



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison



Newsletter 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### A Message from Mrs Greenwood

We have had a very busy term especially in the last few weeks with the pantomime, our infant nativity, Christmas dinner and parties. We still have our carol service to look forward to on Monday. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold the service in church this year as the work to update the heating system has not been completed on time. Year 6 will be leading the service in school but because of limited space and covid restrictions we will not be able to accommodate parents and carers. Christmas is a magical time when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ and as this year draws to a close may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

*'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men'*

**Luke 2:14**

### School Closing Time for Christmas



School closes for the Christmas break on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.15pm**. We will return for Spring Term on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am**, **Breakfast Club will start at 7:45am**.

### Wriggly Nativity



We would like to thank everyone who was able to come and watch the Reception and KS1 Christmas concerts. We thought they were all little superstars and the singing was just fantastic!

### Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to all who donated to Save the Children for Christmas Jumper day. We had a wonderful time yesterday wearing our Christmas jumpers and eating the fantastic Christmas lunch made by our super kitchen staff. The total raised for Save the Children is **£68.50**

### Christmas Craft Afternoon

The craft afternoon yesterday was lots of fun! Lots of glitter, paint and glue was used to create some wonderful items as you can see from the photographs. Please see our new website for more!



### Christmas Parties

What a very busy time we have had at St. Aidan's this week. The week ended with the annual Christmas parties for KS1 and KS2. The children played lots of party games and danced to festive music. The children in KS1 had a surprise visitor, Father Christmas who made time in his very busy schedule to visit the school and hand out presents!

### Christingle.



Year 4 had a wonderful time this week learning about how the Christingle is a symbolic object that represents Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. The children enjoyed creating their own Christingles to take home.

### House Point Dojo Winners

Congratulations to **CALDER** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. They will celebrate on Monday morning with a surprise treat. Pictures will be posted on Class Dojo.

### Selection Box Raffle

We are having a selection box raffle. 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**. We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Morrisons, Douglas Signs, The Bee Hive Inn, Tudor House Nursery Feniscowles and many other members of our community who have made the donations to make this raffle possible.



### Contact Telephone Numbers



From past experience we know that people change their mobile phones over the Christmas period, can you please make sure that we have your up-to-date phone numbers when we return in January – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. school closures, club cancellations, etc.) via text message.

### Fond Farewell



We will be waving a fond farewell to Mrs Wilding at the end of this term. Mrs Wilding who has worked at the school for 17 years, will be leaving to start a new challenge in her career. I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating her and wishing her all the best for the future.

### School Footwear



Our uniform dress code is **black shoes only, NOT TRAINERS or any canvas shoes**. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct footwear in the new year. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### Admission to Reception Class

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class for September 2022 is now accessible using the following link:- <https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appssummary.aspx>  
If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates is:-

**Primary School - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

## **Congratulations!**

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	<b>Stars of the Week</b>	<b>Headteacher's Award Winner</b> Christian Values
<b>Reception</b> (Miss Keegan)	Leighton C and Lochlan	Isla
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Layla K and Amelia	Tatum
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Logan and Alfie	Lola
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Mia P and Harvey	Lola
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Hunt)	Ava-Bella and Nevaeh	Emily
<b>Year 5</b> (Miss Riley)	Hannah and Daisy	Eleanor
<b>Year 6</b> (Mrs Rourke)	Alice and Alex	Charlotte

### **Dates for the Diary**

Christmas carols

Selection Box Raffle

**School finishes for Christmas break – 2.15pm**

**School reopens**

Primary school application deadline date

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

**School will re-open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the doors will be open from 8.40am.**



Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher