



S† Aidan's Primary School A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 31 – 17th May 2024

Message from Mrs Greenwood

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Greenwood.

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.



<u>Year 6 SATs</u>



Thank you to all Year 6 parents/carers for your support in making sure your children were in school nice and early every day this week for the SATs tests. We have been very proud of the children – they have shown an excellent attitude and have really put 100% into each test. As a way to celebrate the end of SAT's week they all enjoyed a trip to Witton Park this morning.

Poetry Visit

Next Tuesday the children will have a visit from a local Poet. They will listen to poetry, be inspried to enjoy poetry and maybe write their own poems! This visit has been made possible from the money raised for our school funds from the Snowball Disco and Easter Bingo events, so thank you for your support.

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

DT Week - Y2

Y2 will be taking part in DT next week. The cost for materials is $\pounds 1.00$. Please can this be sent into class with your child. They will be able to take home their creations at the end of the week.

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.

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 \pounds 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



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 - <u>https://www.edstart.org.uk/franchise-areas/blackburn-with-darwen</u>



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.



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

Tel: 01254 53148

<u>Class Trips</u>

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



Rec-Smithills Farm Y1-Blackpool Zoo Y2 – Blackpool Tower/Beach Y5-Liverpool Museum Y6-Liverpool Museum Y6-Blackburn Cathedral

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%	98%	96%	98%

Dates for the Diary		
Reception trip Smithills Farm	Wednesday 22 nd May	
School closes-Half term 3.20pm	Friday 24 th May	
School reopens 8.40am	Wednesday 5 th June	
Y6 trip to Blackburn Cathedral	Thursday 6th June	
Reception (Sept 24) welcome meeting	Monday 10th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	
Y1 trip Blackpool Zoo	Tuesday 25 th June	
Sports Day	Wednesday 26 th June	
Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum	Thursday 27 th June	
Y2 trip to Blackpool Tower	Tuesday 2 nd July	
Transition days for high schools	Wednesday 3rd July-Friday 5 th July	
Moving up day (Rec-Y5)	Wednesday 3 rd July	
Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Wednesday 10 th July	
Y6 trip to Liverpool Museum	Thursday 11 th July	
Reports sent home	Monday 15 th July	
Y6 Leavers service in Church 2.00pm	Thursday 18 th July	
Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm	Thursday 18 th July	
Awards presentation assembly	Friday 19th July	
School closes for summer 1.15pm	Friday 19th July	

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 Keegan)	Esmae & Prasie	Grace
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Aliza & Fraya	Annabella
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	David E & Connie	Isla
Year 3 (Mr Eccles)	Elise & Junior	Elise
Year 4 (Miss Rigby)	Saud & Batool	Bailey
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Hussein & Yunis	Sulaiman
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	The whole class	The whole class

Kind regards

Mrs D Greenwood Headteacher