



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 39 – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### **A final message from Mrs Greenwood**

We are at the end of another school year! For me my last at St Aidan's after 11 year as Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher. I would like to thank all the staff, the governors and Cidari Multi Academy Trust for their hard work and support over those 11 years. We have had a very busy few weeks which have included lots of "last times" and goodbyes for me ending with a lovely celebration of my time at St Aidan's on Wednesday afternoon. I would like to thank you all for the lovely gifts and cards I have received along with the good wishes and the many happy memories of my time at St Aidan's.

Our year 6 pupils have ended the year on a high with 2 fantastic performances of Roald Dahl's Cinderella last week, a wonderful Leavers' Service in Church yesterday and a fun party last night. They have been a great year 6 and I am confident that they are going to go on and achieve great things at high school. Good luck to you all!

#### **Outward Bound Meeting for 24/25**

**There are ONLY 2 places left! The deadline to pay the deposit has been extended.**

If your child is wanting to go on this trip you need to pay the deposit payment of £40 via Schoolmoney.



#### **Y6 Sponsored walk**

The total amount raised was £367.00. Thank you to everyone who donated. Also thanks to Year 6, Miss Cornall, Mrs Rey and Sam who took part in the walk.

#### **Current Year 3- swimming lessons next year**

In September, the children in the current Year 3 class (that will be moving into Year 4) will be starting weekly swimming lessons. Over the summer holidays, please can you help your child prepare for this through discussing it with them and where possible by taking them swimming. Many swimming sessions and other leisure activities are either heavily discounted or free on the RE:FRESH membership to anyone who lives, works, has a GP or is in full time education in Blackburn with Darwen. For more information follow the link below:

<https://bwdleisure.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/Join/online-sign-ups>

### **End of year award winners**

Congratulations to the following fantastic children who have impressed us this year and were presented with awards in our Prizegiving service this morning:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CREATIVITY</b>	<b>PROGRESS/SUBJECT</b>	<b>POSITIVE ATTITUDE</b>
REC	Scarlett-Rose	Jaymee-Leigh	Jacob S
1	Benjamin	Lolita	Aliza
2	Alma	Pranav	Nyla-Rose
3	Achillea	Fayez	Junior-James
4	Richelle	Bruno	Reema
5	Mia	Lena	Jenub
6	Harley	Marwaan	-

- **Y6 Howard Cup for Achievement:** Azlan and Krista
- **Year 6 ALWAYS PRIZE:** Tilly
- **Year 6 SPORTS AWARD:** Blake and Lilly-Marie

### **End of year treat**

What a wonderful way to end the year and celebrate with a treat from the ice cream van for the whole school!

### **Useful information for next year:**

Fruit:	Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 receive free fruit as part of a Government scheme.
Junior Snack	Children in KS2 will receive a free piece of fruit as a snack for break time.
Milk:	Milk is <b>only</b> available for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please make sure the consent form online has been completed and payment has been made if needed. All children in school have a beaker so that they can access drinking water during the day.
PE kits:	All children need PE kits in school. Children need to have a pair of pumps for indoor use – not trainers as these can mark the hall floor. These pumps can also be used outdoors, although you might prefer to send in an old pair of trainers for this purpose. From a hygiene point of view, it is important that children have a change of footwear for PE. Please don't spend a lot of money on a pair of trainers for outdoor PE.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. We must point out that any outstanding debt after Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July will be sent to Cidari Multi Academy Trust for debt recovery.

### **Infant School Milk**



Just a polite reminder - please remember to make the payment of £4.00 via SchoolMoney before the start of the Autumn term.

## Class Dojo

All classes will be archived on Friday 19th 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.

## 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.

## 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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### HOW TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORM

ACCRRINGTON - BLACKBURN - BOLTON - BURNLEY - KEIGHLEY  
LEEDS - SHIPLEY - SOUTHPORT - SWINTON - ST HELENS

#### Option 1 - Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop



**(NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)**  
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.

#### Option 2 - Place your order online - [www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk](http://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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#### FIND YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

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<b>BLACKBURN</b> The Pavilions 20-26 Church Street Blackburn BB1 5AL	<b>SHIPLEY</b> 21 Briggate Shipley BD17 7BP
<b>BOLTON</b> 106 Deansgate Bolton BL1 1BD	<b>SOUTHPORT</b> 35-39 London Street Southport PR9 0UY
<b>BURNLEY</b> Pendle Village Mill Hollin Bank, Brierfield BB5 5NG	<b>SWINTON</b> 123-125 Chorley Road Swinton M27 4AA
<b>KEIGHLEY</b> 5 Low Street Keighley BD21 3FJ	<b>ST HELENS</b> 38 Bridge Street St Helens WA10 1NW





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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!

## **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 19th August 2024.**



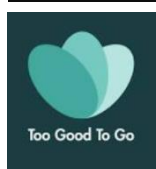
The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th 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 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

## **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.

## **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

## **Christmas Pantomime 2024 – Jack And The Beanstalk**



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!





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## Summer Challenges 2024

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](mailto: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!

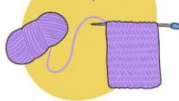
Build a model tower. You could use newspaper, lollipop sticks or even straws!



Write a poem. This can be on a topic of your choice.



Get crafty! Make a craft of your choice. You could visit the library and take out a craft book for inspiration!



France 2024 Olympics. Write a fact sheet about the Olympics.



Create your own mini Olympics at home or in the park with family and friends.



Create your own garden design. You can draw this or even make it into a 3D model.



What would be your dream job? Write about what you would do and why you have chosen this.



Design a new school uniform. What fancy things would you have to help you at school?



Using some playing cards, can you build a tower?



Keep a diary for 3 days over the holidays.



How many words can you find from "We need more sunshine"?



Visit your local library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Don't forget to collect your certificate (6 hours).



## Little Lions

A football coaching organisation in your area who give an excellent professional service to children aged 3-9 years old. They have sessions on a weekend and evening. They are very popular and places are limited. They pride themselves on giving an excellent service to all children and they aim to give children the platform to learn, have fun and want to do more as they wish to develop their skills and be the best version of themselves.



## Blackburn Fire Station open day



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

Tel: 01254 53148

## Blackburn with Darwen Family Hub Summer Brew and Chat sessions

**FREE**  
**Summer Lunches**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July –**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**2024**

Family Hub Livesey  
 Family Hub Darwen  
 Family Hub Shadsworth  
 Family Hub Little Harwood

To Register please  
 call 01254 585000  
 or drop in to one  
 of our Family  
 Hubs/Childrens  
 Centres

**Family Hub**  
 Blackburn Darwen  
 Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

## HAF Summer Activities (0-8 years)

Free lunches also available at the Hubs and Hancock street childrens centre. Ring 01254 585000 to register.

<b>Week 1</b>		
	<b>HAF groups</b>	<b>Parenting Offer</b>
<u>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Wensley Fold CC 1pm-2pm - <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Highercroft CC 1pm- 2:30pm- <b>Were going on a bear hunt</b> Family hub Darwen 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Spish and splash</b> (Please bring a spare change of clothes)	Family Hub Little Harwood 1pm -2pm – <b>Baby Sensory</b> lights, sounds, textures (0-24 months)
<u>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Family hub Darwen 10am-11:30am- <b>Rhyme time</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2pm - <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1:00pm- 2:30pm- <b>Teddy bears picnic</b> (please bring a teddy bear with you)	Family Hub Livesey 1pm -2pm - <b>Brew &amp; Chat</b> What Parenting programmes we offer and how to enrol.
<u>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July</u>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:00am-11:30am– <b>Making play-dough</b> Family hub Shadsworth 1:00pm- 2:00pm- <b>Breastfeeding support group</b>	Family Hub Shadsworth 10am 12.30pm - <b>Parent Forum</b> Come and share your views and thoughts on parenting programmes.
<u>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</u>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:30am-12pm– <b>The tiger who came for tea</b> Family hub Little Harwood 12:30pm-1:30pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Messy play</b>	Family Hub Little Harwood 12pm -2.30pm – <b>Parent Forum</b> Come and share your views and thoughts on parenting programmes.
<u>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</u>	Family hub Livesey 10am-11:30am- <b>Gingerbread man</b> Family hub Darwen 10am-11am- <b>Breastfeeding support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Handa's surprise</b>	Family Hub Shadsworth 10am - 11am <b>Messy play</b> – edible sand, paint, pasta and all things messy! (0-24 months, please bring a change of clothes)
<b>Week 2</b>		
<u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August</u>	Wensley Fold CC 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Highercroft CC 1pm- 2:30pm- <b>Making play-dough</b> Family hub Darwen 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Goldilocks and the Three bears</b>	Family Hub Livesey 1pm - 2pm <b>Baby sensory</b> lights, sounds, textures (0-24 months)
<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August</u>	Family hub Darwen 10am-11:30am- <b>Making play-dough</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1:00pm-2:30pm- <b>We're going on a bear hunt</b>	Little Harwood Family Hub 1pm -2.30pm <b>Brew &amp; chat</b> What Parenting programme we offer and how to enrol.
<u>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August</u>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:00am-11:30am – <b>Teddy bears picnic</b> (please bring a teddy bear with you)	



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	Family hub Shadsworth 1:00pm-2:00pm- <b>Breastfeeding support group</b>	
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:30am-12pm – <b>Rhyme time</b> Family hub Little Harwood 12:30pm-1:30pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Making play dough</b>	Family Hub Shadsworth 10.30am -12pm <b>Brew &amp; Chat</b> What Parenting programme we offer and how to enrol.  Family Hub Shadsworth 2pm -3pm <b>Baby Sensory</b> – lights, sounds, textures (0-24 months)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Livesey 10am-11:30am- <b>Commotion in the ocean</b> Family hub Darwen 10am-11am <b>Breastfeeding support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Splish and Splash</b> (Please bring a spare change of clothes)	
<b>Week 3</b>		
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Wensley Fold CC 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Highercroft CC 1pm- 2:30pm- <b>Splish and Splash</b> Family hub Darwen 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Messy play</b>	Family Hub Darwen 1pm -2.30pm <b>Brew &amp; chat</b> What Parenting programmes we offer and how to enrol.
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Darwen 10am-11:30am- <b>Farmer duck</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1:00pm-2:30pm- <b>Messy play</b>	Family Hub Darwen 10am -11.30am <b>Parents Forum</b> Come and share your views and thoughts on parenting programmes.
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:0am-11:30am – <b>Splish and Splash</b> (Please bring a spare change of clothes) Family hub Shadsworth 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding support group</b>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:30am-12pm – <b>Commotion in the ocean</b> Family hub Little Harwood 12:30pm-1:30pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support Group</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2:30pm- <b>The tiger who came for tea</b>	Family Hub Livesey 1pm -2.30pm - <b>Brew &amp; Chat</b> What Parenting programme we offer and how to enrol.
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Livesey 10am-11:30am- <b>Teddy bears picnic</b> (please bring a teddy bear with you) Family hub Darwen 10am-11am <b>Breastfeeding support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Making play-dough</b>	

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<b>Week 4</b>		
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Wensley Fold CC 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Highercroft CC 1pm- 2:30pm- <b>Messy play</b> Family hub Darwen 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Colour Monster</b>	Family Hub Little Harwood 1pm -2pm - <b>Messy play</b> – edible sand, paint, pasta and all things messy! (0-24 months, please bring a change of clothes)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Family hub Darwen 10am-11:30am- <b>Teddy bears picnic</b> (please bring a teddy bear with you) Family hub Livesey 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1:00pm-2:30pm- <b>Rhyme time</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10am -11.30am <b>Brew &amp; chat</b> What Parenting programme we offer and how to enrol.
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:0am-11:30am – <b>Old McDonald had a farm</b> Family hub Shadsworth 1pm-2pm- <b>Breastfeeding support group</b>	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	Family hub Shadsworth 10:30am-12pm – <b>Messy play</b> Family hub Little Harwood 12:30pm-1:30pm- <b>Breastfeeding Support Group</b> Family hub Livesey 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Splish and Splash</b> (Please bring a spare change of clothes)	Family hub Darwen 1pm -2pm <b>Messy play</b> – edible sand, paint, pasta and all things messy! (0-24 months, please bring a change of clothes))
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Family hub Livesey 10am-11:30am- <b>Rhyme time</b> Family hub Darwen 10am-11am <b>Breastfeeding support group</b> Family hub Little Harwood 1pm-2:30pm- <b>Commotion in the ocean</b>	

Over the Summer break Blackburn with Darwen are offering a space for parents and carers to meet the parenting team and find out more about programmes they run.

- 23 rd July- 1pm – 2pm at Family Hub Livesey
- 31 st July – 1pm-2pm at Family Hub Livesey
- 6 th August - 1pm-2pm at Family Hub Little Harwood
- 12 th August – 1pm – 2pm at Family Hub Darwen
- 20 th August -10-11:30am Family Hub Shadsworth

### Summer activities and workshops

- Family Hub Livesey Messy play 0-2 years 22 nd July 1pm-2pm
- Family Hub Darwen Sensory play 0-2 years 26 th July 1pm-2pm
- Family Hub Darwen Fussy Eaters workshop 26 th July 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Family Hub Little Harwood Sensory Play 0-2 years 29 th July 1pm-2pm
- Family Hub Shadsworth Messy play 0-2 years 2 nd August 10am-11am



Family Hub Livesey Sensory play 0-2 years 5 th August 1pm-2pm  
 Family Hub Shadsworth Sensory play 0-2 years 8 th August 2pm-3pm  
 Family Hub Little Harwood Messy play 0-2 years 19 th August 1pm-2pm  
 Family Hub Darwen Messy play 0-2 years 22 nd August

**September Parenting Programmes**

Where?	What?	When?
Family Hub Livesey	Incredible years babies Programme	Monday 9:30-11:30 starting 09/09/2024 for 8 weeks
Family Hub Livesey	Healthy Families Growing UP 5-11 years	Monday 12:30-2:30 starting 09/09/2024 for 8 weeks
Higher croft Childrens Centre	Healthy Families Right from the start 0-5 programme	Tuesday 12:30-2:30 starting 03/09/2024 for 8 weeks
Family Hub Shadsworth	Healthy Relationships Group programme	Wednesday 9:30-11:30 starting 11/09/2024 for 5 weeks
Family Hub Darwen	HENRY 0-5 years	Thursday 9.30am –11.30pm starting 11/09/2024 For 8 weeks
Family Hub Darwen	Healthy Families Right from the start 0-5 programme	Friday 9.30am -11.30am starting 12/04/2024 For 8 weeks
Family Hub Little Harwood	Healthy Families right from the start 0-5	Friday 9:30-11:30am starting 13/09/2024 for 8 weeks

**St Aidan's Church**



**ALWAYS House Statistics**

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

The children return to school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**. **Breakfast club opens at 7.45am and the gates open at 8.40am.**

Have a great summer holiday!

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher