



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 25 – 24th March 2023

#### Drop Off of Pupils

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children being dropped off at the school office when the gates are **still** open. The gates to the school playground are opened to all pupils from **8.40am until 8.50am**. Can we please ask parents/carers to use the gates during these times.

#### Reception and Year 1 teaching staff

Miss Keegan will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. Reception and Year 1 parents have been sent a separate letter via dojo to inform them of the changes for their classes for the summer term. I am sure you will join me in sending our best wishes to Miss Keegan and her partner at this exciting time.

#### Overdue Balances on SchoolMoney

**PAYMENT REMINDER:** There is currently quite a lot of outstanding debt on pupil accounts for breakfast club and/or school dinners. Reminders are sent out weekly and it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make regular payments towards outstanding balances. Please can we kindly ask that you bring your account(s) up to date before the Easter break.

#### Outward Bound Residential

What a fantastic, fun filled, action packed week away the children and staff have all had. On arrival the children had to make their own beds and have learnt how to cook on a campfire! Some of the activities included rock climbing, walking, waterfall gorging and orienteering. The list is endless!



## Comic relief



We managed to raise £98.97. This will help with all the amazing projects that Comic Relief support.

## After School Clubs



The last session for Multisports clubs is Monday & Wednesday next week (**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**).

Dance and Gymnastics club (Tuesday) has now finished.

## Easter Break



We break up for the Easter holidays on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm. The school re-opens on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am.

## Easter church service



Year 4 will be leading the school Easter Service in Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. Parents/Carers are welcome to join the service.

## Parents Evening – Y1-Y6

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. To give you more time to discuss your child's progress, Parents' Evening is being held over 2 days, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

If you haven't booked your appointment yet, log into our online booking system

<https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## NHS Dentist



Do you and your family need to register with an NHS dentist?

Mydentist on Railway Road in Blackburn are looking to support local families and children. They have limited availability and may be able to offer some NHS examinations.

To find out more please email the practice at:

[blackburn3-am@mydentist.co.uk](mailto:blackburn3-am@mydentist.co.uk) with your details: Full name, D.O.B, Full address

including post code, email address, & telephone number and they will get back to you within 1-2 working days. Please do not phone the practice, registration is by email only.

## Infant Milk



The parents/carers of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been sent a text message consent form requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Summer term. **It is extremely important that this is completed no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk. **If you do not complete the form, milk**

**will not be ordered for your child next term.**



## School Council Easter Bingo

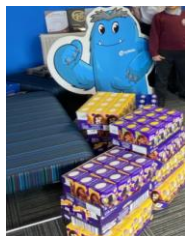


We are pleased to be holding our annual School Council Easter Bingo night again. This will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the school hall. The first game will start at 6.15pm.

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

## Easter egg donations

Many thanks to Nybble IT Support Services and MW Plumbing Ltd who have kindly donated lots of Easter eggs for our pupils and for the Easter bingo event. All children will receive their easter egg on the last day of term (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April).

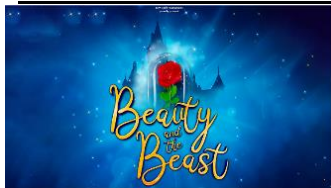


## Class photos



The school photographer will be in school from 9.00am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to take photographs each class (not individuals or family groups). Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform including their sweatshirt or cardigan and that they are wearing black shoes.

## 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 by 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.

## Grand Theatre Blackpool

A great opportunity for any budding actors/actresses out there! Chitty Chitty Bang Bang auditions are taking place at the Grand Theatre Blackpool.



### **Are you Jeremy & Jemima?**

If you are 7-11 years old then this could be a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10am, turn up at the Grand Theatre Blackpool with a

parent/guardian and you'll get a chance to audition on the main stage of the beautiful grand.

**Andy Vitolo** (Artistic Director) was the acting coach for the West End's Billy Elliot and has helped and encouraged hundreds of talented young actors into major roles on stage, in tv and film. This is an 'open audition' which means you can just turn up to register at **10am** then you'll be allocated a group and the audition will start - each group will take **approximately 30 minutes**.

Auditions for **CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG** take place from **10am** (Registration) at the **Stage Door** of the **Grand Theatre Blackpool** on **Saturday 1 April**. **ENSEMBLE** can be found at [@ensembletheatreblackpool](https://www.ensembletheatreblackpool.com)

## St Aidan's Church events



SAT, 1 APR AT 10:00

**Coffee Morning & Easter Raffle**

## Rainbows-Age 4-7yrs

St. Andrew's Rainbows  
Livesey Centre, Blackburn



**Spaces are now Available for girls Aged 4—7 Years**

Rainbows are the youngest section of Girlguiding for girls aged 4 to 7.

The unit meets every Thursday 5:45-6:45pm during school term, at Livesey Childrens & All Age Centre, Andrew Close (off Heys Lane).

Being a Rainbow is about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things by doing and having fun. We get to make things, learn new skills, go on trips and to have fun in a safe and all inclusive environment that is open to **ALL** girls regardless of ability, background etc we are also in an accessible venue so anyone can access the meeting room.

For More information please contact:  
Claire – 07980207134  
Brenda - 07969350812

We also have the ability to add under 5's to our waiting list.



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW  
**Girlguiding**  
St Andrew's 22nd Rainbows  
Blackburn

## Class Trip

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



Y1 & Y5 - 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%	98%

## **Dates for your diary**

Parents Evening Years 1-6	-	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
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Easter Bingo	-	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Easter Service in Church led by Y4	-	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>School Closes for Half Term – 2.15pm</b>	-	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>School re-opens 8.40am</b>	-	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Y1/Y5 Trip to Martin Mere	-	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Class photographs	-	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April

## **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)	JJ & Amelia	Sky
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Lexi-Grace & Lena	Ethan
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Sampson & Junior	Lochlan
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Sophie & Lola	Ronny
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Grey)	The whole class	Riley
<b>Year 5</b> (Mrs Watters)	Quanie & Scarlett	Lilly-Marie
<b>Year 6</b> (Miss Cornall)	Keanna & Alisha	Archie

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher