



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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### Newsletter 8 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **Message from Mrs Greenwood**

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the autumn term. This is always a busy time of the year with the run up to Christmas. There are lots of events both in and out of school so please make sure you put the dates in your diary so that you don't miss anything. If you are going to a bonfire and fireworks display tomorrow I hope you all stay safe and have a lovely time. Finally our Remembrance service this year is in church at **9.00am on Thursday 10th November**. It will be led by year 6 and you are all very welcome to join us.

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing date is:-

**Primary School – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended parents evening this week.

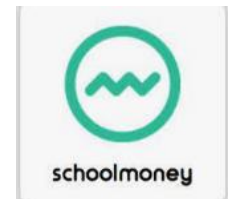
**YEAR 5 ONLY - Parents Evening is to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments can be booked online: <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>**

#### **SchoolMoney/ParentPay**



The new online payment system, SchoolMoney, is now live. **ALL** payments must now be paid this way.

There have been a few teething problems but it should now be available for everyone to use and make payments.



Any debit/credit balances from ParentPay will be transferred over to SchoolMoney.

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

**PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS ON PARENTPAY OTHER THAN FOR THE OUTWARD BOUND TRIP**

### Y5 local walk

On Tuesday Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the local Citroen garage as part of their English writing unit. They used lots of interesting vocabulary to describe cars. All the children were very well behaved and enjoyed the visit.



### Diwhali Rhyme time

It was lovely to see some of our parents come in to school and join our Reception class for Rhyme time early this week. The children enjoyed what they had learnt

### Poppies



Poppies are available to buy in school for a **minimum donation** of 20p **per poppy**. The money raised will go to The Royal British Legion.

There is a special Remembrance Service being held in church on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to join. Reception Class pupils will not be in church for this service.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Children In Need



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need, we will be having a non-uniform day. A donation is welcome.



### Carol Service at the Cathedral

Year 5 and Year 6 will be singing carols at Blackburn Cathedral on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00pm - 1:30pm. All are welcome to come and watch the service.

Any Parents/Carers watching the service are welcome to take their child/ren home when the service has finished.

### Christmas Pantomime 2022 – CINDERELLA



Just a reminder that the Pantomime is only 4 weeks away! This has been booked at Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Cinderella on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the whole school. The cost of this trip is £6.50 and is payable via our new online payment system, SchoolMoney.

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1<sup>st</sup> December allowing you to 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 £1.63 was spread over 4 weekly payments from this week until 1<sup>st</sup> December, this would cover the cost.

## Snowball Disco

This year's Snowball Disco will be taking place on Friday 2nd December over two sessions and is £2 per ticket. This ticket includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar.

Session 1- 5:00pm-6:00pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only

Session 2- 6:15pm-7:30pm- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children only

If you would like your child to attend please make payment via Schoolmoney. Unfortunately, the office can no longer accept cash payments.



## Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



### **Whole School – Blackburn Empire Theatre – Thursday 1st December**

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

## ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

## Dates for your diary

Remembrance Worship in church	-	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception class local walk	-	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need (non uniform day)	-	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Whole school Pantomime visit	-	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Snowball Disco	-	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 5.00pm – 6.00pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 6.15pm – 7.30pm Years 3,4,5,6
Infant Nativity (AM and PM)	-	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols at the Cathedral (Y5/Y6)	-	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day and Christmas dinner	-	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm	-	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas crafts (KS1 am/KS2 pm)	-	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas parties	-	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>School finishes for Christmas break – 2.15pm -</b>		<b>Tuesday 20th December</b>
<b>School reopens 8.40am</b>	-	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Primary school application deadline date	-	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher