



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 5 – 1st October 2021

A Message from Mrs Greenwood

Since the start of this term we have had a lot of children arriving late or being dropped off at the front door. We are currently very short staffed in the office and this is adding to the workload. The school gates are open from 8.35am until 8.50am and unless you have made a prior arrangement with myself **all children** should be using the entrances on Zebudah Street or Norfolk Street. This makes for a much calmer and productive start to the school day for both pupils and staff.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Macmillan Fundraiser Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Macmillan coffee morning. You helped to raise a fantastic **£135.27** for this worthy charity.

THANK
YOU!

Harvest Assemblies

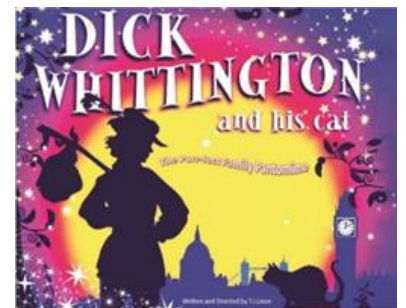


This year our harvest service will be led by our Year 5 class and will be filmed for parents/carers to watch. More details about this will be given at a later date. If you are able to send in food donations, please send tinned and packet food with your child that is **in date**. We are unable to accept fresh food or other perishable foods. We will be sending our donations to Blackburn Food Bank.

Dick Whittington Pantomime

We have some exciting news! A letter was sent out this week to inform you that we have arranged a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see the Dick Whittington Pantomime for the whole school to enjoy. This will take place on Thursday 2nd December 2021.

The cost of this trip is £6.50. If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip to school and pay via ParentPay. Unfortunately, the office can no longer accept cash payments. If you require a barcode to pay at a PayPoint terminal, please let the office staff know.



School Tour - Reception September 2022 Starters



If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 we would love to show you around our Ofsted rated GOOD school! Please contact the school office on 01254 53148 to arrange an appointment with Mrs Greenwood.

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.



Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club starts at **7.45am** to **8.40am** each morning. **Please DO NOT send your child before this time as there is no one available to supervise them.** Your child will receive a bowl of cereal, toast and a drink. Breakfast Club costs **£1.00 per day** (payable via ParentPay) unless your child qualifies for pupil premium.

Pupil Absences

If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school, you will need to contact the school office. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO.** Please phone the school office on 01254 53148 and leave a message on the absence line.

Outward Bound Trip

Pupils in Year Five and Six 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.



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE TAKING NAMES FOR THE 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.

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2022



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2022 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 2017 and 31st August 2018), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools - Sunday 31st October 2021

Primary School - Saturday 15th January 2022

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
92%	96%	100%	100%

Dates for the Diary

Harvest Service – to be filmed for parents/carers

School Photographs – Individual and Family

Science Day

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Secondary school application deadline date

Parents' Evening (more information to follow)

Whole School Pantomime Visit

Primary school application deadline date

Thursday 7th October

Monday 11th October

Wednesday 20th October

Friday 22nd October

Monday 25th October (1 week)

Monday 1st November

Sunday 31st October

Monday 22nd November

Thursday 2nd December

Saturday 15th January

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)	Ava & Noah	Lily-May
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Layla K & Harper	Emily
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Abbie & Sophie	Harry
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Oscar & Dayton	Kaitlyn
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Marwaan & Bailey	Lennon
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Sebastian & Maisie	Archie
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Morgan-Leigh & Macey F	Demi-Leigh

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher