



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Message from Mrs Greenwood

We have had a very busy start to the summer term. Year 6 and Year 2 have been working hard and have completed their SATs and we have had lots of trips out and visitors in school. The next half term is always a busy one, so please keep reading the newsletter as we don't want you to miss anything! Please remember that we are having 2 weeks for this half term holiday and we return to school on Monday 12th June. I hope the sunny weather continues and you all have a great holiday.

Important news about the school day

To comply with the government's expectation that all pupils will be in school for 32.5 hours per week, **from September 2023** we are extending the school day. Therefore school will **start at 8.50am** (Doors are open at 8.40am) and will **finish at 3.20pm** (5 minutes later than we currently finish).

Shoes

When we return to school after the half term holiday we will allow pupils to wear **all black** trainers - no coloured swooshes/stripes etc. **with all black soles.**

Black shoes are also still acceptable and preferred for school.

As we are allowing children to wear all black trainers **please do not send children to school in any other coloured trainers or shoes.**



Dojo Point Winners

Congratulations to **BLAKEWATER** for winning the most Dojo points this half term. The whole team, including staff, celebrated on Thursday with a visit from ice-cream van.



Afterschool clubs

Afterschool clubs will continue after the half term break from Week commencing 12th June upto and including week commencing 26th June.

REMINDER

Dinner money charges

Unfortunately due to rising costs we are having to increase our dinner prices from £2.30 to £2.41 per day, £12.05 per week (the first increase in 3 years). This is effective from 12th June 2023.

Reception trip to the farm

Reception had a fantastic day at Smithills Open Farm on Thursday. They got to ride on donkeys, have a ride in a trailer, feed and pet the animals, see cows being milked and explore the farm.



Public Speaking

On Wednesday Isabella and Nicole from Year 6 attended the Blackburn with Darwen Public Speaking Competition. They both spoke confidently and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 6

On Thursday 29th June year 6 will be walking 5K around Witton Park to raise money for Rossendale Hospice. Year 6 are dedicated, determined and focused on making a difference to those with life-limiting illnesses. All money raised will help the hospice to provide the best possible care and support. They are hoping to raise £500.00 to the 'To Benefit Rossendale Hospital' fund. Please make your donation via the JustGiving Crowdfunding page and help us to make this happen.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/staidans-churchofenglandprimaryschoolblackburn?utm_id=1&utm_term=Nbzb4Gbb

Outward Bound 2024



Spaces are now filling up. Any parents/carers of pupils in the current Years 4 and 5 will have received an electronic letter/form regarding the residential trip taking place from 18th March 2024 – 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £513.75 to £180.00. There are only 36 places available for this trip. Please complete the online consent form and pay the non-refundable £40 deposit via SchoolMoney to secure your child's place by FRIDAY 30th June 2023.

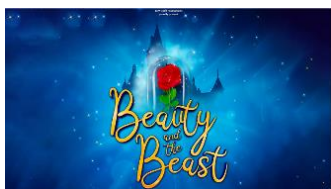
Reception Welcome Meeting

If you have a child starting in our Reception class in September, you should have received a letter giving details of our welcome meeting, which will be taking place on Wednesday 14th June. If you have not received your letter, please contact a member of staff in the school office.

Reception class 23/24

We still have a few places available. If you would like your child to start at St Aidan's in September or you know of anyone who could be interested you are welcome to come and have a look around the school. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

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 our Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget we have split the payment into 6 instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost over a period of time, making 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.

Class Trips

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



Y6 – Martin Mere
Y2 - St Annes beach

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.

Shared Sounds-Saturday Music sessions



SHARED SOUNDS
SATURDAY MUSIC SESSIONS

The Bureau Centre for the Arts has secured funding from the National Foundation for Youth Music enabling us to offer **FREE** music activities for young children

Children aged 2-5
Saturdays 10.30-11.30
A fun interactive music session with songs, rhymes and musical exploration for young children aged 2-5 with their parents/carers.

Children aged 4-7
Saturdays 11.30-12.30
A fun session of interactive musical games and activities with singing and playing instruments for children aged 4-7. A great foundation to develop musical skills before starting to learn an instrument.

*Parents/carers to remain in the building during the session. Tea/Coffee available.

Ongoing Sessions on Saturday mornings til Summer
Bookings via Tickets Source
www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bureau-centre-for-the-arts
The Bureau Centre for the Arts, Blackburn, Penny Street, BB1 6HQ



Find us on social media /bureaublackburn



YOUTH MUSIC   **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**



Spring Challenges 2023

Before you begin...

- Choose a challenge from those listed overleaf. Discuss your ideas with your parent/carer to agree as to where you might need some help. Please be sure that you have permission before you begin your task, even when you are carrying out research on the computer!
- You must provide some evidence that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, make a digital presentation, make a voice or video recording, or a letter from an adult.
 - In your evidence you may like to include:
 - o The dates/times of the activity.
 - o What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - o Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - o What else would you like to go on and do now?
- You can complete as many activities as you wish. The more you complete the more hours you can claim!
- Please ask an adult to send your evidence to Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Alternatively, if your school asks, you can send it in with your passport after the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Sara Burton.



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

Keep a diary for five days of the food you eat. What could you do to make it healthier?



Have a go at making a musical instrument. This could be some drums or shakers. Can you make a tune?



Design your own bicycle. What things would you have on it? Would it be a box for your lunch, or even a rocket to make you go faster?



Research what things happened the year you were born. Create a poster on it.



Have a go at writing a poem all about Spring! You can add some pictures to it too!



Write a travel guide on the places people could visit in Blackburn. Draw pictures and write a little about each one. Some ideas are Blackburn Museum, the library, swimming pool and the cinema.



Get sketching! Find a photograph of someone or find an object in your house and draw it.



Create a poster all about water safety. How can people stay safe when near water?



ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for your diary

School Reopens 8.40am	-	Monday 12th June
Y6 trip to Martin Mere	-	Wednesday 14 th June
Reception (Sept 23) Welcome meeting	-	Wednesday 14 th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm)
Sports Day	-	Wednesday 28 th June
Y2 trip to St Annes beach	-	Tuesday 4 th July
Transition days for high schools	-	Wednesday 5 th July-Friday 7 th July
Reports sent home	-	Monday 10 th July
Y6 Leavers production (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	-	Wednesday 12 th July
Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm	-	Wednesday 19 th July
Y6 Leavers service in Church	-	Thursday 20 th July
Awards presentation assembly	-	Friday 21 st July
School closes for summer 2.15pm	-	Friday 21st 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 Rigby)	Reggie & Texas	Gabby
Year 1 (Mrs Smith)	Lilly-Ann & Pranav	Asma
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Tatum & Atlas	Trixie
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Alfie & Mayada	Daniel
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Hollie-May & Sky	Hasnain
Year 5 (Mrs Watters)	Lilly-Marie & Annalise	Charlie Bu
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Serena & Jayden	Aizah

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher