



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 26 – 28th March 2024

Message from Mrs Greenwood

We are finally at the end of spring term and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work. We had a wonderful Easter service in church this morning led by our Worship committee and featured a song and an Easter Bonnet Parade from our wonderful reception class. It has been an extremely busy term which has seen our pupils perform in Sing Together at The King George's Hall, climb mountains and row across lakes, visit an Anglo Saxon Village and perform well at the indoor athletics. When we go out people always comment on how polite and well behaved our children are which makes myself and the staff extremely proud to be part of the St Aidan's Family.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" John 11:25

Shoes



We have noticed an increase in children wearing any colour of trainers for school. This is **NOT** school uniform.

We do allow children to wear **all black trainers**-no coloured swooshes/stripes etc **with all black soles**. Black shoes are also still acceptable and preferred for school. Please do not send children to school in any other coloured trainers or shoes.



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 we return to school on Monday 15th April 2024.

School Council Easter Bingo and Easter raffle



Thank you to all who attended the Easter Bingo event on Monday evening. It was a huge success! Thank you as well to everyone that bought raffle tickets for the Easter raffle. We raised a total of £483.88 for the school funds.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening this week. It was a well-attended event and was great to see so many of you.

Easter church service



Thank you to the Worship committee who led such a wonderful service this morning. It was lovely to watch the Easter bonnet parade from the Reception children. Thank you aswell to the parents/carers who joined us for the service

Dojo point winners

Congratulations to **RIBBLE** for gaining the most Dojo points this term. They have enjoyed some time this morning in the hall with music, crisps and a drink as their treat.

After School Clubs



Clubs will start week commencing Monday 22nd April 2024 and finish week commencing Monday 8th July 2024

Clubs are now available to book for the summer term. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. Places are limited. To book your child's place please use the link: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The clubs available are:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MULTI-SPORTS REC/Y1/Y2	CHESS CLUB Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	MULTI-SPORTS Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	BRCT-Dance Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
MESSY CHURCH Y1/Y2/Y3			AMBASSADORS CLUB Y5/Y6

If your child/children has been allocated a place on their chosen club you will receive a dojo message to confirm this.

Talk and Tales Years 1 and 2

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

The sessions run every Wednesday at 3.00pm. Please sign in at the office.

Infant Milk



Please can we remind parents that have ordered milk for their child for the Summer term to please make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney before the start of next term (Monday 15th April). Thankyou

REMINDER

Please note - your child is only entitled to free school meals with Pupil Premium funding when a successful claim has been made through the Benefits office. The infant universal free school meals does not entitle your child to free milk and therefore you will need to pay via Schoolmoney.

Class photos-Reception and Year 6 ONLY



The school photographer will be in school from 9.00am on Wednesday 17th April to take class and individual photographs of Reception and Year 6 ONLY. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform including their sweatshirt or cardigan and that they are wearing black shoes or black trainers.

Kooth Webinars-Supporting Children and Young people through the stress of exams

With SATs approaching, in May, Kooth has some webinars for parents/carers on how to support children and young people through the stress of exams. The dates for these 45 minute sessions are 22nd April 1pm and 25th April 6pm, the link is below but you may want to have a look on the Kooth website if you'd like more information.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzCwZBLgkBAa0zO5_C3grLjWE9VGND8h7wbfODX4glgBOglw/viewform

Children's University Easter Challenge

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

<p>Recycling! Keep a record for 3 days of how much you recycle at home. Now create a plan of if and how you could recycle more.</p>	<p>Find out 6 facts about a country of your choice.</p>	<p>Judo is an Olympic sport. Find out 5 facts about it.</p>	<p>Science Week happened in March. Why not find 5 science experiments and give it a try. You could visit the library for a book for inspiration.</p>	<p>Choose a simple fairytale. Try and act out the story to someone without speaking, and see if they can guess what it is. Write up how you did it and if it was easy or hard.</p>	<p>Write and illustrate a poem about Easter with each line starting with a letter of the word EASTER.</p>	<p>Find out where chocolate comes from. Write an information sheet on what you have found.</p>	<p>Design your own chocolate bar wrapper. Don't forget to give it a cool name.</p>
<p>Flamingos! Draw a picture of a Flamingo and 4 facts about them.</p>	<p>Why do the clocks change in March and October each year?</p>	<p>Write a letter to a family member or friend. Tell them what you have been up to.</p>	<p>Get crafty! Make some decorative hard boiled eggs using paint, sponges and any other materials you can find.</p>	<p>How many words can you find from EASTER HOLIDAYS?</p>	<p>Make some tasty chocolate egg nests to share with friends and family.</p>	<p>2nd April is International Children's Book Day. Write a book review including what the book is about, who are the main characters and what you thought of it.</p>	<p>22nd April is World Earth Day. Have a go at drawing the Earth!</p>

Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk



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. It is nice to see that quite a few parents have already made the payment-thank you.

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!

The Billy Project Children's Fitness classes

Children's Fitness Classes

Fund it all with Sports Premium

- **Aerobics**
- **Zumba**
- **Circuit training**
- **Yoga**
- **Bootcamp**
- **Dance**
- **Gymnastics**

Available during school hours or after school

Sessions delivered in school

Available to primary & secondary school children

A photograph showing a group of children in a gymnasium, some in motion, participating in a fitness class.

Classes are fun & energetic. Designed to help children develop a lifelong love of fitness & self care

For more information please contact Leanne Procter

07939832216 **leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk**

Cherry Tree Cricket Club

Junior sessions available to anyone aged 5+ that may be interested in playing Cricket. For more information and contact details please see the leaflet below.

Cherry Tree Cricket Club Juniors



Does your child fancy giving cricket a go?

Cricket is the perfect sport to develop social skills, improve fitness and coordination and also have bags of fun.

At Cherry Tree CC we have a strong family ethos and we welcome not just cricketers, but all the family.

- Caters for boys and girls of all abilities.
- Sessions start from age 5+.
- Qualified coaches who deliver engaging and inclusive sessions.
- Have the chance to be coached by South African professional cricketer, Michael Copeland and our team of experienced coaches.

****** JUNIOR SIGN UP DAY: SUNDAY 7th APRIL 3-5pm ******

OUTDOOR JUNIOR TRAINING STARTS EARLY APRIL ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6PM.

 @CTCricketClub

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 @CherryTreeCC

For more information or if you have any questions message us via our social media channels or contact Junior Coordinator Michael Doolan on 07968 782166 or email on micky7cricket@yahoo.com.

Blackburn Harriers

Any budding runners-Blackburn Harriers have spaces available. Contact details are on the poster below.



BLACKBURN HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB

MONDAY EVENINGS 6-7PM
WITTON PARK ARENA

AGES 8 AND ABOVE
FROM YEAR 3
AND YEAR 4

EMAIL: VMCKINLAY.BHARRIERS@ICLOUD.COM
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Spaces Available

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR RUNNING
TRAIN TO COMPETE

JOIN OUR CLUB

Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4EW
www.staidansblackburn.co.uk

Tel: 01254 53148

St Aidan's Church

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THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE. BUT THE
GREATEST OF THESE IS
LOVE.

March 24 Leaflet

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READER & READINGS
3rd of Lent	3rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Exodus 20 V 1—17 Malc
Mothering Sunday	10th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	? Elaine
5th of Lent	17th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 31 31-34 Hebrews 5 v 5—10 Audrey
Palm Sunday	24th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Mark 11 v 1—11 Marion

MINI SPRING FAIR
23rd March 11am -1.00pm
 We need: tombola
 & Raffle prizes,
 hamper items and Easter eggs,
 please

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

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

MINI SPRING FAIR

10am - 12.00noon
 in ST. AIDAN'S
 CHURCH

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW

TOMBOLA STALL



ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	100%	98%	100%

Dates for the Diary

School reopens 8.40am

Class/Individual photographs (Rec & Y6 ONLY)

Monday 15th April

Wednesday 17th 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
Reception (Miss Rigby)	Nana & Bailey	Scarlett
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Qasim & Lolita	Isaac
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Ellyjah & Lily	Alma
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Freddie & Layla K	Hammad
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Whole class	Whole class
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Whole class	Yunis
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Whole class	Mia

Kind regards

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher