Christmas crafts (KS1 9.15am/KS2 1.15pm)	-	Friday 16 th December
Christmas parties	-	Monday 19 th December
Selection Box raffle	-	Tuesday 20 th December
School finishes for Christmas break – 2.15pm	-	Tuesday 20th December
School reopens 8.40am	-	Wednesday 4th January
Primary school application deadline date	-	Sunday 15 th 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 Keegan)	Gabby & Qasim	Kyros
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Emily & Sebastian	Isabella
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Lochlan & Mason	Tatum
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Abbie & Layla	Bailey
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Riley & Ruby	Delilah
Year 5 (Mrs Harrison)	Marwaan & Ava Bella	Yousif
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	India & Alisha	Gracie

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher