

St Aidan's Primary School

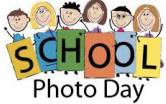
A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 6 – 14th October 2022

School Photographs



Next week your child will bring home their digital proof photocard. Please keep a look out for this.

To view the images you will need to log on to www.johnhuntphotography.com and enter your personal access code, alternatively you can scan the QR code on the photocard. If you wish to place an order please follow the instructions on the online order form. The photographs will then be delivered to school and handed out for the children to bring home.

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.

REVISED DATE FOR YEAR 5 ONLY - Parents Evening is to be held on Wednesday 30th November

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. If anyone is having any problems logging into your SchoolMoney account please contact the office.



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 initially 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.

Cross Country at Witton Park

Some of our year 5 and year 6 pupils represented the school in a Cross Country event on Monday along with other local schools.

Well done to everyone who took part!



WW2 Evacuee visitor

On Thursday year 6 had a visit from Mrs Hepple. She explained what life was like for an evacuee in World War 2. Year 6 had the opportunity to ask her lots of questions to enhance their understanding of the evacuation process in the war.

To say thank you to Mrs Hepple, year 6 chose a few of our worship songs to sing to her.



Scholastic Book Club

Your child/children will have brought home a book club leaflet today. If you want to purchase any books please go direct to their website <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-aidans/digital-book-club> and place your order online by Friday 4th November.

Orders will be delivered to school for free. If you would prefer for your order to be delivered to your home or an alternative address you can choose this option online but there will be a postage charge.

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.

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/appssummary.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.

The Gospel Hall kids club



Blackburn Cathedral Choir

As an insight into the Cathedral Choir, the boys and girls are featuring this Christmas on BBC 1 on Christmas Day at 10am.

There are no admissions deadlines, and everything is free. If anyone is interested in joining the choir please email John at john.robinson@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Cathedral Choristers! Try them out 2022-23

Afternoons for boys and girls in years 3-5

- October 12th 4.15pm-5.45pm
- February 8th 4.15pm-5.45pm
- May 17th 4.15pm-5.45pm
- Free admission
- No previous experience required

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for more information.



St Aidan's church events

Come along and support your local church

Friday 14th October – Quiz night & Chocolate bingo

St. Aidan's Church ?
? QUIZ NIGHT & CHOCOLATE BINGO
14th October 7.00pm ?
? In Church
Tickets 6.00 & 1.00 for children
BINGO!
Includes SUPPER ?
(bring your own drink)



Saturday 26th November – Christmas Fair

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	96%	98%	98%

Dates for your diary

Flu Immunisation in school	-	Wednesday 19 th October
School Closes for Half Term	-	Thursday 20th October
School reopens 8.40am	-	Monday 31st October
Secondary school application	-	Monday 31 st October
Deadline date		
Vision Screening-Reception class	-	Tuesday 1 st November
Parents Evening	-	Wednesday 2 nd November
Parents Evening	-	Thursday 3 rd November
Remembrance Worship in church	-	Friday 11 th November
Children in Need	-	Friday 18 th 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)	Theo & Reggie	Zainab
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Lexi-Lou & Alana	Oliver-James
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Cole & Jessica	Logan
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Freddie & Bruno	Sienna
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Cooper & Covenant	Zenon
Year 5 (Mr Thew)	Bailey & Blake	Jack
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Aizah & Musaddiq	Hannah

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher