



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 2 – 11th September 2020

Homework- Expectations at Home



At school we aim to provide the highest quality of education for all children, to enable them to reach high levels of achievement. The partnership between learning at school and learning at home is essential to this.

Please support your child by making sure that you hear your child read at home at least twice a week and that homework tasks or spellings are completed and returned on time. Each class's expectations of homework can be found on their class newsletter. Ideas about how to further support your child will also be posted on Class Dojo weekly.

Are you on Class Dojo?

Class Dojo is a free app and is our main source of communication between teachers and parents. Teachers share photos and videos of their class daily. You can also communicate with your child's class teacher and share updates, photos and videos from home. If you need a login please ask Mrs Harrison or your child's teacher. Thank you.



Covid-19 Testing – Walk-In Centre

If you or your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 please visit the walk-in centre to be tested. Once you have been tested you will receive your results usually within 48 hours by text or email. You will need to show this test result to the school office team, it is a negative result, your child will be able to return to school. If it is a positive result, then you will need to follow the government guidelines for self-isolation.

Walk-in testing units have been set up in the following location.

- **Blackburn College car park. This site operates between 8am–8pm seven days a week.**

You are asked to follow public health guidelines around social distancing and face coverings when you visit the walk-in site.

After School Clubs

We are working hard to try and have some afterschool clubs running in a Covid safe way. We will send out afterschool club letters once we know which clubs we can safely run. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Drop Off and Collections

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 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.



Meet the Teacher



Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we are unable to hold our annual meet the teacher meetings in school. This year, our teachers have filmed videos that you can view at home which introduce you to your child's new teacher and the expectations for homework and reading. Please click the links below and they will take you to the YouTube video of your child's class.

For Year 1 and Year 2 please use this link

<https://youtu.be/H6Kzg7k0tAY>

For Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 please use this link

<https://youtu.be/NmRUBIW-eiQ>

For Year 6 please use this link

<https://youtu.be/p0EqAKqt4Fg>

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.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

| HODDER | CALDER | BLAKEWATER | RIBBLE |
|--------|--------|------------|--------|
| 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Attendance Race



A HUGE well done to everyone on the attendance results for last week. It has been wonderful to see you all in school every day!
Congratulations to Reception for winning the attendance race the last week with 100% attendance! Year 6 was in second place with 97.5% and Year 2 was in third place with 97.1%.

| Year | Attendance | Attendance Key |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Reception | 100% | Green = 95% & above |
| Year 1 | 93.0% | |
| Year 2 | 97.1% | Yellow = 90% - 95% |
| Year 3 | 95.2% | |
| Year 4 | 91.4% | Red = Less than 90% |
| Year 5 | 94.1% | |
| Year 6 | 97.5% | |

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) | Tobias & Tatum | Willow |
| Year 1 (Miss Rigby) | Raine & Paige E | Tinkerbelle |
| Year 2 (Miss Yates) | Jayden & Joshua | Hollie-May |
| Year 3 (Mrs Moss) | Lennon & Bailey | Charlie Br |
| Year 4 (Miss Hunt) | James & Thomas | Hannah |
| Year 5 (Miss Schofield) | Alice & Harley | Geoffrey |
| Year 6 (Mrs Rourke) | Deakon & Jessica | Olivia |

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher