



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 24 – 12th March 2021

A Message from Mrs Greenwood

It has been lovely seeing all our St Aidan's children back in school this week. They have all been happy and eager to be back to learning in school. In the next few weeks leading up to the Easter holidays we have lots of exciting things happening in school. Next week we have Bikeability in Y6 and a non-uniform day for comic relief on Friday.



Sugary Snacks

Please do not send your child to school with sugary snacks. Snacks are provided in school for every child. KS1 children will have fruit for their morning snack and KS2 children will have a piece of toast, crumpet or bagel. We would like to give Iceland a big THANK YOU for the wonderful donations of crumpets this week.



Drop Off and Pick Up of Pupils



The gates to the school playground are opened to all pupils from 8.40am and 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.

Former Pupil, Lucy

Please read about one of our ex pupils Lucy who left our school in 2017. We are very proud that you are still "Fulfilling your potential" and "growing in God". We are sure your little sister will also follow in your footsteps!

<https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/iwd2021-lucy-page/>

Returning of Chromebooks, iPads and 4G Routers

If you have borrowed one of our Chromebooks, iPads or 4G routers, can you please return these as soon as possible.

These should be given to the **class teacher** on your child's return to school.

Each item returned will be signed back into school. If you have any queries regarding the return of these items, please contact the school office.

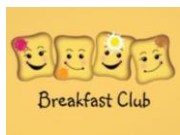


Easter Break



School closes for the Easter break on Thursday 1st April at 2.15pm and school re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 12th April. Please note that we will be off for **one week** only as we will be having a two week break for the summer half term.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will start at 7.45am. 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.

P.E. Kits

Please ensure that your child/children have P.E kits in school. The P.E. uniform is a white tee-shirt, navy/black shorts for indoor and navy/black jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoors and black pumps slip-on or Velcro. P.E. kits should be kept in a bag that can be hung up on a coat hook



Comic Relief

COMIC RELIEF

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 19th March to raise money for Comic relief. This will cost £1 per child or £2 per family. Please note that due to the current situation we will not be selling red noses or other merchandise this year, these items can be bought at Argos, Sainsbury's or online.

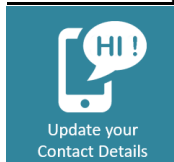
School Footwear



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.



Contact Telephone Numbers



We still seem to have a number of contact details that have not been updated. Please inform the school as soon as possible so we can update your child's records – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. after school clubs, school information, etc.) via text message.

Punctuality

There have been a number of children arriving after 8.50am and this affects pupil progress and they are missing a large part of their school day. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive before 8.50am every morning to avoid disruptions to their lessons and the administrative running of the school. Children can come into class from 8.40am ready to start their school day. School is required by law to pass names of persistent absentees to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice.



Afterschool Clubs

Due to the current situation, the practicalities of social distancing and keeping in bubbles, we are having to operate clubs on a year group basis for six weeks at a time. The clubs running for the first block are below. Your child will have brought home a reply slip today if they were successful getting a place on their chosen club.

Club Name	Year Group	Day	Time	Teacher
Sports Club	Year 3	Monday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Sam
Gymnastics Club	Year 4	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	BRFC Coach
Sports Club	Year 1	Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Sam
Sports Club	Year 2	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Sam

Children's University Easter Holidays Activities 2021



We will be running a number of virtual activities during the Easter holidays for children in years 2 - 6 at St Aidan's. Hopefully there is something for everyone!
Places are limited.

Most of these activities are **FREE**, except for the 'Let's Get Creative' and 'Arty Cooking' activities which are £2 each. A creative pack will be given for each of these.

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. Sign up is available until **Thursday 18th March 2021.**

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
YOGA	Years 2 - 6	Monday 29th March	11am - 12noon	Come and join Tessa Clemson Yoga for a fun session doing yoga! Children can only attend one session.
LET'S GET CREATIVE!	Years 2 - 6	Wednesday 31st March	2pm - 3.30pm	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.
MARTIAL ARTS FUN WORKOUT	Years 3 - 6	Thursday 1st April	11.30am - 12.15pm	This is a fun and energetic activity with the Masters of Martial Arts Academy.
ARTY COOKING	Years 2 - 6	Thursday 1st April	1pm - 2.15pm	During this session children will have a go at designing and drawing their own chocolate bar, caterpillar and basket. There may be a few tasty treats too! A creative pack will be provided. The cost is £2. Children can only attend one session.
GYMNASTICS AT HOME	Years 2 - 6	Tuesday 6th April	1.30pm - 2.30pm	This session will include working on balancing, shapes, playing games and setting challenges. Please only attend one of these sessions.
FUN GAMES SESSION	Years 2 - 6	Wednesday 7th April	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.

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

You have until Thursday 18th March to sign up.

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

Dates for the Diary

Bikeability – Year 6

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Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief

School closes for Easter (1 week)

School re-opens for Summer Term

Class photos

Reception Class Vison Test (in school)

Tuesday 16th March

Thursday 18th March

Friday 19th March

Thursday 1st April – 2.15pm

Monday 12th April

Wednesday 21st April

Thursday 29th April

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

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)	Freddie & Jessica	Daynton
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Layla & Sienna	Eric
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Kaitlyn & Fraser	Sky
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Lilly & Krista	Andrei
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Cooper & Lilly-Sue	Hannah
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Geoffrey & Kyden	Sophie
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Anthony & Rebeka	Olivia

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher