



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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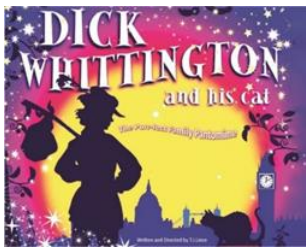
I hope you had a good half term break. All our pupils have settled quickly back into the school routine, working hard and showing interest and enjoyment towards their learning. It is always a very busy period in school as we move towards Advent and Christmas celebrations.

Our new website

We have launched our brand new website! Have you seen it yet? Class pages will be updated regularly and all news will be put on here. We still have bits to add but we already LOVE it and we hope you do too. If you want to have a look please follow the link below:

<https://staidansblackburn.co.uk/>

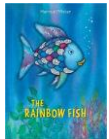
Dick Whittington Pantomime



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.

Reading books in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



As part of our plan to continue to improve phonics and reading at school, your child will now be bringing home a 'Reading Practice Book' and will continue to bring home 'Book They Know' weekly from next week.

What is a Reading Practice Book?

This book will be carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading this with little help, please don't worry that this is too easy - your child needs to develop confidence and fluency in reading. **These books will be sent home on a Thursday and must be returned on a Monday.**

What is a Book they know?

In order to encourage your child to be a lifelong reader, it is important that children learn to read for pleasure. This book is a book your child has chosen for you to enjoy together. Your child is not expected to read this on their own. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in non-fiction books. The main thing is that you have fun. It will be their responsibility to look after it and they must remember to bring it back to school in order to exchange it for a new book. There will be a charge for lost books.

Children In Need



On Friday 19th November it is Children in Need day, we will be having a non-uniform day for a donation of £1.00 per child or £2 per family.

Storytime - Year 1 & Year 2



Please join our Storytime session every Thursday at 2.45pm. Please sign in at the office.



Rhymetime – Reception Class

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

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this workshop to support children with developing their reading skills. If you would like to join for week 2 onwards you would be very welcome.

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:-

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 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
98%	98%	100%	98%

Dates for the Diary

Children in Need Non uniform day
Parents' Evening (more information to follow)
Whole School Pantomime Visit
Snowball Disco
Christmas jumper day
Christmas craft day- all parents
Christmas parties
Christmas carols

School finishes for Christmas break – 2.30pm

Primary school application deadline date

Friday 19th November
Monday 22nd November
Thursday 2nd December
Friday 3rd December
Thursday 16th December
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Monday 20th December- tbc

Tuesday 21st December

Saturday 15th January

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher