



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 20 – 9th February 2024

Message from Mrs Greenwood

It has been a short but a busy half term with lots of exciting learning taking place. We finish for the half term holiday today and return on Monday 19th February. We have lots to look forward to next half term with Let's Go Sing and Outward Bound being two of my personal favourite events of the year. I hope the weather improves and you all have a lovely half term holiday.

Outward Bound Residential



There are still quite a few balances outstanding. It is important that they are paid **in full** by **Friday 1st March**. Any balances that have not been paid at this point will be reviewed by Mrs Greenwood and a decision will be made as to whether or not the child can still attend.

There is a meeting to be held in the school hall on Thursday 22nd February at 2.30pm. It is important that parents attend so that we can inform you of exactly what the children need to take and what is expected from the week.



Mini Police Attestation Assembly

Congratulations to our mini police officers who bravely recited their promise in front of the whole school on Monday during the Attestation assembly. We are all so proud of them. Thank you to our Neighbourhood Policing team for selecting our school and providing us with such incredible support.



Parents Evening-Year 4 ONLY

Parents' Evening for Year 4 ONLY is being held on Tuesday 20th February, 1.00pm - 5.00pm. This is an important opportunity for you to come and talk to your child's class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year.

Please make your booking via our online booking system - <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any problems booking an appointment, please contact the office.

World Book Day

We are so excited to announce that for World Book Day this year we would like our children to dress up as words! Adjectives (words that describe) would be a good starting point! We want our children to be excited about words, to celebrate new words and be curious to find out the meaning of unknown words. On the day we will become vocab detectives, read books about vocabulary and have a vocabulary parade.

Learning words is really important; the more words your child knows, the more it will help them at school and in life.

Please do not go to any expense. Children can also come dressed as a word from their home language. Please see our social media channels for ideas.

World Book Day- Most interesting word competition

To link to our 'Dress as a word' day on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, we will be having a competition for the most interesting word! The winners will receive a Waterstone voucher and will be taken into town to spend it with Mrs Greenwood! A Costa visit, whilst discussing the book, will also be included. Good luck!

School Council Easter Bingo



We are pleased to be holding our annual School Council Easter Bingo night again. This will take place on Monday 25th March from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the school hall. The first game will start at 6.15pm.

Please book onto this event using the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk



We have some **exciting** news! We have booked our yearly trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime on Thursday 5th December, for our current Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil.

We appreciate the current rise in living costs and we have found over the years that parents don't make the payment(s) until December, when this is already a busy and expensive time for everyone, so we have added the payment to Schoolmoney now to give you the opportunity to spread the cost into affordable weekly/monthly payments or alternatively pay the amount in full.

For example: paying just 50p per week for 14 weeks or £1.00 per month for 7 months will have one child paid well in advance and without feeling the pinch!

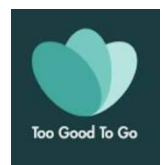
Talk and Tales

Talk and Tales will start on Wednesday 21st February with an introduction to the sessions starting at 2.45pm. Thereafter the weekly sessions will start at 3.00pm.

This is an opportunity for parents of children in years 1 and 2 to come into their child's classroom and enjoy the class novel with them. A time to see Oracy in action and engage with your child's reading.

Too Good To Go App

This may be an ideal app for any one currently struggling with the increase in food prices. It's a great way to purchase food at very reasonable prices. Surplus food from your favourite restaurants/cafes and grocery stores is available to buy daily. All you have to do is download the app, search for a surprise bag near you from your chosen store, reserve it through the app and turn up at the store to collect it at the given collection time.



Library Book Time



LIBRARY CENTER

We will be holding Library sessions for pre-school children in the school hall for 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 20th February, 2.45pm-3.15pm. A time for both you and your child to familiarise yourself with the school and some of the staff before hopefully starting with us in September.

BookTrust Storytime

Come and explore this year's best books for under 5's

Supported using public funding by **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND** LOTTERY FUNDED

You're invited to join us to enjoy BookTrust Storytime best books for under 5's!

At St Aidan's Primary School, Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn, BB2 4EW at 2:45-3:15 on the following Tuesdays:

20th February
27th February
5th March
12th March

And then at Mill Hill Library, New Chapel St, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4DT on Tuesday 19th March at 2:45-3:15.

Blackburn and Darwen Markets

Free family fun activities during half term. For more information, visit their Facebook pages @blackburnmarket and @darwenmarket. Please see the posters below for more details and information on how to book your place.

BLACKBURN MARKET

Draw with Abi
Get confident with your sketchbook with Abi Fielding
11 am to 3 pm

The Fisher & His Wife
20 minute live show by Lempen Puppet Theatre
11 am, 1 pm & 2.30 pm

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Get creative with Alastair Nicholson
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FREE FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

For more information: www.spotonlancashire.co.uk
Or check out the event posters in the markets

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is delighted to once again be working with local company, Culturapedia, to bring holiday activities to Blackburn and Darwen markets this February half-term holiday.

You can expect an array of artists who will be running fun creative workshop activities and putting on shows. Whether you enjoy getting hands on, watching captivating shows or both...read on to find out what we have in store:

Why not try **Easy Embroidery with Aziza Fozdar**? Learn how to stitch on to wood and at the end of the session you will have stitched your very own wooden heart plaque to take home. *Blackburn Market on Sat 17th Feb and Darwen Market on Sat 10th Feb 11am- 3pm.*

Do you like drawing? Is it something you've always felt you're not great at or perhaps it's something you'd love to try but don't know where to start? **Draw with Abi Fielding!** This is a mixed ability session, emphasising having fun, making it perfect for all the family. *Blackburn Market on Mon 12th Feb and Darwen Market on Wed 14th Feb 11am- 3pm.*

Make a badge to celebrate all the things you love. Supercharge your creativity and **Make a Badge with local artist Alastair Nicholson**, as he guides you through designing your badge, adding bright colours, and putting the whole thing together using a badge press. *Blackburn Market on Fri 16th Feb and Darwen Market on Mon 12th Feb 11am- 3pm.*

Come join us for a brilliant retelling of a traditional Brothers Grimm story, **The Fisher & His Wife by Lempen Puppet Theatre Company**. A very, very long time ago there lived a fisherman, together with his wife, in a small cottage made of dirty old metal. They had everything they ever needed and were happy and content. Then one day a talking fish starts granting their wishes...

Blackburn Market on Wed 14th Feb and Darwen Market on Fri 16th Feb. This free show lasts for 20 minutes and will be performed 3 times per day at 11am, 1pm & 2.30pm. There is no need to book but please arrive 5 minutes before the show begins so we can get everyone seated.

Councillor Qesir Mahmood, Deputy Leader for Blackburn with Darwen Council and Executive Member for Growth and Development said: "Our free activities at the markets with Culturapedia are always a hit and we're looking forward to them returning in the February half-term.

"It's a great way of keeping the little ones entertained for free and you can make a morning or an afternoon of it too – lunch at the markets, a spot of shopping and the sessions to enjoy.

"We also have free activities planned at our leisure centres and libraries too so lots going on in our town centres."

If this sounds like something you'd like to try, be sure to put the dates in your diary and we'll see you there.

Let's Go Sing

Pupils in years 5 and 6 only will be performing at this concert on Thursday 7th March. Tickets are now on sale. You can purchase via King George's hall, tel: 01254 582579 or via the website www.bwdvenues.com



LET'S GO SING!
at
King George's Hall
Blackburn
2024
Concerts start at 6pm

Monday, March 4	Monday, March 11
Tuesday, March 5	Tuesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 13
Thursday, March 7	Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 8	Friday, March 15
Monday, March 18	

Tickets £8.00 (Adult) & £3.50 (under 18)
Available now from King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tel: 01254 582579 or www.bwdvenues.com

Blackburn Rovers Women's Football

For anyone wishing to support their local women's football team. The next home game at Ewood Park is on Sunday 24th March. Let's help them to break their attendance record! ⚽



WE WANT YOU

CALLING ALL GRASSROOTS TEAMS

EWOOD PARK - MARCH 24TH 2PM KICK OFF

ONLY £2 ENTRY FOR U17'S AND ANY TEAM BOOKING 8 GROUP TICKETS OR MORE WILL AUTOMATICALLY WIN A FREE INVITE TO COME AND WATCH A ROVERS WOMEN ACCESS ALL AREAS TRAINING SESSION IN THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

BE PART OF OUR HISTORY MAKING DAY ON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WEEKEND!

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TO GET YOUR SPECIAL GRASSROOTS TICKETS & MONEY CAN'T BUY TRAINING INVITE, PLEASE EMAIL PSUTTON@ROVERS.CO.UK FOR MORE DETAILS



February Half Term Challenges 2024

Before you begin...

- Choose a challenge from those listed overleaf. Discuss your ideas with your parent/carer to agree as to where you might need some help. Please be sure that you have permission before you begin your task, even when you are carrying out research on the computer!
- You must provide some evidence that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, make a digital presentation, make a voice or video recording, or a letter from an adult.
 - In your evidence you may like to include:
 - The dates/times of the activity.
 - What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - What else would you like to go on and do now?
- You can complete as many activities as you wish. The more you complete the more hours you can claim!
- Please ask an adult to send your evidence to Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Alternatively, if your school asks, you can send it in with your passport after the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Sara Burton.

Remember, ALWAYS ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!

Make a kindness card and give it to someone.



Get active! Create a training guide covering an hours worth of physical activities. This could be walking, yoga, dance, or playing football. Draw diagrams of each one.



Find out about Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day. Why not make some pancakes too?



Create an information sheet all about sound. This could be how sound travels or even information on how different animals hear.



What is braille? Write some information on this and about the alphabet. Do you know what your name would be in braille?



2024 is a leap year. What does this mean?



On 22nd February it is 'World Thinking Day'. Why do Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world celebrate this?



Get recycling! Why not make something out of recyclable materials?





February 24

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	Reader
2nd before Lent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Communion	Malc/Marion Prov 8 ,1 v 22—31 Colos. 1 15-20
Next before Lent	11th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Paula 2 King 2.1-12 2 corin. 4 2-6
Ash Wednesday	14th			
1st of Lent	18h	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Communion	Alex Gene. 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-end
2nd of Lent	25th	9.30 & 11am	All age/ Holy Comunion	Jeff Gene.17.1-7,15-16

MINI SPRING FAIR

Saturday 23rd March

11.00-1.00

Easter Egg Draw

MISSION STATEMENT

" Having Christ at the centre of all we do as we share our love and faith and serve all"

Class Trips

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



Y4 – Martin Mere

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.
Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for the Diary

Library Time-Pre school children
Outward Bound parent's meeting
Year 6 SAT meeting
World Book Day
Mother's Day Rhyme Time (EYFS)
Comic Relief
Outward Bound residential
Y4 - Martin Mere trip
Easter Bingo
Parent's Evening
Easter service in Church
School closes 1.15pm

Tuesday 20th February – Tuesday 12th March
Thursday 22nd February
Wednesday 6th March
Thursday 7th March
Friday 8th March
Friday 15th March
Monday 18th March-Friday 22nd March
Monday 18th March
Monday 25th March
Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March
Thursday 28th March

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)	Farzad & Lula	Chase
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Texas & Annabella	Lamya
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Nyla & Lena	Prenav
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Ali & Fayez	Skyla
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Freddie & Tawanda	Sophie
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Jenub & Riley	Sandor
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Christiana & Yousif	Charlie Br

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher