



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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A Message from Mrs Greenwood

I hope you have all had a good week. Once again I have been amazed at all the effort and hard work that has gone into the home learning. Everyone in school has been working hard too.

We have now loaned more than 70 chromebooks/iPads to families over the past three weeks so we are looking forward to seeing even more of you online next week.

Thank you for your support and as usual if you need any help please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thoughts from a Home Learning Pupil



Some thoughts on the first 3 weeks of home learning from our Head Boy, Alfie.

“The good things about learning from home are that you don't have to get up as early for the start of school and you also get to wear your own clothes. You are also learning lots of new skills on the computer. The teachers are being as helpful as they can be so we all can understand our work.

The bad things about home learning are that it is hard, as sometimes things don't work as they should! It is also bad because you don't get to see your friends in person.”

Lockdown

As you are aware the country is in a National Lockdown. To keep everyone safe and to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 we are open to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils only.



Live Lessons Expectations

When the teacher is teaching a live lesson through “Meet” sent by a link on Google Classroom the expectations are as follows:



1. Children must be **appropriately dressed**
2. Children must not be in bed
3. All children must ALWAYS be respectful of others on the Meet and follow our ALWAYS rights
4. Children should stay muted because of background noise until they want to speak
5. **Adults (if needed for support in EYFS/KS1) must also be appropriately dressed.**

Drop Off and Pick Up of Pupils

The gates into the school playground will be open to drop off children of key workers and vulnerable pupils from 8.40am and will be open again at 3.10pm for pupils to be collected. For your own safety and for that of the pupils and staff 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. **Due to the current situation with Lockdown we are unable to allow parents/carers to enter the building.**

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Children's University February Half Term Holidays Activities

We will be running a number of virtual activities during the February half term holidays. Hopefully there is something for everyone! **Places are limited.**



Most of these activities are **FREE**, except for the 'Let's Get Creative' activity which is £2. A creative pack will be given for this.

Children who are members of Blackburn CU can collect stamps in their passport. However, your child does not have to be a member to take part.

Access to the internet and Zoom is ESSENTIAL.

To sign up please log on to **ParentPay** and select the activities you would like your child to sign up to.

A confirmation email will be sent once you have signed up.

Please see below further details on the year groups and what activities are available.

ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUPS	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
LET'S GET CREATIVE!	Years 2 - 6	Monday 15th February	10.30am - 12noon	This is a fun activity where children will be given a creative pack to work through. The cost is £2. Children can only attend one session.
FUN WITH ANIMALS	Years 2 - 6	Monday 15th February	2pm - 3pm	With our little Zoo to You Zoom sessions you will get up close and learn all about their amazing animals. Children can only attend one session.
MARTIAL ARTS FUN CLASS	Year 2	Tuesday 16th February	11.30am - 12noon	This is a fun class with lots of games. This will be run by the Masters of Martial Arts Academy
LET'S GET CREATIVE!	Years 2 - 6	Tuesday 16th February	1.30pm - 3pm	This is a fun activity where children will be given a creative pack to work through. The cost is £2. Children can only attend one session.
FUN GAMES SESSION	Years 2 - 6	Wednesday 17th February	11am - 12noon	This will involve a variety of fun games that can be done at home and suitable for all ages. Children can only attend one session.
FUN GAMES SESSION	Years 2 - 6	Wednesday 17th February	1.30pm - 2.30pm	This will involve a variety of fun games that can be done at home and suitable for all ages. Children can only attend one session.
MARTIAL ARTS FUN WORKOUT	Years 3 - 6	Thursday 18th February	11.30am - 12.15pm	This is a fun and energetic activity with the Masters of Martial Arts Academy.
FUN WITH ANIMALS	Years 2 - 6	Thursday 18th February	2pm - 3pm	With our little Zoo to You Zoom sessions you will get up close and learn all about their amazing animals. Children can only attend one session.

Remember to sign your child up via **ParentPay**. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

Online Learning Timetable

We are now using Google Classroom for online learning.

Google Classroom will be where your child's live lessons will be streamed from and where their work is uploaded to. They will be expected to log onto Google Classroom at least twice daily to access their maths and English/ phonics lesson during the times below. A task will also be set in the afternoon.

Maths			
9:00-9:30	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
9:30- 10:00	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10:00-10:30	EYFS		
English/Phonics			
10:30- 11:00		Year 2	Year 3
11:00-11:30	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11:30-12:00	EYFS	Year 1	

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week. Postcards are on the way to our stars!

	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Trixie & Sampson	Freddie
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Lucas & Abbie	Harry
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Fraser & Lola	Harriett
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Charlie Br & Scarlett	Jack
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Chelsea & Lily-May	Saffron
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Demi-Leigh & Dee-Dee	Lydia
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Coben & Olivia	Sienna

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher