



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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### Newsletter 33 – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### Reception Welcome Meeting

If you have a child starting in our Reception class in September, you will have received an email welcome letter giving details of our welcome meeting, which will be taking place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. If you have not received your email, please contact a member of staff in the school office.

#### Outward Bound Meeting for 24/25

If your child is interested in this trip you will need to pay the deposit payment of £40.00 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to secure their place.

Please also complete the online consent form that was sent out before the half term break.



#### Attendance-changes to Penalty Notices

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fixed penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence during term time.

**These changes will come into effect on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**



The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of **£160 per parent per child**. This can be paid at **£80 if paid within 21 days**.
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent, for the same child, within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at **10 sessions** (equivalent to 5 days) of **unauthorised absence** within a **rolling 10-school week period**. This may include absences as a result of **arriving late after the register closes (after 9.30am)**. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3<sup>rd</sup> (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

### **Dinner money charges**

Unfortunately due to rising costs we are having to increase our dinner prices from £2.41 to £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week. This is effective from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

### **Father's Day Rhyme Time**



Father's of children in the Reception class are invited to join in with Rhyme Time next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> June) at 9.00am. Please sign in at the office.

### **PrimeVR Workshop**

PrimeVR will be delivering a virtual reality workshop on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to all KS2 pupils. The workshops have been specifically designed for schools to help bring learning to life. There is a charge of £2.00 per child which is payable via Schoolmoney. Online permission forms have been sent out separately.

**Please note – if we do not receive enough funds we will unfortunately have to cancel the workshop**

### **Year 6**

Year 6 have decided that they are going to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice for their annual charity fundraiser by completing a sponsored 5k walk.

St Catherine's Hospice aims to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of adults, children and young people who have a terminal illness or life-limiting condition. They are a wonderful charity who help those who need it most.

Any loose change that you may have and would like to donate, please send in to school with your child/ren and over the next few weeks our year 6 children will be going round to the classes to collect any donations. There will be a donation bucket around school and on the playground aswell. Hopefully we can all work together and help to make a difference.

### **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 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 26wks**



Our annual trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre is now only 26wks away! This year we will be watching Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of this trip is **£7.00** per pupil for our current Reception-Year 5 pupils.

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 the payment is available on Schoolmoney. This gives 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!

## **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**



## **NHS Information**

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

Bentham Road Pharmacy  
8 Bentham Road  
Blackburn  
BB2 4PN  
Tel: 01254 202870

**NHS**  
Providing NHS services

At Bentham Road Pharmacy, we can help you with seven common conditions

**Sinusitis**  
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)

**Sore throat**  
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)

**Earache**  
(children, aged 1 year to 17 years)

**Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

**Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

**Shingles**  
(adults aged 16 years and over)

**Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask us for more information about this free\* NHS service

**Visit your Pharmacy First!**

\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



## Children's Literature Festival

Please see the attached flyers for details of the Children's Literature Festival Communities Day on Saturday 8th June at Blackburn Library. All activities are free of charge (although advance booking is advised via Eventbrite), and free books will be available from Christina Gabbitas while stocks last.

Blackburn with Darwen  
Children's Literature Festival

Children's Literature  
FESTIVALS  
Blackburn  
COMMUNITIES DAY

Blackburn Central Library  
8th June

**Chat to Author Christina Gabbitas**  
2:00 - 3:30pm

Pick up details of the festival **Wellbean** initiative for primary age children, and **National County Lines** initiative for ages 12+

**Two performances from Oli Sykes**  
**Fishing for Rainbows**  
11:00am and 1:00pm  
Booking essential:  
Book FREE tickets via Children's Literature Festivals (Eventbrite)

**Donavan Christopher**  
aka **Rappaman**  
Performing in  
Children's Library  
2pm - 3pm

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Book FREE tickets via Children's Literature Festivals (Eventbrite)

Vouchers to be won  
Work Published

www.childrensliteraturefestivals.com

Children's Literature  
FESTIVALS  
presents

**Oliver Sykes**

'Charming'  
E. L. NORRY

**FISHING FOR RAINBOWS**

'Brilliant!'  
ANTHONY MCGOWAN

'Compellingly  
delightful'  
DOM CONLAN

Directed by Dommy B

**SAT 8 JUNE**  
Blackburn Central Library

11AM 1PM

SCAN A QR-CODE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET TODAY!

Supported by: LIS Blackburn Council REKINDLE GET CREATIVE IN LIBRARIES SPOT ON LANCASHIRE LITSTAR PARTNER

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### Class Trips

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



- 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.

### ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

### Dates for the Diary

Reception (Sept 24) welcome meeting	Monday 10th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm)
Father's Day Rhyme Time (Reception class)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Y1 trip Blackpool Zoo	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Y2 trip to Blackpool Tower	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
PrimeVR Workshop KS2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Transition days for high schools	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July-Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Moving up day (Rec-Y5)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 trip to Liverpool Museum	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports sent home	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers service in Church 2.00pm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Awards presentation assembly	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>School closes for summer 1.15pm</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>

Kind regards

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher