



A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 30 – 10th May 2024

Outward Bound Meeting for 24/25

An exciting opportunity for all current year 4 and 5 pupils, come along and express your interest! We are extremely fortunate to have The Outward Bound residential experience available to our current year 4 and 5 pupils at Ullswater in the Lake District.

We are wanting to gauge the interest for next years popular trip and so we are holding a meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 22nd May at 2.30pm for all current year 4 and 5 pupils and their parents. Please join us to hear about the trip and all the fun activities that are on offer. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children. The trip is heavily subsidised and we try to keep the cost as low as possible. An online text form will be sent after the meeting asking parents to complete if their child is wanting to book a place on the trip.



Year 6 SATs

We will be providing breakfast next week, free of charge, for all year 6 pupils during the week of SATs, Monday-Thursday from 7.45am. We strongly encourage them to attend as this will give them the opportunity to be together in a relaxed environment ready to start the tests promptly each day.

Newspapers

If anyone has any spare newspapers that they are happy to donate to school, please can you send them in with your child. Mrs Liddiard needs them for an Art project with year 1. Thank you

Deaf Awareness Week

The Deaf Village visited school on Thursday and taught year 3 and 5 children how to use sign language. They were taught how to sign their names! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

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Mini Police Presentation

The final presentation for the Mini Police is being held on Wednesday 19th June at 6.00pm at The Redeemer Primary School, Blackburn.

More information has been sent out to the mini police parents.



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:









Please can we ask that children with long hair try and keep it tied up tight, either in a ponytail or plait to try and prevent Head lice

Food parcels

A local businessman kindly donates 2 food parcels per week to school which are available to our families. If this is something you would be interested in and that could help during the current financial crisis please complete the form that was sent out via email to all parents last week or contact the office.

Too Good To Go App



This may be an ideal app for any one currently struggling with the increase in food prices. It's a great way to purchase food at very reasonable prices. Surplus food from your favourite restaurants/cafes and grocery stores is available to buy daily. All you have to do is download the app, search for a surprise bag near you from your chosen store, reserve it through the app and turn up at the store to collect it at the given collection time.

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.

Reception class 24/25

We still have a few places available. If you know of any one who has a child starting school in September who could be interested in starting at St Aidan's, they are very welcome to come and look around the school. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

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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!

NHS Information

Did you know your local pharmacy can help with seven common conditions. Remember to visit your

pharmacy first!



Play Group - Mill Hill Community Centre



At Mill hill community centre



Friday 9.30 till 11.30

£1.50 Frist child 50p extra child Child refreshment included



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May Half term Holiday Club

A multisports holiday club available to 4-11 year olds. Disounts are available for siblings. You must book your place via their website - https://www.edstart.org.uk/franchise-areas/blackburn-with-darwen



Girls Football

A great opportunity for any girls aged 9-12 years who would like to join a new football group. All contact details are on the poster below.



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Class Trips

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



Y6-SATs reward/Blackburn Cathedral Rec-Smithills Farm Y1-Blackpool Zoo

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%	100%

<u>Dates for the Diary</u>

KS2 SATs week Y6 SATs reward trip

Reception trip Smithills Farm

School closes-Half term 3.20pm

School reopens 8.40am

Y6 trip to Blackburn Cathedral

Reception (Sept 24) welcome meeting

Y1 trip Blackpool Zoo

Sports Day

Transition days for high schools

Moving up day (Rec-Y5)

Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

Reports sent home

Y6 Leavers service in Church 2.00pm

Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm Awards presentation assembly

School closes for summer 1.15pm

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May

Friday 17th May

Wednesday 22nd May

Friday 24th May

Wednesday 5th June

Thursday 6th June

Monday 10th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

Tuesday 25th June Wednesday 26th June

Wednesday 3rd July-Friday 5th July

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Friday 19th July
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Kind regards

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