



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 1 – 4th September 2020

A Message from Mrs Greenwood



A very warm welcome back! I hope that you all had a good summer break with your children and families, whatever you managed to do over the holidays.

It was so good to see all the children walking across the yard on Wednesday morning after such a long time and the school feels like its old self again, full of joy and laughter with classes of children ready and eager to learn.

I very much appreciate your support for sending your children dressed so smartly in their school uniforms. They do look lovely!

As always, we have lots of exciting things planned for this academic year. This will be achieved by continuing to work together. Making sure your child is at school every day and on time is a great start! If they are not here, then they miss out.

School uniform and appearance

The children looked very smart in their school uniform this week. This really reflects the aims of our school and gives everyone a sense of belonging. Thank you for ensuring your children look so well dressed. Please remember that **BLACK SHOES** should be worn at school.

Children are not expected to wear any form of make-up in school, for example painted fingernails, false or gel nails, fake tan or eye make-up. It is advisable that long hair is tied back to help prevent the spread of headlice. Extreme hairstyles (e.g. shaving lines, spikes, gel, dye) are discouraged. We find that a neat, tidy appearance helps to create a good work ethic.



Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2021

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2021 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 2016 and 31st August 2017), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools - Saturday 31st October 2020

Primary School - Friday 15th January 2019

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.

Outward Bound Trip



Great News! We have been able to move the Outward Bound residential trip for Years 5 & 6 to W/c Monday 25th January 2021. We have **ONE** place available. Please continue to use the same payment system on Parent Pay to pay for the trip, the instalments can still be paid after the original closing date. More information will be sent out on our return to school in September.

Bringing pets onto school grounds

It is school policy that no animals are to be brought onto school grounds, with the exception of guide or assistance dogs. This is to ensure that staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety. Please do not be offended if you bring a pet onto school grounds and a member of staff asks you to leave, they are simply following school policy. Many thanks for your support with this matter.



Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, we are unable to start Autumn Term with Breakfast Club until we receive further guidance. Please send your child to school no earlier than 8.40am as there is no one available to supervise them. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher