



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 39 – 21st July 2023

Message from Mrs Greenwood

We have come to the end of another busy year at St Aidan's and it has been fantastic year.

We say a fond farewell to all our year 6 pupils who leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in high school. They will take with them lots of happy memories and we wish them great success and happiness. It has been a delight having each and every one of the children as pupils at St Aidan's and we finished off 7 fantastic years with our Leavers' Party and Leavers' Service this week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our brilliant staff for their dedication and hard work this school year. We are truly blessed with a wonderful staff team who are committed to ensuring every child has the best school experiences.

We are saying farewell to Mrs Whigham who is retiring from teaching after 25 years at St Aidan's. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Watters, Miss Schofield, Miss Grey and Miss Corban. I wish them all good luck in the future.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors, I wish you all a lovely and hopefully sunny summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing all the children, in full uniform including black shoes or all black trainers (no colours and black soles), on Monday 4th September as we begin our new school year.

Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope".

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).

Overdue Balances on SchoolMoney



PAYMENT REMINDERS: Any outstanding debt on pupil accounts for school dinners, breakfast club and trips that has not been paid will now be sent to Cidari Multi Academy Trust for debt recovery.

Y6 Sponsored walk

The total amount raised was £535.00. Thank you to everyone who donated. Also thanks to Year 6, Miss Cornall, Mrs Rey and Mrs Harrison who took part in the walk.

6 Leavers party



On Wednesday evening our year 6 leavers enjoyed a party filled with fun, games, memories and pizza! Everyone had lots of fun and the children were all very well behaved. We wish them all the best as they leave us to start the next stage in their education at their secondary schools in September.



Year 6 leavers service

A lovely end of year leavers' service was led by year 6 in church on Thursday. There was also some very well deserved awards presented to some of the children for their outstanding effort over the past year. Well done and the best of luck to Year 6!

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:

| YEAR | CREATIVITY | PROGRESS/SUBJECT | POSITIVE ATTITUDE |
|------|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| REC | Mia | Theo | Tayla |
| 1 | Devon | Oakleyy | Lexi-Lou |
| 2 | Maham | Jay | Lola |
| 3 | Mayada | Harry | Emmie |
| 4 | Delilah | Riley | Dayton |
| 5 | Tilly | Yousif | Tulisa |
| 6 | Lilly | Nicole | - |

Y6 Howard Cup for Achievement: Isabella and Ethan

Year 6 ALWAYS PRIZE: Musaddiq

Year 6 SPORTS AWARD: Lewis A and Keanna

Dojo Point Winners

Congratulations to **Calder** for winning the most Dojo points this half term. The whole team, including staff, celebrated with a non uniform day, extra playtime and ice lollies.

Useful information for next year:

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| Fruit: | Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 receive free fruit as part of a Government scheme. |
| Milk: | Milk is only 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. |

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.

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 on a Tuesday, starting Tuesday 12th September. 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>

Class Dojo

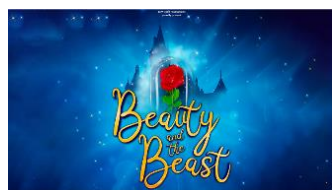
All classes will be archived on Friday 21st July ready for your child's new class. Please do not delete or remove the app as you will still be able to see posts from this current year and you will also be ready to continue using Class Dojo in September.

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.

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

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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!

Children's University Summer Challenges

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

Tel: 01254 53148



Summer 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:
 - The dates/times of the activity.
 - What was the easiest and hardest part of the challenge?
 - Would you do anything differently if you did the challenge again?
 - 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!

Choose a country of your choice and write a fact sheet about it.



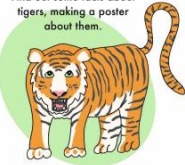
This summer is the Netball World Cup in South Africa. Find out about two players that will be playing for England there.



Design your own house. What would you have on it? How could it help the environment?



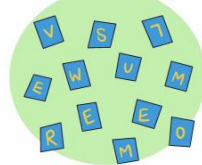
Find out some facts about tigers, making a poster about them.



Draw your own butterfly. Don't forget to add lots of colour.



How many words can you find from "WE LOVE SUMMER"?



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Find a simple recipe and cook it for your household. What did they think of it? Would you change anything?



Write down five things you could do over the summer to help other people. Record what you did and when you did it.



Find out about the Eiffel Tower. Can you draw or make a model of it?



Write a postcard about something you have done over the holidays. Why not post it if you can?



Visit a local museum and write about what you saw. What did you learn?



Create a fun exercise routine for you and your family.



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Try something new this summer. Write about what it was and if you liked it.



Paint or draw a picture of your choice.



Create a quiz of at least 10 questions. Test them out with your family or friends.



Pendle Hill - Find out where it is, how high it is and another interesting fact too.



Get active! Head outside with a pen and paper. Can you spot something beginning with every letter of the alphabet?



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



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 |
|--------|--------|------------|--------|
| 96% | 100% | 100% | 98% |

The children return to school on **Monday 4th September 2023. Doors open at 8.40am.**

Have a great summer holiday!

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher