



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 8 – 3rd November 2023

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Selecting the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. To help you with this, we would like to invite you and your child into our school to discover what is truly special about our school and the education we provide. Our informal guided tours take place during a normal school day, so you can meet our wonderful staff and children. Our Headteacher will take great pride in showing you around, giving you the greatest opportunity to see a school day in action.

To book a personal tour please contact the school office - 01254 53148 or email staoffice@cldarl.co.uk

Norfolk Street
Mill Hill
Blackburn
BB2 4EW

Admission to Reception Class 2024

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class is 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 2019 and 31st August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Primary School – 15th January 2024

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

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

Congratulations



Congratulations go to Miss Aspin (SENCO) who has recently got married. She is now known as Mrs Liddiard.

Outward Bound 2024



The deadline for paying the deposit and securing a place has now passed however there are still a few places available. If any children in years 5 or 6 would like to go please pay the deposit of £40.00 via Schoolmoney.

The residential trip is taking place from 18th March 2024 - 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater.

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Snacks

Please can we remind parents, if grapes are sent in to school as a snack for your child/ren or as part of a packed lunch, they must be cut up and not left whole.

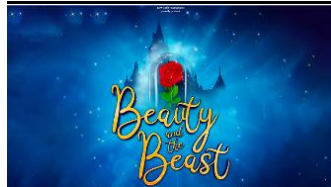


Poppies



Poppies are now available to buy in school. All money raised will go to 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 Thursday 9th November for a special Remembrance Service.

Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Our whole school panto trip is now only 5 weeks away! The cost of the trip is £6.50 per pupil.

There are still a lot of payments outstanding. Can we please ask that you pay via Schoolmoney before Friday 17th November. The payment can be split into affordable instalments over the next 2 weeks if that makes it more affordable for you.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive the payments we may have to cancel the event.

Children In Need



On Friday 17th November it is Children in Need. We will be having a non-uniform day for a donation of £1.00 per child or £2 per family.



Blackburn Rovers Womens Football

Football Club's 148th birthday - Sunday 5th November 2023

To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code on the attached letter or go to the club's ticketing portal on the website - www.etickefing.co.uk/onerovers

BLACKBURN ROVERS WOMEN FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted to invite you to our next game at Ewood Park to celebrate the Football Club's 148th birthday on **Sunday 5th November 2023**. Blackburn Rovers play London City Lioness' in the Barclays Championship, with a **2pm Kick Off**.

Rovers are the highest ranked team in Lancashire and with the continued growth of women's & girl's football, this gives both parents and children a fantastic opportunity to watch a high level live match.

As it is the club's birthday, we can offer you a special discounted ticket offer to celebrate the 148 years:

- £1 for under 17's
- £4 for adults
- £8 family package for two adults and two children.

There will also be plenty of activities to enjoy on match day including:

- Player signings in the **Roverstore** from 12.45pm – 1.15pm
- A chance for player autographs and selfies pitch side after the game
- Meet Rover The Dog and help him celebrate his birthday
- Football inflatable, football challenges and face painting
- Win prizes and enter competitions
- Live screening of Blackburn Rovers men play Norwich City from 12pm in Blues Bar
- Free parking for all spectators in car park H
- Finch Bakery and other stalls

To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code below or go to the club's ticketing portal on the website - www.etickefing.co.uk/onerovers/



We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display

On Saturday 4th November 6.00pm-8.00pm at Mill Hill Club



St Aidan's Church

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
All Saints Day	5th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Paula
3rd before Advent	12th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Alex
2nd before Advent	19th	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	Beth
Christ the King	26nd	9.30 & 11am	Holy Communion	David

SATURDAY BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 4TH
11am - 1.00pm

HARVEST

A BIG THANKYOU to anyone who brought gifts, made donations for the flowers or 'Billies Project'

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 18th
In Church from 11am to 1pm

We need donations of : Christmas Gift bags, tombola and raffle prizes, bottles of drink, any item for Surprise parcels, teddy bears (second hand) Jewellery and chocolate. We also really need you help manning the stalls

THE GARDEN

Unfortunately Brian has had to hang up his boots and we owe him a big thankyou for all he has done. This will leave a big hole in the up keep of the garden. Michael Scholes has volunteered to mow the back lawn, but there are still a lots of other jobs outside, such as weeding, painting the fence and benches, keeping the drains clear and maybe even just brushing the tarmac, please help if you can.

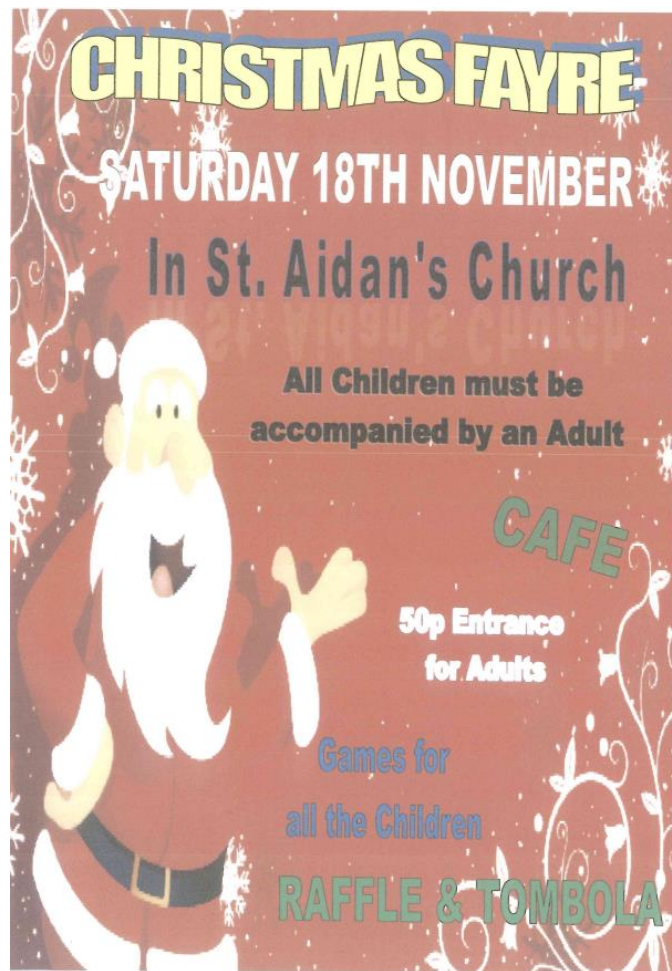
November 23



Keep Your Eye On The Ball

(Luke 12:39-48 Based on a social media post)

I know that many of you enjoy watching cricket or support Blackburn Rovers but I'm not sure how many have followed England's Rugby World Cup adventure. They went into the tournament as no hopers. Their form going into the competition was poor and some even suggested that they'd be lucky to progress beyond the group stages. They actually made it to the semi-finals where they were complete underdogs to the holders, South Africa. England lost the match 16-15 but were in the lead up to 3 minutes before the end. Steve Borthwick, the head coach, commented, "We went into the match with a plan but we were unable to execute it up to the final whistle"! The team had prepared carefully but a combination of tiredness, substitutions and a change in South Africa's tactics meant that England fell short of reaching the final and their end goal. They hadn't prepared for all eventualities and they took their eye off the ball at the vital moment. In the Church's year we come to the end of the "Sundays after Trinity" and are entering into the four weeks before the start of Advent. Advent is all about being prepared for Jesus Christ and our Bible readings now are already concentrating on the theme of "Being ready". Because of carol concerts and school nativity plays our focus in Advent is often mainly on Jesus' first coming as a baby. It isn't as fashionable to focus on His second coming as Ruler and Judge. Yet, as Christians in the 21st century this should be a clear area of focus. We celebrate and give thanks for His first coming but this has come and gone. Jesus doesn't want His followers, whenever they like, to get caught out by being distracted at the vital moment. After all no one but God knows when Jesus will return. Jesus gave specific teaching to the disciples about this because He knew how important it is. May we use these weeks before Christmas to take stock and readjust our focus as necessary so that we are prepared and ready for our Lord's return whenever this happens. Amen



ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
96%	100%	100%	98%

Dates for the Diary

Remembrance Worship in Church
 Children in Need-Non uniform day
 Snowball Disco
 Whole school Pantomime visit
 Infant Nativity (AM/PM)
 Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day &
 Christmas Dinner
 Christmas parties
School closes 1.15pm
School reopens

Thursday 9th November
 Friday 17th November
 Friday 1st December
 Thursday 7th December
 Thursday 14th December
 Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December
Friday 22nd December
Monday 8th January

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
 Headteacher