



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 9 – 11th November 2022

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance service on Thursday was led by Year 6. A very thought provoking service. They made us all very proud!



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.

SchoolMoney/ParentPay



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

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

DT Weeks

Some classes will be taking part in DT week in the coming weeks. The cost for materials is £1 and the children will be able to take home their creations at the end of the week.

Parents' Evening

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

Reception Autumn walk

The Reception class had a great time on their Autumn walk to Griffin Park Forest school on Thursday.



KS2 Sports Festival

On Monday some of our children went to Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre taking part in some inclusive sports and activities such as Boccia, Dodgeball and an Assault course. All the children had fun and behaved exceptionally well.



World Cup – England



England's first game against Iran is during school time on Monday 21st November. We will be putting the match on the big screen in the hall for any children wanting to watch it.

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.

PLEASE ONLY MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARDS OUTWARD BOUND VIA PARENTPAY

Children In Need



On Friday 18th 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 14th 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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.



Head lice

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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. 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.



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
100%	100%	94%	96%

Dates for your diary

Children in Need (non uniform day)	-	Friday 18 th November
Y3 DT week	-	Monday 28 th November
Whole school Pantomime visit	-	Thursday 1 st December
Snowball Disco	-	Friday 2 nd December 5.00pm – 6.00pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 6.15pm – 7.30pm Years 3,4,5,6
Y6 DT week	-	Monday 5 th December
Infant Nativity (AM and PM)	-	Tuesday 13 th December
Carols at the Cathedral (Y5/Y6)	-	Wednesday 14 th December
Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day and Christmas dinner	-	Thursday 15 th December
Christmas Carols in Church 2.00pm	-	Thursday 15 th December
Christmas crafts (KS1am/KS2 pm)	-	Friday 16 th December
Christmas parties	-	Monday 19 th December
School finishes for Christmas break – 2.15pm	-	Tuesday 20th December
School reopens 8.40am	-	Wednesday 4th January
Primary school application deadline date	-	Sunday 15 th 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)	Blanka & Kyros	Theo
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Bobby & Lena	Asma
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Layla E & Harper	Oscar
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Batool & Mayada	Harry
Year 4 (Miss Grey)	Harvey & Fraser	Lola
Year 5 (Mrs Harrison)	Lacey & Rory	Tulisa
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Archie & Oluwatunmise	Ethan

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher