



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 38 – 14th July 2023

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).

Year 6 – St Aidan's Showcase

Wow, two fantastic performances from year 6 on Wednesday in front of parents/carers. A huge well done to everyone.

Our thanks also go to Miss Cornall and Mrs Rey for all of their hard work leading up to the play. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.



Y6 Sponsored walk

On Thursday Year 6 completed their 5K walk at Witton Park with Miss Cornall, Mrs Rey and Mrs Harrison. If you have sponsored Year 6 and still need to pay in your donations, please can you get this to the school as soon as possible so that we can send the money to Rossendale Hospice. We will be able to let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Y6 Leavers party

On Wednesday 19th July our year 6 pupils will enjoy a leavers party in the school hall from 6.00pm-7.30pm. Time to dust off your party clothes and dancing shoes!



Awards Assembly

Our annual awards assembly is being held on Friday 21st July. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch by invitation only due to limited space. Please note, the invitations have already been sent out.

End of year Gifts



A polite notice regarding gifts for staff.

We have been considering the current financial situation for families and we wanted to reassure you that there is no expectation to purchase presents for staff. We would like to suggest that your child make a card.

A further wonderful gift for our school would be for you to send a message on Class Dojo about what your child has enjoyed this year so we can collate them, share them with each other and then post on our social media page.



Overdue Balances on SchoolMoney



PAYMENT REMINDERS: There is currently a lot of outstanding debt on pupil accounts for school dinners, breakfast club and trips. Balance reminders are sent out weekly.

We would like to kindly request that all outstanding balances are paid via SchoolMoney before school closes for the summer break on **Friday 21st July 2023**. We must point out that any outstanding debt after Friday 21st July will be sent to Cidari Multi Academy Trust for debt recovery.

School Milk

The parents/carers of pupils in the current Reception and Year 1 classes have received a text message with a link to the online consent form requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the autumn term (from September 2023). **It is extremely important that this form is completed by Monday 17th July**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for September.

If you do not complete the online form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.

Outward Bound 2024



There are still a few places available. 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.

Please complete the online consent form and pay the non-refundable £40 deposit via SchoolMoney to secure your child's place by Thursday 20th July.

Class Dojo

All classes will be archived on Friday 21st July ready for your child's new class. Please do not delete or remove the app as you will still be able to see posts from this current year and you will also be ready to continue using Class Dojo in September.

Correct School Uniform ready for September



Maroon jumper or cardigan



Pale blue polo shirt



Grey long trousers, Grey pinafore or skirt


PE Kit



White t-shirt, black or navy PE shorts and black pumps

Whittakers School Uniform

You can now order our uniform online from Whittakers.




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Option 1 – Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop



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On arrival, you will be designated your very own personal shopping assistant who will help you and your family with all of your uniform requirements. Please check our website for opening times.

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BOLTON 106 Deansgate Bolton BL1 1BD	SOUTHPORT 35 - 39 London Street Southport PR9 0UY
BURNLEY Pendle Village Mill Hollin Bank, Brierfield BB3 5NG	SWINTON 123 - 125 Chorley Road Swinton M27 4AA
KEIGHLEY 5 Low Street Keighley BD21 3PJ	ST HELENS 38 Bridge Street St Helens WA10 1NW

Option 2 – Place your order online – www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk



(VOUCHERS CAN NOT BE USED ONLINE)
On our website you will need to enter your school name in the search bar. You will then be able to locate your school uniform. Please try to order as soon as possible, to avoid not having your uniform in time for the start of term in September.

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We would like to wish all of our customers good health and we are really looking forward to providing you with all of your school uniform this summer!



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School sports kit

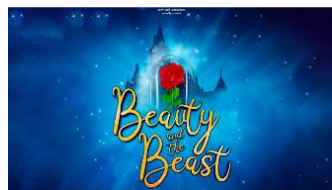


If you have represented school for a sports event this term and still have a sports kit at home, school logo white t-shirt or school logo grey hoody, please can they be returned to school by Thursday 20th July.

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 by 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.

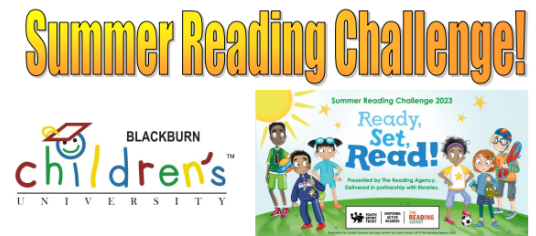
Children's University

Your child has been invited to join Ready, Set, Read! the Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

This is a national library reading game, which will introduce your child to the joy of reading for pleasure and help to develop his/her literacy skills throughout the summer holidays.

Once enrolled each member reads 6 library books (or eBooks / eAudio), with stickers or a prize awarded for each book that is read and returned. Those who complete the scheme will receive a medal and a certificate.

To enrol (free of charge), simply come to your nearest Blackburn with Darwen library and complete an application form between 1st July & 30th September.



This summer anyone who has joined Blackburn Children's University will have the opportunity to obtain hours by doing the Summer Reading Challenge at their local Blackburn with Darwen Library!

To complete the challenge each child has to read six books from the library during the summer holidays. For every book read each child will receive a small prize, plus a certificate and medal at the end!

To qualify for 6 hours for Blackburn Children's University please send a copy of the certificate showing that the challenge has been completed to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

Pop down to your local Library and sign up!

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton (Blackburn Children's University Manager) on 07805929965

G.F.S

G.F.S, Girls Friendly Society, is held in school every Friday. The club will finish on Friday 21st July for the summer holidays.

The poster features the text 'G.F.S.' in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below it, a paragraph states: 'The Girls Friendly Society has been going since 187 and we began over 70 years ago. Its activities have evolved through the years and now include games, crafts, singing and drama'. The next line reads '5-18 YEAR OLD GIRLS' in large, blue, slanted letters. Below that, it says 'FRIDAY 5.00 - 6.30pm in school' in red and black text. At the bottom, it says 'We are making a fresh start, NEW DAY, NEW LEADERS' in black text. The poster is decorated with small icons of a globe, a book, and a pencil.

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St Aidan's Church

July/August Leaflet

July Readers

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
Trinity 4	2nd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Elaine
Trinity 5	9th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Alan Kay
Trinity 6	16th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	David
Trinity 7	23rd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion & organ	Alex
Trinity 8	30th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
Trinity 9	6th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Audrey
Trinity 10	13th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Malc
Trinity 11	20th	9.30 & 11am	All age	Jeff
Trinity 12	27th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion & organ	Dorothy

COFFEE MORNING
JULY 1st / AUGUST 5th 10.15am - 11.15am
In Church

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
94%	98%	100%	96%

Dates for your diary

Y6 Leavers party 6.00pm-7.30pm	-	Wednesday 19 th July
Y6 Leavers service/Awards in Church 2.00pm-		Thursday 20 th July (Parents/carers welcome)
Awards presentation assembly 9.00am	-	Friday 21 st July (Parents welcome by invite only)
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)	Billy & Gabby	Mia
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Ivan & Ava	Pranav
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Emily & Layla K	Killian
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Lucas & Logan	Rosie
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Marisa & Hollie-May	Lola
Year 5 (Mrs Watters)	Mia & Charlie Bu	Harley
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Nicole & Lewis A	Ethan

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher