



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 13 – 4th December 2020

School Closing Time for Christmas



We are writing to inform you that St. Aidan's will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December at 3.15pm. This is to align the academy closure with the other 4 academies in Blackburn with Darwen and with the 5 other academies across the Trust.

We hope that you will welcome the advance notice and the opportunity to prepare for the break.

On behalf of the Trust can I take the time to thank you for your support during this challenging Autumn term and wish you a very safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Ashworth – CEO Cidari Multi Academy Trust.

Winter Weather

In the event of any school closure or delayed opening due to severe weather conditions, a text will be sent to parents no later than 7.40am. **Please do not contact the school office.**

Please note, our text messaging service sends texts to the first contact (number one priority) on your child's contact details. If you wish to change this for text-messaging purposes, please let a member of the office staff know immediately.



Christmas Dinner

If your child is on packed lunches they should have brought home a letter this week about the school Christmas Dinner that will be served on Thursday 17th December. The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas Dinner (a vegetarian option is available) at a cost of £2.30. If your child qualifies for either free school meals or the Universal Infant Free School Meals but has a packed lunch then they are entitled to have a Christmas Dinner free of charge. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please complete the slip on the bottom of the letter and return it to school no later than **Monday 7th**

December. This is the last day we can accept the reply slip, as the cook needs to place the order the following week. This needs to be paid via ParentPay. If you require a barcode, please inform the office.



Parent Governor Announcement

Following the parent governor nominations, we are pleased to confirm that Elisha Dickinson has been elected as a parent governor. We look forward to working with her.



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



School Footwear



Our uniform dress code is **black shoes only, NOT TRAINERS**. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct footwear. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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.**



Selection Box Raffle



We are having a selection box raffle on Thursday 17th December. Our school council are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be sold by the school council team at break time for **20p per ticket or £1a strip.**

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 Milk

The pupils in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 have brought home a letter requesting whether or not your child requires milk in the Spring Term. **It is extremely important that this is returned as quickly as possible but no later than Friday 11th December**, to enable the office staff to order the correct quantity of milk for January. **If you do not return the form, milk will not be ordered for your child next term.**



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/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 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
92%	98%	98%	100%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Year 1 for winning the attendance race the last week with 98.40% attendance! Year 4 was in second place with 98% and Year 5 was in third place with 97.14%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	85.51%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	98.40%	
Year 2	95.00%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	93.60%	
Year 4	98.00%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	97.14%	
Year 6	93.33%	

Dates for the Diary

DT Week Year 3

W/c Monday 7th December

DT Week Year 2

W/c Monday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December

Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon

Thursday 17th December

Selection Box Raffle Draw

Thursday 17th December

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

Friday 18th December

KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December

School finishes for Christmas break – 3.15pm

Friday 18th December

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)	Mason & Elise	Trixie
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Paige E & Lucas	Lola
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Kaitlyn & Zenon	Riley W
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Annalise & Tulisa	Dequan
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Ethan & Hannah	Lily-May
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Kyle N & Dee-Dee	Morgan-Leigh
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Coben & Henry	Lacey-Leigh

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher