



St Aidan's Primary School

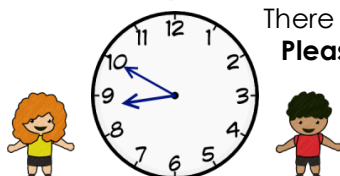
A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

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Punctuality



There have been a number children arriving after 8.50am and this affects pupil progress. **Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at 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.

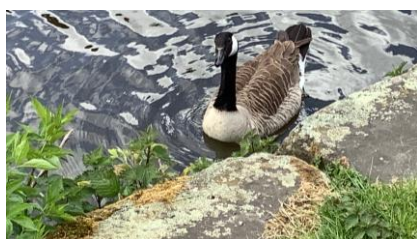
Year One – Mill Hill Park Visit

On Wednesday, Year 1 visited the local park in Mill Hill to look at all the different varieties of trees that grow there. They measured the tree trunks and discovered that other plants grow on trees such as moss and lichen. The class looked on the ground for the roots and looked up to see the leaves and branches. They then completed bark rubbings of the trees to look closely at the patterns.



Year Two – Canal Walk

On Tuesday Year 2 had a walk to the local canal to look at the habitats of waterfowl as part of their Science lessons. They observed ducks, swans and geese and saw their nests and the children were even lucky enough to see ducklings too.



Asda – Digital Inclusion Laptops for Schools

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Asda for the wonderful donation of **TEN** of the following;

Dell Laptop
MiFi Device
Gaming headset with mic
Vodafone SIM card
Laptop Bag



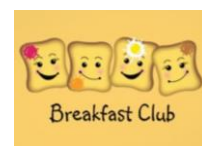
Thursday Afternoon Parking Issues



We are having lots of problems on a Thursday afternoon due to parking at the top of Norfolk Street and St Aidan's Avenue at the end of the school day. This is preventing the swimming coach from turning the corner from St Aidan's Avenue onto Norfolk Street to drop off Year 5. **Please can you keep this area clear so that we can ensure the safe return of the children after their swimming lessons.**

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am – **Please do not send you child to school before this time as there is no one available to supervise them.** 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.



Place2Be – Parenting Smart



Place2Be have launched a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering a practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour. All of the content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It is based on evidence on their experiences working with children, young people and their families. Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence. More information can be found on www.place2be.org.uk/parentingsmart

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.



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.

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.

Children's University Half Term Online Activities

A letter went out last week with information about activities that will be run by Children's University over the half term break. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. Access to the internet and Zoom is essential. Please log on to ParentPay and select the activities that you would like your child to do. You can sign up today and they will be available until Tuesday 18th May 2021.



Parking on 'zigzags'

We have noticed that some people are parking on the 'zigzags' outside school when picking up and dropping off children in the morning and evening. Please do not park on these 'zigzags' as it makes it very dangerous for children trying to cross the road. If you get dropped off or picked up by a taxi please remind the taxi driver that they are not allowed to park on the 'zigzags'. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter - the safety of our children is our top priority.



Dates for the Diary

School Finishes for Half Term at 3.15pm (2 weeks)

Friday 28th May

School Re-Opens – 8.40am

Monday 14th June

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

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)	Ibrahim & Layla H	Oscar
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Ava-Sue & Sawyer	Rosie
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Fraser & Riley W	Sky
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Jack & Emily	Scarlett
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Kayleigh & Lewis A	Ethan
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Lexus & Brandon	Dee-Dee
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Isabelle & Crystal	Caleb

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher