

St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 7 – 20th October 2022

Message from Mrs Greenwood

We have come to the end of a busy first half term. It has been great to see our new reception children settling in well as well as other pupils who have joined us throughout the school. I hope the weather is good and you all have a lovely week off. We will see you all back in school on Monday 31st October.

Bagels

From Monday 31st October we will no longer be giving KS2 children bagels at playtime. Instead they can bring a piece of fruit in if they want a snack.

Bagels will however be available to any children wanting one as they come into school in a morning.

Admission to Reception Class 2023



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class 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 date is:-

Primary School – Sunday 15th January 2023

If you do not have access to the internet or you are having difficulty completing the online admission form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Admission to Secondary school 2023

A reminder to all year 6 parents/carers that have **NOT YET** completed the online admission form for secondary school, the deadline is **Monday 31st October 2022**. Here is the link: <https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>



It is extremely important that the deadline is met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

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 or you are having difficulty completing the online admission form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Once an application has been submitted you will receive an email receipt from enrol@blackburn.gov.uk. This may go into a junk/spam folder.

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

School Photographs



The digital proof photocards have now been sent home.

The sibling and family photos have been linked to the eldest child's individual photos so you will be able to view them using their personal access code.

Enter the personal access code, click on the number on the images, for example: **7**, click Albums and then select either YR group or Family's to view either the individual photos or the family photos. If you have more than one child in school you can view individual photos of siblings separately using each individual personal access code.

As a reminder, 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.

SchoolMoney/ParentPay



Our new online payment system - SchoolMoney.

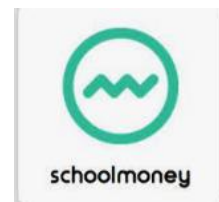
Passwords have now been sent out to all Parents/Carers. This will allow you to access your SchoolMoney account.

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' as soon as we know. If anyone is having any problems logging into your SchoolMoney account please contact the office.



School Flu Immunisation update.



On Wednesday, the immunisation team were in school to carry out the nasal spray vaccinations for those pupils who completed the online flu consent forms.

Afterschool clubs

All afterschool clubs have now finished.

Poppies



Poppies will be on sale from Monday 31st October to raise money for The Royal British Legion. They will be sold for a **minimum donation** of 20p **per poppy**. You may also like to join us in Church on Friday 11th November for a special Remembrance Service.

Children's University half term challenge

Remember, ALWAYS ask your parent or carer before doing any of the challenges!

Why not try making bread?
Write down what you did and the ingredients you used.



The nights are getting darker.
Design a coat that will help you be seen in the dark.



Bonfire night! Draw a poster about the dangers of fireworks and what people can do to be safe.



Draw a picture of what you can see outside. Don't forget to add some colour.



Post boxes! Find out where your nearest 3 post boxes are in your area. Now write a letter to a friend or family member and if you can, pop a stamp on and post it to them.



Create a poem about Autumn.



Owls! Find out some facts about owls.



Find out about a local charity in your area. What do they do and how can people help?



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October Half Term Challenges 2022

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 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.

Sports news – Y5/Y6 Jubilee Shield

A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 Football team who represented our school last night in the Jubilee Shield at St Bede's High School.

They were fantastic in all 3 games and we are extremely proud of them all. Well done Boys! 🏆👍



Children's University Graduation singing

Well done to the choir for representing school and singing beautifully at King George's Hall for their Graduation ceremony on Tuesday evening.



Dojo Point Winners

Well done to Hodder who had the most Class Dojo points for this half term. They enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van as a treat!



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.

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.

Little Lions Football Coaching

Is your son or daughter interested in playing football? Professional football coaching in your area. Little Lions gets children active and nurture their footballing hobby.

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ACCRINGTON, ACCRINGTON ACADEMY
CHORLEY, SOUTHLANDS SPORTS CENTRE

Blackburn with Darwen Adult Learning

If anyone is interested in **free** family fun sessions over half term please contact Bank Top NLC or visit their website to book your place.

Blackburn with Darwen
ADULT LEARNING
FREE Half Term Fun

Are you looking for things to do with your children during half term? Why not book onto one of our FREE family sessions?

Monday 24 th October	Tuesday 25 th October	Wednesday 26 th October	Thursday 27 th October
261 Basket Making 10am – 12pm Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre	264 Spooky Treats 10am – 12pm Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre	447 Hat and Mask Making 10am-12pm Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre	268 Funny Bones 10am-12pm Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre
262 Diwali Lanterns 1pm – 3pm Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre		267 Pumpkin Craft 10am – 12pm Audley Neighbourhood Learning Centre	270 Spooky Spiders 10am – 12pm Audley Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Family Learning

269 Batty about Bags and Fabric Painting
1-3pm
Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre

For more information or if you would like to book your place, call Bank Top NLC on 01254 581175 or visit our website www.bwdlearning.org

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Dates for your diary

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)	Texas & Rylie	Annabella
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Leyton B & Lincoln	Leighton W-C
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Willow & Jacob	Trixie
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Inaya & Sophie	Layla
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Hollie-May & Marisa	Olamiposi
Year 5 (Mr Thew)	Isaac & Azlan	Ava-Bella
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	India & Jayden	Eleanor

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher