

St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 8 – 21st October 2021

A message from Greenwood.

I cannot believe we have come to the end of our half term already. It's been great to have everyone back together again. We have been really busy in school over the last few weeks; we have all enjoyed playing out together, eating with our friends at lunchtimes and there has been lots of singing!

I would like to remind you that school closes today (Thursday 21/10/21) at 3.15pm and reopens on Tuesday 2nd November.

The Royal Institution Science Show!



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Royal Institution for our science shows yesterday. All of the shows went with a BANG(or two)!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to support their child's learning. It was good to see you all back in school again.

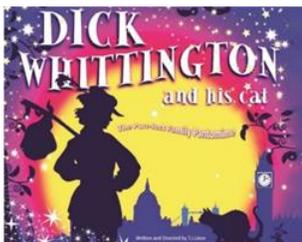


Sports news.

Well done to the school's cross country and football team who represented school at Witton Park and St. Bede's this week.



Dick Whittington Pantomime



We have some exciting news! We have arranged a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see the Dick Whittington Pantomime for the whole school to enjoy. This will take place on Thursday 2nd December 2021.

The cost of this trip is £6.50. If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip to school and pay via ParentPay.

Unfortunately, the office can no longer accept cash payments. If you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal, please let the office staff know.

School Flu Immunisation update.



Today the immunisation team have been in school to carry out the nasal spray vaccinations for those pupils who have completed the flu forms.

Storytime - Year 1 & Year 2



After half term please join our Storytime session every Thursday at 2.45pm. Your child will be able to change their library book during this time too. Please sign in at the office.

Rhymetime – Reception Class

After half term parents and carers of children in the Reception class are invited to join in with Rhyme Time every Friday at 2:45pm. Please sign in at the office.



Supporting your child with reading – Year 1 & Year 2

A letter was sent last this week regarding a workshop that will be held in school for parents/carers of pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 to support children with developing their reading skills. The workshops will be held on the first Thursday back after half term and every Thursday after between 1pm – 3pm. Please complete the form at the bottom of the letter and return to class teacher. If you require another letter, please ask the class teacher.

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2022



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2022 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 2017 and 31st August 2018), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools - Sunday 31st October 2021

Primary School - Saturday 15th January 2022

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.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
94%	96%	100%	100%

Dates for the Diary

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Secondary school application deadline date

Reading workshops (Years 1 and 2)

Story time starts (Years 1 and 2)

Rhyme time in Reception class

Parents' Evening (more information to follow)

Whole School Pantomime Visit

Snowball Disco

Christmas jumper day

Christmas craft day- all parents

Christmas parties

Christmas carols

Primary school application deadline date

Friday 22nd October

Monday 25th October (1 week)

Monday 1st November

Sunday 31st October

Thursday 4th November

Thursday 4th November

Friday 5th November

Monday 22nd November

Thursday 2nd December

Friday 3rd December

Thursday 16th December

Thursday 16th December

Thursday 16th December

Monday 20th December- tbc

Saturday 15th January

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)	Lena & Alana	Nyla
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Harper & Elise	Layla K
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Ronny & Avery	Raine
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Riley C & Reece	Stephen
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Krista & Nevaeh	Scarlett
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Keanna & Daisy	Bella
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Kasey & Macey	Ahmed

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher