



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 3 – 18th September 2020

Head Boy & Head Girl



We have had a very successful campaign for the 2020-2021 Head Boy and Head Girl elections.

This is a very important role with lots of responsibilities including;

- Working in conjunction with the School Council to make decisions about fundraising ideas
- Speaking at school events
- Welcoming guests and showing them around school

The pupils throughout school listened carefully to the speeches made by the Year 6 candidates and then they all took part in the elections. The votes were very close but we are delighted to announce:

Head Boy – Alfie

Head Girl – Cassidy

Deputy – Olivia

Congratulations to you all, we know that you will be fantastic representatives for our school.

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 Family Support Worker 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.

School Photograph Day

The school photographer will be taking photos of individuals and families on Friday 2nd October. Unfortunately due to the current situation we will be unable to allow photographs of siblings who are not in school.



Breakfast Club



We are hoping to re-open our Breakfast Club from Monday 28th September. Due to the current situation and the practicalities of social distancing and keeping in bubbles we will have to operate on a strict booking system. **Unfortunately, we are unable to allow children to arrive without booking first.** You can book onto Breakfast Club by telephoning the school office and confirming your place. We have a limit of 30 children per day.

Have You Updated Your Details

Please can you inform the school office of any new addresses, phone numbers and any other changes that we need to know! This also includes any changes to emergency contacts – 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.



After School Clubs



We will be sending out limited afterschool club provision letters on Monday. These will need to be returned to school on Wednesday.

We will be unable to allow parents/carers inside the building and you will need to wait outside the main entrance when collecting your child. 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.



Blackburn Youth Zone



Well done to Rebecca in Year 5 for her hard work with the Blackburn Youth Zone group for making a difference to some areas in Mill Hill. An article was printed in the Lancashire Telegraph earlier this week explaining the reason why the work had to be done.

“Young people from Blackburn Youth Zone (BYZ) have covered up disgusting racist graffiti in a neighbourhood. The project was initiated when a BYZ Youth Ambassador spotted the graffiti on a wall along the canal in Mill Hill. Group members came up with the design themselves and wanted to send a message that ‘community spirit conquers hate, discrimination and racism’. A wall in the Mill Hill area of Blackburn had been daubed with disgusting racist graffiti. It is now painted over with a mural celebrating the work of front-line workers. It reads, ‘Mill Hill Says Thank You’ to nurses, taxi-drivers, bin collectors, mum, NHS and key workers.”

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.

Glasses Found on Mill Hill Park

A pair of purple plastic framed glasses have been found on Mill Hill Park. Please check with Mill Hill Community Facebook page for more details.

Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



Year 4 – Blackburn Museum (group 1) – Monday 5th October – AM only.

Year 4 – Blackburn Museum (group 2) – Tuesday 6th October – AM only.

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

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.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Reception for winning the attendance race the last week with 99.26% attendance! Year 3 was in second place with 97.39% and Year 6 was in third place with 96.25%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	99.26%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	92.19%	
Year 2	96.00%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	97.39%	
Year 4	90.84%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	93.60%	
Year 6	96.25%	

Dates for the Diary

Class based Harvest assemblies

Breakfast Club Re-Opens – **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

School Photographs – Individuals & Siblings in school

Year 4 Blackburn Museum Trip Group 1

Year 4 Blackburn Museum Trip Group 2

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 28th September

Monday 28th September – 8.00am

Friday 2nd October

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Friday 23rd October

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

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)	Darcee and Junior	Killian
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Eric & Yara	Lucas
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Ryley C & Lola	Evie
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Krista & Alfie	Tulisa
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Lilly-Sue & Lily-May	Cooper
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Rebecca and Tegan	Kyden
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Artur & Coben	Alfie

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher