



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 5 – 7th October 2022

Harvest Service

Thank you to The Worship Committee for leading such a wonderful harvest service in Church this year. Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to the service and for sending in lots of food which will be passed on to the local foodbank to help support our local community.



School Flu Immunisation

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**



This year, all pupils have the option to receive either the nasal flu (contains gelatine) or IM flu (injectable – does not contain gelatine). Please use the link below and select either the green **YES** for the **nasal** or the purple **YES** for the **injection** (which does not contain gelatine). If you do not wish your child to have either flu vaccination please select the **NO** option.

Please complete the online consent by **midnight on Tuesday 11th October**.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=141350&Type=FLU>

Birthday Celebrations

Can we politely ask that birthday cakes are no longer brought in to school. We are a NUT FREE school and cannot be certain of the ingredients in the cakes being brought in.

You are however welcome to send your child into school with individually wrapped sweets that do not contain nuts, as a way of celebrating their birthday.

The Henry Programme



A programme designed for parents/carers who would like support and ideas to develop healthier family lifestyles and is **free** to sign up.

For further information please visit the school website or use the following link:

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/news/2022-09-27-henry-programme-to-launch-at-school>

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is fast approaching. This is an important opportunity for you to come and talk to your child(ren)'s class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year. To give you more time to discuss your child's progress, Parents' Evening will be held over two days, Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November.

Bookings need to be made via our new online booking system <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/> available to book from Thursday 20th October.

Children's University New Members

Sara Burton from Blackburn Children's University came in and spoke to all pupils in years 1 - 6 earlier this week about Children's University. A letter explaining the programme has been sent via class dojo and is available to view on the website. If you would like to sign your child up please click the link provided and complete the online form no later than Tuesday 11th October.

<https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA22>

If your child is already a member there is no need to complete the form again.



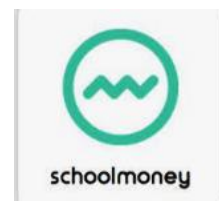
SchoolMoney/ParentPay



Our new online payment system - SchoolMoney.

Passwords have now been sent out to all Parents/Carers. This will allow you to access your SchoolMoney account.

You can download the app, Eduspot, onto your device through the relevant app store; it is compatible with both Android and Apple iOS. You may find it easier to download this ready for the switch over, giving you quick easy access.



Any debit or credit balances from ParentPay will be transferred over to Schoolmoney in due course.

We will confirm the date the payment system will 'go live' before half term.

Outward Bound

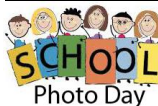
There are still a few places available to Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested in going a deposit payment of £30.00 is required to secure their place. This must be paid via ParentPay. If you would like a PayPoint barcode to make the payment please contact the office.



As a reminder – this is an exciting residential trip taking place from 20th March 2023 – 24th March 2023 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater. The trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £489.25 to £170.00.

For those children already booked on the trip please continue to make regular payments to reduce and clear your balance by March 2023.

School Photograph Day



The school photographer will be taking photos of individuals and families on Wednesday 12th October. If you would like to bring in pre-school brothers or sisters, you can do this from 8.30am onwards. Photographs will be taken in the school hall.

Reception class – Vision Screening



Letters have been sent out this week inviting your child to take part in the vision screening programme at school on Tuesday 1st November. Please **ONLY** complete and return the reply slip if you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening.

Year 6 – Blackburn Museum

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Blackburn Museum to learn about the impact World War 2 had on Blackburn. They were given the opportunity to look at a variety of artefacts, photographs and they were able to ask Mr Irwin any questions they had. All the children behaved exceptionally well and the knowledge they gained will help them in their history lessons.



Year 6 Police visit

Year 6 had a visit from 2 local Police Community Support Officers earlier in the week to learn about anti-social behaviour and how they can stay safe whilst they are out and about.



Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2023



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2023 is now accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – Monday 31st October 2022

Primary School – Sunday 15th January 2023

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

Christmas Pantomime 2022 – CINDERELLA



Just a reminder that the Pantomime has been booked at Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Cinderella on Thursday 1st December for the whole school. The cost of this trip is £6.50 and is payable via ParentPay. **If you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal please let the office staff know.**

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1st December allowing you to buy tickets and spread the cost over time if you have more than one child in school.

We are aware of the rising costs of day to day living and utility bills and therefore want to recommend spreading the cost. As an example - if a payment of approximately £2.17 was spread over 3 monthly payments from October to December this would cover the cost.

Head lice



These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

The Gospel Hall kids club

EVERY MONDAY
6.30 to 7.30PM
YOU ARE INVITED!

Suitable for Boys & Girls Aged 5-12 Years
The Gospel Hall, New Wellington Street, Mill Hill, Blackburn, BB2 4HA

St Aidan's church events

Come along and support your local church.



Sunday 9th October - 90th Birthday celebrations and Harvest

Friday 14th October – Quiz night & Chocolate bingo



Saturday 26th November – Christmas Fair

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for your diary

- Individual/Family photographs - Wednesday 12th October
- Flu Immunisation in school - Wednesday 19th October
- School Closes for Half Term** - **Thursday 20th October**
- School reopens 8.40am** - **Monday 31st October**
- Vision Screening-Reception class - Tuesday 1st November
- Parents Evening - Wednesday 2nd November
- Parents Evening - Thursday 3rd November

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 Keegan)	JJ & Mia	Blanka
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Lexi-Grace & Sebastian	Ashleigh
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Layla K & Tobias	Atlas
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Ronny & Vinnie	Paige E
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Amelia & Lola	Kaitlyn
Year 5 (Mr Thew)	Harley & Azlan	Marwaan
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Thomas & Keanna	Daisy

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher