



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 3 – 22nd September 2023

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is extremely important here at St Aidan's. The government expects pupils to have a minimum level of attendance, at least 97% which is equal to 5 days absence in a school year and it is the legal responsibility of parents to ensure their child/ren have 'good' attendance at school.

Please ensure that your child/ren attend school each day. If they are feeling tired/under the weather it is better to bring them into school and we can ring home if we need to.

Punctuality

We have seen an increase in children arriving late and coming into school through the office. Please can we remind parents that the gates open at 8.40am and school starts **at 8.50am** each day.

Missing just 10 minutes of a school day is the same as missing 2 weeks over the school year.

Appointments

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible.

For any appointments that need to be taken during the school day and to allow us to authorise the time off, please contact the office to notify them of your child's appointment and provide evidence of this.

PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.

Pupil Absences

Just a friendly reminder...

If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school, you need to contact the school office. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.** Please phone the office on 01254 53148 and leave a message on the absence line.

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2024

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2024 is now accessible using the following link:- <https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2023

Primary School – 15th January 2024

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS for September 2024

APPLY NOW



Primary school applications are open from:
4 September 2023 to 15 January 2024

Secondary school applications are open from:
4 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

WWW.BLACKBURN.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS



If you need help contact the school admissions team:
tel: 01254 666605
email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk
online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions



Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find a list below of the upcoming Open Evening Events for Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 5 th October 2023	More info to follow on the website
Darwen Vale	Tuesday 19 th September 2023	From 5.00pm
St. Wilfrid's	Thursday 28 th September 2023	4.00pm – 8.00pm
BCHS	Thursday 21 st September 2023	4.00pm – 7.15pm
St. Bede's	Thursday 21 st September 2023	6.00pm – 8.30pm
Witton Park High School	Thursday 28 th September 2023	3.30pm – 6.30pm



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EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Selecting the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. To help you with this, we would like to invite you and your child into our school to discover what is truly special about our school and the education we provide.

Our informal guided tours take place during a normal school day, so you can meet our wonderful staff and children. Our Headteacher will take great pride in showing you around, giving you the greatest opportunity to see a school day in action.

To book a personal tour please contact the school office - 01254 53148 or email staoffice@cldarl.co.uk



Norfolk Street
Mill Hill
Blackburn
BB2 4EW

Norfolk Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn BB2 4EW Tel: 01254 53148
www.staidansblackburn.co.uk

Afterschool clubs

Clubs are now available to book for the Autumn 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/>

If you are having problems with the link, please contact the office.

The clubs available are:



CLUB	DAY	DATES	YEAR GROUP	COACH/TEACHER
Multisports	Monday	25 th Sept-4 th Dec	Y1/Y2	Sam
Lego	Tuesday	26 th Sept-5 th Dec	Y3/4/5/6	Mrs Harrison
Multisports	Wednesday	27 th Sept-6 th Dec	Y5/6	Sam
Dance with BRCT	Thursday	28 th Sept-7 th Dec	Y3/4	BRCT

Outward Bound 2024



The residential trip is taking place from 18th March 2024 - 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater.

This is open to years 5 and 6 children and there are still places available. If you would like your child to go please complete the electronic consent letter/form that has been sent out and pay the deposit of £40.00 via Schoolmoney by Friday 29th September to secure a place.

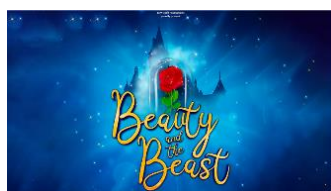
Children's University Membership

A letter has been sent out this week explaining Children's University.

If your child is not currently a member of Blackburn Children's University and they are in year 1 – 6 they can sign up now! Membership is free. Click on the link to register (<https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA23>). The deadline for signing up is Tuesday 3rd October. Further information has been emailed on put on Dojo.



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 7th December for the whole school. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget, we have split the payment into instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost, for example: paying just £2.00/£2.50 over 3 months will make it more affordable. If you wish

to make the payment in full you can do so buy 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 1st December.

Mental Health Support Group

The Blackburn with Darwen Mental Health support team are holding a parent/carer support group on Wednesday 27th September to talk about free online mental health support for children and young adults. For anyone that may be interested in joining this please see the information on the leaflet.



PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Kooth is an online and
confidential service
giving help and advice
about emotional health
kooth.com



Do you have a child who could benefit from free online support for their mental health? We have a guest speaker joining us from Kooth to tell us what what they can offer, how support is delivered and most importantly, how your child and their information is being kept safe online. Everything you wanted to know and the opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions or would like a link to the meeting please contact rebecca.pickles2@elht.nhs.uk

Wednesday 27th September 6-7pm via MS Teams

Safe Personal Effective

Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge

SAVING OUR COMMUNITY £££ OFF THEIR FOOD BILL

Blackburn, Mill Hill
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The **BILLY Project**
Empowering women to lead

Connecting the community and reducing food waste

Help us stop good food from going to waste
Open Mon - Thur 11am - 4pm
Fri 11am - 2pm

Where?
Unit 2 Fitness for Women,
Albert Street, Mill Hill,
BB2 4BL

Who?
Everyone is welcome to use this service

FREE FOOD for those referred in from service
£10 per month or £3 per bag for non referrals
Enabling residents and businesses in Blackburn to share surplus quality food that would otherwise go to waste and sent to landfill.

Working in partnership with:

For more information please contact: Leanne Procter
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk
07939832216

Blackburn, Mill Hill
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

How the fridge works:

- The Community Fridge is **OPEN TO ALL**. Our aim is to make life a little bit easier for our community by redistributing good quality surplus food.
- X2 FREE bags** per week for people referred in from service
- X2 bags per week only £10 per month or £3 per bag pay as you go**
- Please take only what you need, leaving plenty for others. Carrier bags are provided. **It is not permitted for you to use your own.**
- Check out The Billy Project website and Facebook page for meal prep ideas and how to get the most from your food.

The Billy Project CIC & Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge are not for profit. All funds raised go towards the running of the project.

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For more information please get in touch:
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk
07939832216

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for the Diary

Flu Immunisation in school

Bike Ability Year 6 only

Year 5 Bible Exhibition

Year 6 Bible Exhibition

Y1/2/3 DT week

Parents Evening

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM

School reopens

Monday 25th September

Monday 25th September/Monday 2nd October

Tuesday 3rd October

Wednesday 4th October

Monday 9th October

Wednesday 18th October/Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October (1 week)

Monday 30th October

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)	Grace & Jacob S	Esmae
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Olivia & Annabella	Lolita
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Ivan & Pranav	Oliver W-C
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	-	-
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Paige M & Harry	Eric
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Hasnain & Harvey	Cameron
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Marwaan & Isaac	Vanessia

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher