



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 2 – 16th September 2022



Please note, Monday 19th September 2022 will be a Bank Holiday to mark the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Along with all schools and colleges across the country we will be closed for the day. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

St Aidan's church

The church are live streaming the Queen's funeral on Monday for anyone who would like to pay their respects this way. Doors will open from 10.00am for tea, coffee and biscuits.

All are welcome.



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.

Have You Updated Your Details



Please can you inform the school office of any new addresses, phone numbers and any other changes that we need to know! This also includes any changes to emergency contacts – 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.

Labelling school uniform

Can I please remind you to write your child's name in their school jumpers, t shirts, coats and in their PE kit. It is extremely important that this is done to avoid items of uniform going missing and items being returned to the correct child.

It is the responsibility of all junior pupils to look after their own uniform and belongings; **the school cannot be held responsible for missing items.** Please ensure that your child is aware of this to avoid any upset. Thank you for your support with this.



Afterschool Clubs



Clubs will start week commencing Monday 19th September 2022 until week commencing Monday 28th November 2022

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

Please note, if you sign your child up for a club they will start on Tuesday 20th September 2022 due to the Bank Holiday on Monday and the last week for clubs this term will be week commencing Monday 28th November 2022. (10 weeks). A register will be taken of attendance and children must attend each week. Clubs will finish at 4:15pm. Children in years 5 and 6 can **ONLY** walk home with permission from a parent/carer. Please contact the office to do this.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Multisports Y3 and Y4	Dance and Gymnastics (BRFC) Y1 and Y2	Multisports Y5 and Y6
Mindful Mandalas Y3/Y4/Y5 and Y6		

Meet the Teacher Meetings



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

Year 4 Swimming lessons

Year 4 start swimming lessons next Thursday, 22nd September. Please make sure your child comes to school on that day with their full swimming kit.



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	Monday 26 th September 2022	Bookings to be made via their website (starts 6.00pm)
Darwen Vale	Thursday 29 th September 2022	5.00pm – 8.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 29 th September 2022	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 22 nd September 2022	4.00pm – 7.30pm
St. Bede's	Check website for updates	
Witton Park High School	Check website for updates	

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2023



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2023 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 2018 and 31st August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – Monday 31st October 2022

Primary School – Sunday 15th January 2023

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.

There has been a spate of burglaries recently in the local area. Can we please remind everyone to be vigilant and make sure doors and windows are locked.



Christmas Pantomime 2022 – CINDERELLA



Just a reminder that the Pantomime has been booked at Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Cinderella on Thursday 1st December for the whole school. The cost of this trip is £6.50 and is payable via ParentPay. **If you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal please let the office staff know.**

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1st December allowing you to buy the tickets over this time if you have more than one child in school.

We are aware of the rising costs of day to day living and utility bills and therefore want to recommend spreading the cost. As an example - if a payment of approximately £1.62 was spread over 4 monthly payments from September to December or approximately £2.17 was spread over 3 monthly payments from October to December this would cover the cost.

Further Education courses



Are you currently a volunteer working in an education setting or a resident looking for employment within an education setting? This may be of interest to you.

Blackburn with Darwen are offering the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges free to residents of the borough following means testing.

The NCFE CACHE Level 2 starts on Tuesday 20th September 2022 and ends Tuesday 21st March 2023 the course will run 9:30am – 2:30pm weekly on Tuesday's at Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre. This programme is suitable for volunteers who are currently working in an education support setting and residents who are looking to upskill to seek employment in an educational support setting.

The Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges has been designed as an introduction to the knowledge and understanding needed to work in a school or college environment. It can apply to the many varied roles that staff and volunteers may fulfil, including administrative roles, site support roles, technical roles and volunteer parent helper roles.

For further details and to book your place contact Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 01254 581175 quoting course code 136.

RE:FRESH PROGRAMME

Parents/Carers are invited to join a fun active session that focuses on getting your child ready for school.



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**MEADOWHEAD
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Meadowhead
Community Infant School
Shorroek Lane
Blackburn, BB2 4TT

50P PER CHILD

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!
Join us for a fun active session that focuses on getting your child school ready! Suitable for ages 3 - 5.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM:
14th SEPTEMBER
9.30am - 10.30am
TO:
30th NOVEMBER

To book your place, please contact the Wellbeing Service:
01254 682037

WELLBEING SERVICE

St Aidan's church event

Come along and help St Aidan's church celebrate its 90th birthday.



PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
**90th BIRTHDAY
PARTY & HARVEST**

Sunday 9th October
11am short Service
followed by
**Fun &
Games**

Afternoon Tea

Picture Quiz



Little Lions

Do we have any budding footballers looking to start their journey in football. Little Lions can help children be active in an evening or weekend and help them achieve their potential in football. For anyone interested please see the poster below for contact information.



ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



Year 6 – Thursday 4th October - Blackburn Museum

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

Dates for your diary

School closed (Bank holiday)

Harvest Festival

School closes for half term

- Monday 19th September
- Thursday 6th October - 9.00am in Church
- Thursday 20th October at 3.15pm

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)	Oscar & Tayla	Fraya
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Isla & Devon	Connie
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Freddie & Emily	Tatum
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Daniel & Avery	Eric
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Cameron & Oscar	Harriett
Year 5 (Mr Thew)	Bailey & Charlie Bu	Krista
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Archie & George	Chelsea

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher