



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 14 – 15th 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

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.

Infant Nativity-A Wiggly Nativity



What a wonderful nativity performance from all of our infants on Thursday! Thank you to all parents/carers who came to watch. We raised £102.40 for school funds.

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 are now on sale but raffle tickets **will not** be given out until the day of the raffle. **Tickets are 20p each or £1.00 a strip.**

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner is being served on Thursday 21st December. The options are traditional, halal or vegetarian (Quorn).

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

If you have ordered milk for your child for the Spring term and your child is NOT entitled to free school meals which entitles them to free milk, please can we remind you that the payment of £4.00 must be paid via Schoolmoney before 8th January 2024.



Christmas Parties

KS1 (Rec/Y1/Y2) children will be having their Christmas party on Thursday 21st December and KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) children will be having their Christmas party on Friday 22nd December. Both parties will be non uniform. Please ensure sensible warm clothing/footwear is worn, suitable for indoors and outdoors.



Afterschool clubs



Clubs will start week commencing Monday 15th January 2024 and finish week commencing Monday 18th March 2024

Clubs are now available to book for the spring term. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. Places are limited. To book your child's place please use the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
The clubs available are:

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Multisports Rec/Y1/Y2	Multisports Y3 and Y4	BRCT Dance/Gymnastics Y 3 and Y4

If your child/children has been allocated a place on their chosen club you will have received an email confirming this.

St Aidan's Church

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	
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
98%	100%	98%	100%

Dates for the Diary

Christmas crafts (PM)

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper day/Christmas dinner

Thursday 21st December

Christmas party KS1 (AM)/Selection Box raffle

Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm

Christmas party KS2 (AM)

Friday 22nd December

School closes 1.15pm

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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)	The whole class	Jaymee-Leigh
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Arya & JJ	Blanka
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Alana & Ellyjah	Ezra
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Oscar & Achillea	Elise
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Vinnie & Emmie	Tawanda
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Harriett & Kaitlyn	Delilah
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Ishal & Marwaan	Christiana

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher