

St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 12 – 27th November 2020

Let us remember that this Sunday is the start of an important period in the Church Calendar – the season of Advent, when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Although things will be a little different in school this year, we still have plans for lots of fun over the next 3 weeks. Our prayer this advent is that amidst the challenges that we face we too would know the certainty of God's promise fulfilled in Jesus. A message of hope to bring light to the world.



"Come let us walk in the light of the lord." Isaiah 2 v5

End of Lockdown and Tier 3 Guidance

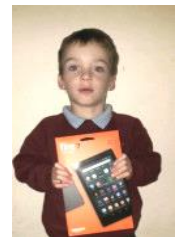
As you will no doubt be aware, the second lockdown ends on Wednesday 2nd December. I would like to remind you that we will be placed in a Tier 3 area and to keep everyone safe we should not be visiting other households, this includes children playing inside at friends' houses and sleepovers. Please see the guidance below that gives clear details of the restrictions we have in our area.

TIER 3 - VERY HIGH

- Households can't mix (indoors or most outdoor places)
- Pubs and restaurants to stay shut but deliveries, takeaways and drive-thru allowed
- Schools, universities, gyms, places of worship open
- Wedding receptions banned
- No overnight stays outside area unless necessary
- Live events banned

Keeping Safe from Coronavirus Competition Winner

Congratulations to Sampson in Reception who won the 'Keeping Safe from Coronavirus' competition. He successfully completed a word search and beat many other entries to win. Well done, Sampson!



Parents' Evening

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this term Parents' Evening will take place in the form of phone calls home. Your child's class teacher will phone you on the day set out below **between 3:30pm and 6:00pm** to discuss your child's progress and attainment this term. If this date is not convenient please let the office know and we will rearrange.

Day	Date	Year Group
Monday	30.11.2020	Reception
Monday	30.11.2020	Year One
Monday	30.11.2020	Year Two
Wednesday	02.12.2020	Year Three
Wednesday	02.12.2020	Year Four
Wednesday	02.12.2020	Year Five
Thursday	03.12.2020	Year Six

DT Week Y4 & Y5

Year 4 and Year 5 have been working on their DT projects this week. Year 4 looked at motorised vehicles and made models of various vehicles over the course of the week. Year 5 looked at baking and in particular celebration cakes. They decorated biscuits, baked cupcakes and created gingerbread during the week.



DT Week

Year 3 will have their DT week from Monday 7th December and they will be creating healthy toasties. Year 2 will start their DT week on Monday 14th December, the theme will be moving vehicles. **The cost for materials is £1 and the children will be able to take home their creations at the end of the week.**



Class Trips

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



Year 3 – Bolton Museum – Monday 18th January 2021

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

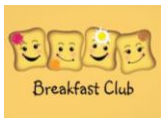
Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

Bikes and Scooters in School

If your child arrives to school on a bike or scooter they **MUST** bring a suitable lock and chain to secure them. All bikes and scooters must be kept in the kitchen entrance yard area **BEFORE** the school gates are locked. We are unable to keep the bikes and scooters in school. If your child arrives late when the gates are locked then their bike/scooter will need to be locked on the gates at the front of the school. **All bikes and scooters are left at owners own risk and school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage.**



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club now starts at 7.45am. The cost is still the same, please continue to use the main entrance. Please note, you will need to book your child's place in Breakfast Club if you have not done so already. Thank you.

Outward Bound Trip

Great News! We have been able to move the Outward Bound residential trip for Years 5 & 6 to W/c Monday 17th May 2021. Please continue to use the same payment item on ParentPay to pay for the trip.



School Drop Off and Collections



Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and that we are now in a 2nd lockdown, we are only able to allow **1 parent/carer** on the school yard to drop off children and to collect them after school. This is to prevent gatherings in the yard and to adhere to the government social distancing guidelines that have been put in place to keep you and your children safe. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 17th December**, we will be raising funds for Save the Children by paying £1.00 to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, **please do not buy one especially for this day**; you could help your child decorate a jumper they already have by adding a few Christmas decorations



Admission to Reception Class



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class in September 2021 is now accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appssummary.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 date is:-
Friday 15th January 2021

It is extremely important that this deadline is 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
100%	96%	100%	96%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Year 2 for winning the attendance race the last week with 97.33% attendance! Year 4 was in second place with 96.80% and Year 3 was in third place with 96.37%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	78.21%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	95.60%	
Year 2	97.33%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	96.37%	
Year 4	96.80%	
Year 5	94.24%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 6	94.12%	

Dates for the Diary

Parents' Evening Telephone Calls – Rec, Y1 & Y2

Parents' Evening Telephone Calls – Y3, Y4 & Y5

Parents' Evening Telephone Calls – Y6

DT Week Year 3

DT Week Year 2

Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Lunch

Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon

Christmas Carol's (pupils and staff) – 2.00pm

KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties

School finishes for Christmas break – 2.30pm

Monday 30th November

Wednesday 2nd December

Thursday 3rd December

W/c Monday 7th December

W/c Monday 14th December

Thursday 17th December

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Monday 21st December

Tuesday 22nd December

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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)	Lochlan & Lola-Mai	Cole
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Bailey & Abbie	Raine
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Jacob & Shayden	Cooper
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Charlie Bu & Nevaeh	Marwaan
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Nicole & Alisha	Thomas
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Riella & Brandon	Gracie-Mae
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Caiden & Kaicey	Olivia

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher