



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 15 – 17th December 2020



A Message from Mrs Greenwood

We are at the end of our first term and what a year this has been so far! I would like to thank all the staff at St. Aidan's and at Cidari Multi Academy Trust who have worked tirelessly this term to keep everyone safe whilst ensuring that all pupils have received a first class education. Christmas is a magical time when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ and as this year draws to a close may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men'
Luke 2:14

Christmas Carols



All children and staff had a wonderful morning singing Christmas Carols on the yard. Thank you, Rev. Cath Brooks for coming and joining us in the special service. Thank you to Year 6 for leading the lovely service.



Christingle

Year 4 had a wonderful time this week learning about how the Christingle is a symbolic object that represents Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. The children enjoyed creating their own Christingles to take home.



Christmas Craft Afternoon

The pupils and staff had a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday. The craft afternoon was lots of fun! Lots of glitter, paint and glue was used to create some wonderful items as you can see from the photographs.



House Point Dojo Winners



Congratulations to **CALDER** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. They celebrated on Wednesday afternoon by having a Christmas afternoon tea complete with hot chocolate!



Class Christmas Carols Video

Please use the link below to view the wonderful class Christmas Carols that each class sang this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vUH33ULeGc>

Selection Box Raffle



Thank you to all the children and staff who have bought raffle tickets for the annual selection box raffle. We have raised **£131.90** for school funds.

School Gates

Please be mindful of the space and safety of pupils and parents/carers when school gates to open. Although the school gates open at 8.40am the children 8.50am to get into class which means there is plenty of time to come into school at the gates.



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Contact Telephone Numbers



From past experience we know that people change their mobile phones over the Christmas period, can you please make sure that we have your up-to-date phone numbers when we return in January – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. school closures, club cancellations, etc.) via text message.

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 Jumper Day



Thank you to all who donated to Save the Children for Christmas Jumper day. We raised **£28.80**

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 2 will start their DT lessons on Wednesday 6th January, 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.

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.



Admission to Reception Class

Places are filling up! 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

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

ALWAYS House Statistics

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HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	100%	100%	100%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the attendance race the last week with 97.14% attendance! Reception was in second place with 96.43% and Year 1 was in third place with 96.40%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	96.43%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	96.40%	
Year 2	94.33%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	89.60%	
Year 4	93.60%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	97.14%	
Year 6	90.42%	

Dates for the Diary

School finishes for Christmas break – 3.15pm

School returns for Spring Term

Thursday 17th December

Wednesday 6th 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)	Killian & Darcee	Layla H
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Layla & Emmie	Sienna
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Hollie-May & Mia P	Yahya
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Krista & Alfie	Isaac
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Daisy-Leigh & Saffron	Cooper
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Jessica F & Charlotte	Alice
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Isabelle & Crystal	Sienna

School will re-open on Wednesday 6th January and the doors will be open from **8.40am**.



Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher