



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is very important here at St Aidan's. The government expects pupils to have a minimum level of attendance, at least 97% which is equal to 5 days absence in a school year and it is the legal responsibility of parent/carers to ensure their child/ren have 'good' attendance at school.

Please ensure that your child/ren attend school each day. If they are feeling tired/under the weather it is better to bring them into school and we can ring home if we need to.

#### Punctuality

We have seen an increase in children arriving late and coming into school through the office. Please can we remind parents that the gates open at 8.40am and school starts **at 8.50am** each day.

**Missing just 10 minutes of a school day is the same as missing 2 weeks over the school year.**

#### Appointments

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible.

For any appointments that need to be taken during the school day and to allow us to authorise the time off, please contact the office to notify them of your child's appointment and provide evidence of this.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.**

#### Pupil Absences

Just a friendly reminder...

If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school, you need to contact the school office. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.** Please phone the school office on 01254 53148 and leave a message on the absence line.

#### Meal arrangements

There has been an increase in children changing from packed lunches to school dinners and vice versa on a daily basis.

Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to accommodate this as the kitchen order stock on a weekly basis.

Can we please ask that you contact the office giving one weeks notice if you wish to change your child's meal arrangement.

An electronic form has been sent out this week to all parents asking you to provide your child's meal choice from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please could this be completed so that we have the correct numbers for school dinners. Thankyou

#### Meet the Teacher meetings



Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the meet the teacher meetings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school once again.

## **KS2 – Years 3/4/5/6 Snacks**

The Juniors can bring a healthy snack for playtime, for example a piece of fruit. Please do not sent them to school with things that contain chocolate/nuts.

## **Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2024**

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

**Secondary Schools – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

**If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.**

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.



The poster for St Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy features the school's crest and logo at the top left, identifying it as a member of CDARI. On the top right, it displays the Ofsted 'Good Provider' rating with three stars. The central text, set against a dark red background, reads 'EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY' in large blue letters, followed by a message inviting parents to visit the school. To the right, a photograph shows three children in school uniforms looking at a large map on a table. At the bottom right, a blue box provides the school's address: Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn, BB2 4EW. The bottom center contains contact information for booking a tour: 'To book a personal tour please contact the school office – 01254 53148 or email staoffice@cdari.co.uk'.

## **Secondary School Open Evenings**

Please find a list below of the upcoming Open Evening Events for Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	More info to follow on the website
Darwen Vale	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	From 5.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	4.00pm – 7.15pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	6.00pm – 8.30pm
Witton Park High School	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	3.30pm – 6.30pm

## Infant School Milk



Just a polite reminder – if you have ordered milk for your child for the Autumn term please remember to make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney. If payment is not made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September your child's milk order will be cancelled.

## School Flu Immunisation



This year, all pupils have the option to receive either the nasal flu (contains gelatine) or IM flu (injectable – does not contain gelatine). Please use the link below and select either the green **YES** for the **nasal** or the purple **YES** for the **injection** (which does not contain gelatine).

If you do not wish your child to have either flu vaccination please select the **NO** option. The link is now open and will on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/4707cae8>

## Mental Health Support Group

The Blackburn with Darwen Mental Health support team are holding a parent/carer support group on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to talk about free online mental health support for children and young adults. For anyone that may be interested in joining this please see the information on the leaflet.

**NHS**  
East Lancashire Hospitals  
NHS Trust  
A University Teaching Trust

**Mental Health Support Team**  
2014-15: Blackburn with Darwen, Blackburn and Burnley

# PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Kooth is an online and  
confidential service  
giving help and advice  
about emotional health  
kooth.com

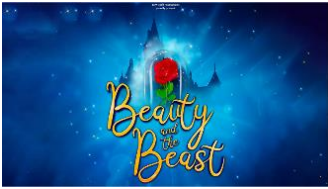
# kooth

Do you have a child who could benefit from free online support for their mental health? We have a guest speaker joining us from Kooth to tell us what they can offer, how support is delivered and most importantly, how your child and their information is being kept safe online. Everything you wanted to know and the opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions or would like a link to the meeting please contact  
rebecca.pickles2@elht.nhs.uk

Wednesday 27th September 6-7pm via MS Teams

**Safe Personal Effective**

## Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



We have booked a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Beauty and The Beast Pantomime on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, for our Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget we have split the payment into 6 instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost over a period of time, making it more affordable. If you wish to make the payment in full you can

do so buy clicking on the '+' symbol against each instalment which will add a total of £6.50 to your basket.

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Correct School Uniform ready for September



Maroon jumper or cardigan



Pale blue polo shirt



Grey long trousers, Grey pinafore or skirt

## PE Kit



White t-shirt, black or navy PE shorts and black pumps

## Whittakers School Uniform

You can now order our uniform online from Whittakers.



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### HOW TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Option 1 – Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop**

**(NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)**  
On arrival, you will be designated your very own personal shopping assistant who will help you and your family with all of your uniform requirements. Please check our website for opening times.



**Option 2 – Place your order online – [www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk)**

**(VOUCHERS CAN NOT BE USED ONLINE)**  
On our website you will need to enter your school name in the search bar. You will then be able to locate your school uniform. Please try to order as soon as possible, to avoid not having your uniform in time for the start of term in September.



**Why Choose Us?**  
We are a multi award winning established school uniform supplier with many years of experience.

- QUALITY UNIFORMS & MATERIALS
- EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICES
- SUSTAINABLY SOURCED SCHOOLWEAR
- SPREAD THE COST WITH OUR SAVINGS CLUB

We would like to wish all of our customers good health and we are really looking forward to providing you with all of your school uniform this summer!

### FIND YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

<b>ACCINGTON</b> Oswaldtwistle Mills Colliers Street BB5 3DE	<b>LEEDS</b> 35 TOWN STREET FARLEY LS28 5EN
<b>BLACKBURN</b> The Pavilions 20-28 Church Street Blackburn BB1 5AL	<b>SHIPLEY</b> 21 Briggate Shipley BD17 7BP
<b>BOLTON</b> 106 Deansgate Bolton BL1 1BD	<b>SOUTHPORT</b> 35-39 London Street Southport PR9 0UY
<b>BURNLEY</b> Pendle Village Mill Hollin Bank, Brierfield BB9 5NG	<b>SWINTON</b> 123-125 Chorley Road Swinton M27 4AA
<b>KEIGHLEY</b> 5 Low Street Keighley BD21 3PJ	<b>ST HELENS</b> 38 Bridge Street St Helens WA10 1HW



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## Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge

SAVING OUR COMMUNITY £££ OFF THEIR FOOD BILL

Blackburn, Mill Hill  
**COMMUNITY FRIDGE**

The **BILLY Project**  
Enabling confidence in women

Connecting the community and reducing food waste

Help us stop good food from going to waste  
Open Mon - Thur 11am - 4pm  
Fri 11am - 2pm

**Where?**  
Unit 2 Fitness for Women,  
Albert Street, Mill Hill,  
BB2 4BL

**Who?**  
Everyone is welcome to use this service

**FREE FOOD for those referred in from service**  
**£10 per month or £3 per bag for non referrals**  
Enabling residents and businesses in Blackburn to share surplus quality food that would otherwise go to waste and sent to landfill.

Working in partnership with: **unit fitness**, **hubbul**, **iceland**, **MARKS & SPENCER**, **Maggies**, **GREGGS**, **SPAR**, **farmfoods**

For more information please contact: Leanne Procter  
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk  
**07939832216**

Blackburn, Mill Hill  
**COMMUNITY FRIDGE**

**How the fridge works:**

- The Community Fridge is **OPEN TO ALL**. Our aim is to make life a little bit easier for our community by redistributing good quality surplus food.
- X2 FREE bags** per week for people referred in from service
- X2 bags** per week only **£10 per month** or **£3 per bag** pay as you go
- Please take only what you need, leaving plenty for others. Carrier bags are provided. **It is not permitted for you to use your own.**
- Check out The Billy Project website and Facebook page for meal prep ideas and how to get the most from your food.

The Billy Project CIC & Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge are not for profit. All funds raised go towards the running of the project.

The **BILLY Project**  
Enabling confidence in women

For more information please get in touch:  
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk  
**07939832216**

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

### Dates for the Diary

Flu Immunisation in school

Y1/2/3 DT week

Parents Evening

**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**

**HALF TERM**

School reopens

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October/Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (1 week)**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

## **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 Rigby)	Noah & Scarlett	-
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Kay)	Aliza & Blanka	Tayla
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Brindle)	Devon & Ezra	Isla
<b>Year 3</b> (Miss Hunt)	Tatum & Junior	Layla K
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Yates)	Rosie & Batool	Anas
<b>Year 5</b> (Mrs Moss)	Cooper & Delilah	Lola
<b>Year 6</b> (Miss Cornall)	Andrei & Diana	Emily

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher