



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 20 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### A message from Mrs Greenwood

We have come to the end of another busy half term at St Aidan's and we have lots more exciting things happening in school when we return after the holidays. We have recently had a few children come into school in leggings, jogging pants and trainers. None of these items of clothing are part of our school uniform and do not look smart. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for the start of the next half term. I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

#### Fond Farewell



We will be waving a fond farewell to Mrs Power who is leaving us 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.

#### Dojo award winners!



Congratulations to **HODDER** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. All pupils in Hodder have had a non-uniform day today and enjoyed decorating biscuits.



#### World book day

World book day this year is on Thursday 3rd March. This year we **will not be dressing up**. Instead, we will be having a hat making competition. Children will design and make a hat, in school, to celebrate their favourite book. There will be prizes for the most creative designs.

**REMINDER**

### Online safety sessions for Parents/Carers



In partnership with

**NSPCC**

### **Keeping Children Safe While Gaming Online for Parents/ Carers – Wednesday, 16 February 2022, 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

Blackburn Children's University are working in partnership with the NSPCC on an internet safety campaign, which is part of Safer Internet Day.

Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your FIFA? This February, the NSPCC are supporting UK Safer Internet Centre's Safer Internet Day and encouraging families across the UK to get talking about online gaming.

Their workshop 'Keeping children safe while gaming online' will help give parents and carers an understanding of how young people game online and knowledge of tools and resources that can help to keep them safe.

The event will take place virtually, **to book your place, please click here**

<https://bit.ly/SafetyOnline16Feb>

### Mental Health week 2022 Online Safety and Police visit



This week, Mental Health week, has seen us focus on encouraging children to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. They have listened to presentations and participated in various activities.

On Tuesday the Police came in to school to talk to the Juniors about Internet Safety and their roles within the community.

Using the internet, including mobile phones and social media safely and positively, is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

### Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Competition-Years 3 and 4

We are so proud that our indoor athletics team came third in the competition held on Wednesday evening! There was Impeccable behaviour all round and it was lovely to see the children cheering each other on as well as children from other schools.



### NSPCC Number day donations

Thankyou to you all for your contributions. The total amount raised was £109.42

### Spare Uniform

If anyone has any spare uniform, preferably age 7+, please can you send it in to school.

## Half term challenges run by Children's University



**BLACKBURN children's UNIVERSITY**

### February Half Term Challenges 2022






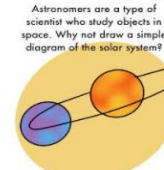


Before you begin...

- 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 date/time 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 bring your evidence into school with your passport after the holidays.

Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines when carrying out tasks.

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Barton on 07805929965.

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

- Make a kindness card for a family member, friend or neighbour. 
- Have a go at making some yummy pancakes. Don't forget to write down what you did. 
- The Winter Olympics are taking place in Beijing. Find out about 2 sports that are in the Winter Olympics. Would you like to try them? 
- Find out the meaning of the Olympic rings and why they are those colours. 
- 11th-20th March is British Science Week. Why not plan your own science experiment and write about it? 
- Astronomers are a type of scientist who study objects in space. Why not draw a simple diagram of the solar system? 
- Why not visit your local library and choose a book, then write a review? 
- The weather! Research what the weather will be like in your area over the next few days, then write and perform a weather report. 

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

| HODDER | CALDER | BLAKEWATER | TRIBBLE |
|--------|--------|------------|---------|
| 96%    | 98%    | 100%       | 100%    |

### Dates for the Diary

Children's Mental Health Week

Online Safety Day

**School Closes for Half Term – 3.15pm**

Keeping children safe online course

**INSET Day – School Closed to pupils**

**School Re-opens – 8.40am**

Shrove Tuesday-Lent worship in church

World Book day

Y5 and Y6 Outward Bound trip

Mother's day

Comic relief

Easter service in church

**School Closes for Half Term – 2.15pm**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

### 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           |
| <b>Reception</b><br>(Miss Keegan) | Emily and Nyla    | Oliver Walker-Cockburn     |

|                               |                      |             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Year 1</b><br>(Miss Rigby) | Sampson and Oscar    | Mason       |
| <b>Year 2</b><br>(Miss Yates) | Bruno and Eric       | Sophie      |
| <b>Year 3</b><br>(Mrs Moss)   | Zenon and Hollie-May | Mia P       |
| <b>Year 4</b><br>(Miss Hunt)  | Neveah and Tilly     | Quanie      |
| <b>Year 5</b><br>(Miss Riley) | Maisie and Jayden    | Sebastian   |
| <b>Year 6</b><br>(Mrs Rourke) | Becky and Riella     | Macey Heaps |

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher