



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 20 – 10th February 2023

#### Message from Mrs Greenwood

We have had a very busy half term at St Aidan's. It has been great to see our children competing in sports events against other local schools and it was lovely to see so many parents in school last Friday for our number fun day. We start off next half term almost at the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Year 3 will be leading our Lent Service in church at 9.00am on Ash Wednesday - 22nd February. You are all very welcome to join us.

School reopens on Monday 20th February at 7.45am for breakfast club and 8.40am for all other pupils. I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday.

#### Head lice



These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

**Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.**

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

## FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



### 1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



### 2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



### 3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



### 4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

#### Outward Bound

There are only a few places available. If your child is interested, a deposit payment of £30.00 is required initially to secure their place. This must be paid via ParentPay. If you would like a PayPoint barcode to make the payment please contact the office.



As a reminder the trip is taking place from 20<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> March to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. The total cost of the trip is £170.00.

**PLEASE ONLY MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS OUTWARD BOUND VIA PARENTPAY**

#### Birthday Celebrations

Please can we remind parents that we politely ask that birthday cakes are no longer brought in to school. We are a NUT FREE school and cannot be certain of the ingredients in the cakes being brought in. You are however welcome to send your child into school with individually wrapped sweets that are suitable for vegetarians and are NUT FREE, as a way of celebrating a birthday.

### Update of Contact Details



If any parent/carer changes their mobile phone number please can you make sure that you inform the office. This is critical in case of emergencies. Please also inform us of any change of email address.

Keeping us up to date with your phone number and email address means you will receive important text messages/emails (e.g. Dates for your Diary, school closures, club cancellations, etc).



### Dojo award winners



Well done to **Blakewater** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. All pupils in **Blakewater** enjoyed a hot chocolate supplied by Ninja.



### Y3 trip to Bolton Museum

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the museum and learnt lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt.



### World Book Day-2<sup>nd</sup> March

We wanted to let parents/carers know in advance that we will **NOT** be dressing up for World Book Day this year. **Please do not buy a costume for this day**, instead there will be exciting activities throughout the day based on diverse hair styles. More details to follow closer to the time.

### Let's Go Sing!

An exciting opportunity for our year 5 and 6 children to participate in, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at King George's Hall.

Parents/Carers are welcome to come and hear the joyous sound of children from 12 Lancashire Schools. Tickets are available to buy from 1<sup>st</sup> February from King George's Hall or [www.bwdvenues.com](http://www.bwdvenues.com). Tickets are priced at Adults £6.50, Children U16 £1.00.

## **Mental Health week 2022**

As part of Mental Health week the children made a rainbow with their handprints with Place2be to show how we are all connected together.



**Swimming Lessons** – if you are interested in your child learning to swim, lessons are available at H2O Swimming Academy. Please see the leaflet below for contact details.



### **Learn to Swim with H2o Swimming Academy!**

Offering group lessons for children aged 3 and above!

Every child in our Swim Academy is taught in a safe, supported environment surrounded by caring, qualified teachers. Your child will have the confidence to learn the skills they need, and you can feel rest assured.

Your child's progress is monitored and assessed at regular stages throughout the year to ensure they reach their potential. Our portal allows you to view their progress at any time. Lessons are weekly and last for 30 minutes with small classes capped at 6 children.

To ensure your child starts their aquatic journey in the correct stage of the swim scheme you can book in for a free assessment!

**H2o Swimming Academy - Blackburn**  
EverLast Fitness Club, Haslingden Road, Blackburn, BB1 2EE

Sunday 13:30-17:00  
Monday 17:00-20:00

[www.h2oswimming.com](http://www.h2oswimming.com)  
[Blackburn@h2oswimming.com](mailto:Blackburn@h2oswimming.com)  
f @H2oBlackburn

Create an account with us by heading to our website!

Complete beginners please book into a level 1 class.  
For non-beginners book in for your free assessment so we can see which level is best for your child!

**February Half Term Challenges 2023**

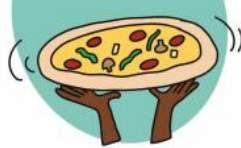
**Before you begin...**

- 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:
    - o The dates/times of the activity.
    - o What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
    - o Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
    - o 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](mailto: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!**

In February we have National Pizza Day. Why not make your own pizza at home and write down what you did, including your favourite toppings.



Find out about a famous scientist. Write about who they are, where they are from and what they did.



The 17th February is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Make something for this and plan who you will give it to.



Have a go at making pancakes, writing down simple instructions so someone else can follow them.



How would you change the world? Make a poster showing what you would do.



Saving energy. Have a look round your home and come up with five ways you could save energy.




Origami! Find out about origami and what it is. Why not have a go at some too?



Create your own superhero story. Do not forget to include lots of adventures!



## BwD Adult Learning

Blackburn with Darwen  
 **ADULT LEARNING**  
**FREE February Family Fun**  
**at Audley & Queens Park**  
**Neighbourhood Learning Centre**

Looking for something to do with your children during half term? Come and join us for lots of creative fun.  
 Book now to avoid disappointment.

Course Title	Day	Date	Time
Valentines Cupcakes and Card Making	Monday	13/02/2023	1pm-3pm
Fabric Painting	Wednesday	15/02/2023	10am-12pm
Seed Heads	Wednesday	15/02/2023	1pm-3pm

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Family Crests and Shields	Wednesday	15/02/2023	10am-12pm



SCAN ME 

Family Learning

For more information or if you would like to book your place, call Bank Top NLC on 01254 581175



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## St Aidan's Church events



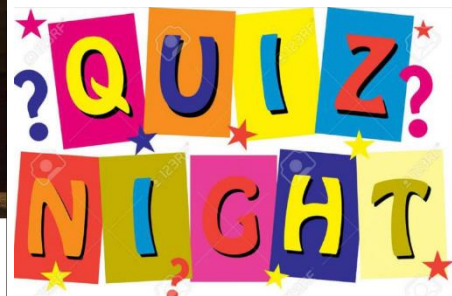
SAT, 25 FEB AT 10:00  
**Sale of Much Loved Clothing and Accessories.**



**Coffee Morning**  
 Public · Event by **Joe Kay and St Aidan's Church group**

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Sat, 4 Mar at 10:00



SAT, 18 MAR AT 19:00  
**Quiz Night**  
 St Aidans C of E Church · Blackburn



SAT, 1 APR AT 10:00  
**Coffee Morning & Easter Raffle**

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
3rd before Lent	5th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Tom
2nd before Lent	12th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Paula
Sunday next before Lent	19th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Audrey
Ash Wednesday	22nd	7.00pm		
1st Sunday of Lent	27th	9.30 & 11am	Formal Communion with Organ	Malc

WHAT'S ON		
Saturday 25th February	10.00 am - 12.00	Sale of Much Loved Clothes & Accessories
Saturday 4th March	6.30pm	Songs from the Shows By Blackburn G & G
Saturday 18th March	6.30pm	Quiz and Prize Bingo
Saturday 1st April	10.15–11.45	Easter Raffle Drawn at Coffee Morning
<b>ALL IN CHURCH</b>		

**100 CLUB**

The first November winners in our club were Marjorie and Dorothy and December winners were Geoff Barlow and Margaret Shaw. More details will in future be shown in future Leaflets. A big thankyou to Dorothy for taking on the role and to all who have joined

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**Class Trip**

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



Year 4, 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
100%	100%	100%	98%

**Dates for your diary**

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|---|---|---|
| <b>School Re-opens – 8.40am</b>           | - | <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>                      |
| Outward Bound Residential Parents meeting | - | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February                           |
| Lent Service led by Y3 – 9.00am           | - | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                         |
| World Book Day                            | - | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                              |
| Let's Go Sing                             | - | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March                              |
| Y4 trip to Martin Mere                    | - | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                             |
| Mother's Day Rhyme time Rec 9.00am        | - | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                               |
| Comic Relief                              | - | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                               |
| Outward Bound residential trip            | - | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March |

## **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)	Reggie & Aliza	JJ
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Lilly-Ann & Connie	Sebastian
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Freddie & Cole	Maham
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Bailey & Aimee	Rosie
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Grey)	Harvey & Oscar	Ruby
<b>Year 5</b> (Mrs Watters)	Rory & Ava-Bella	Jack
<b>Year 6</b> (Miss Cornall)	Archie & Daniella	Aizah

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher