

St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 25 – 19th March 2021

A Message from Mrs Greenwood



It has been a busy week at St Aidan's. All year 6 have taken part in Bikeability and it was fantastic to see the progress some of the children made in a very short time. Tyson, our school dog, has visited twice this week as part of his training to become a therapy dog. He passed his first assessment with flying colours and will be getting his certificate in Friday worship next week. Today is Comic Relief. It was lovely to see all the big smiles as the children came onto the yard this morning and Cath made us some fantastic red nose cakes for lunch. I would like

to remind you that we don't break up for Easter until Thursday 1st April at 2.15pm. Have a lovely weekend.



School Attendance

The school attendance policy is available to view on our school website.

We expect all children and parents to work hard to gain 100% attendance.

Lateness and attendance are monitored **daily** by the school attendance officer and Pupil Wellbeing Officer who will contact parents to discuss why their child is not in school.

School will inform parents when their child's attendance has become of concern and support will be offered.

There are 175 days a year not in school, plenty of time for other activities.	Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children receive a full time education.	It is important that everyone works together to help children obtain the best possible start in life with a good education.
Good attendance in primary school improves your child's reading, writing and maths skills.	You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.	90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year.

Mr Taylor



We would like to give a big St. Aidan's warm welcome to Mr Taylor who has joined the team recently as an academic mentor. Mr Taylor will be working closely with staff and supporting the catch-up programme in school.

National Day of Reflection

There will be a national day of reflection on Tuesday 23rd of March. A minute's silence will be held at 12 noon to show support for the millions of people who are bereaved. St. Aidan's Church will be open between 11.30am – 12.30pm for private prayers.

National Day of
Reflection
23 March

School Gates



Please be mindful of the space and safety of pupils and parents/carers when waiting for the school gates to open. Although the school gates open at 8.40am the children have until 8.50am to get into class which means there is plenty of time to come into school without waiting at the gates.

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.



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.

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.



Head lice

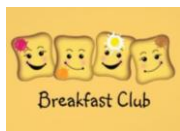


These cause much frustration amongst parents. Every school in the country has to constantly contend with this menace. **To try and control the spread of head lice our policy is to contact parents of children who are seen to have head lice so that they can be collected, treated and returned to school. In most cases a child can return to school the same day.**

Please remember, if head lice are found then it is important to check every family member in the household and to check again a week later.

Please note that **we will authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for head lice to be treated.** Thank you for your support in this.

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.

St Aidan's School Fund - easyfundraising

Double Donation Week is back! Raise **TWICE AS MUCH** for St. Aidan's School Fund when you shop online using #easyfundraising.

John Lewis & Partners, Argos, notonthehighstreet and more are doubling donations until 21st March. Right now, every donation makes a difference! Shop now: <http://efraising.org/CcT5slizFc>



Bikeability

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who took part in the Bikeability scheme this week. They had a great time and learnt lots of new skills. It was wonderful to see the progress the children made in such a short period of time.



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

INDOOR PE KIT



OUTDOOR PE KIT



Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone who took part in the non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. We managed to raise £123.05 so far. This will help with all the amazing projects that Comic Relief support.

Updating Personal Details

If you have moved house, changed telephone number, have new emergency contact details or any other detail that has changed, please contact the school office so that we can update our records.



Outward Bound Trip



**THE
OUTWARD
BOUND TRUST**

Pupils in Year Four and Five have been given a letter regarding an exciting residential trip taking place from 7th March 2022 – 11th March 2022 to The Outward Bound Trust in Howtown. This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £400.00 to £150.00. There are **2 payment items** on ParentPay for this trip; £30.00 deposit (non-refundable) and the other Outward Bound payment

item is for the rest of the fees that will reduce each time a payment is made. **We are now taking names to add to a waiting list.** If you have put your child's name down for the residential please ensure that the deposit has been paid. Please ask at the school office if you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal. Please note, if you are waiting on a refund for the cancelled residential this year, these will be processed as soon as we receive the funds from The Outward Bound.

Dates for the Diary

School closes for Easter (1 week)

School re-opens for Summer Term

Class photos

Reception Class Vision Test (in school)

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
92%	98%	98%	100%

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 & Emily	Jessica
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Thomas & Logan	Abbie
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Lola & Joshua	Dayton
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Isaac & Nevaeh	Rory
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Melody & Lilly P	Ellesse-May
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Kyle N & Harley	Tegan
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Chelsey & Crystal	Jacob

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher