



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 4 – 25th September 2020

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.

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO COME IN THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

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



Your child has been given a reply letter for their chosen afterschool club. Due to the current situation, practicalities of social distancing and keeping in class bubbles we only are able to run a limited amount of clubs. All afterschool clubs will be running for 6 weeks so that other year groups can take part in clubs this term. **Clubs will run from week commencing 28th September up to week commencing 9th November.**

Homework Expectations

Have you heard your child read this week? Have you practised spellings? 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.**

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who have completed their homework this week



Google Classroom



We are now using Google Classroom in school and for homework. In the event of a second lockdown, or if your child has to self-isolate, or if your child's class has to be sent home from school, then Google Classroom will be where their live lessons will be streamed from and where their work is uploaded to. Please see the separate information letter that follows. Please practise logging on at home. In the event of a lockdown, if you do not have a suitable device, one will be provided for you.



Flu Vaccination Consent Form

Your child will have brought home a Flu Vaccination Consent Form, can you please ensure that this is completed and sent into school by Wednesday 30th September. Immunisations will take place in school on Friday 6th November.

Bikes and Scooters in School

If your child arrives to school on a bike or scooter they **MUST** bring a suitable lock and chain to secure them. All bikes and scooters must be kept in the kitchen entrance yard area **BEFORE** the school gates are locked. We are unable to keep the bikes and scooters in school. If your child arrives late when the gates are locked then their bike/scooter will need to be locked on the gates at the front of the school. **All bikes and scooters are left at owners own risk and school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage.**



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.

Year 5 – Cuerden Valley Park – Wednesday 4th November

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

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.

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.



Harvest Assemblies



This year we are having a Harvest service with a difference. All the pupils will be taking part in their own Harvest assemblies in class. If you are able to send in food donations, please send tinned and packet food with your child that is **in date**. We are unable to accept fresh food or other perishable foods. We will be sending our donations to Blackburn Food Bank.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	100%	100%	96%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Reception for winning the attendance race the last week with 100% attendance! Year 2 was in second place with 98.76% and Year 5 was in third place with 96.85%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	100%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	86.54%	
Year 2	98.67%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	93.33%	
Year 4	88.85%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	96.85%	
Year 6	95.83%	

Dates for the Diary

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

School Photographs – Individuals & Siblings in school

Class based Harvest assemblies

Year 4 Blackburn Museum Trip Group 1

Year 4 Blackburn Museum Trip Group 2

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Year 5 Cuerden Valley Park

Monday 28th September – 8.00am

Friday 2nd October

W/c Monday 5th October

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Friday 23rd October

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Wednesday 4th November

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)	Carter & Harper	Darcee
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Emmie & Harry	Paige M
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Mia S & Oscar	Harriett
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Emily & Annalise	Andrei
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Sebastian & Melody	Chelsea
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Kyle C & Macey H	Riella
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Rebeka & Henry	Cassidy

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher