



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

#### Harvest Assemblies



This year we are having a Harvest service with a difference. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

#### 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

**RESCHEDULED**  
**NEW DATE ANNOUNCED**

Great News! We have been able to move the Outward Bound residential trip for Years 5 & 6 to W/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 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 using the same payment item.



#### School Flu Immunisation Date



The immunisation team will be in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to carry out the nasal spray vaccinations for those pupils who have completed the flu forms.

#### Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club starts at **8.00am** 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. All children must be booked in before coming to Breakfast Club, please speak to the school office team to add your child to the list as we only have 30

places available. Breakfast Club costs **£1.00 per day** (payable via ParentPay) unless your child qualifies for pupil premium.



#### School Tour - Reception September 2021 Starters

If you have a child due to start school in September 2021 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.



#### Punctuality



There have been a number of 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.

### 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.



### Labelling school uniform



Can I please remind you to write your child's name in their school jumpers, tops, coats and in their PE kit, especially in Reception Class & KS1. It is extremely important that this is done to avoid items of uniform going missing and items being returned to the correct child.

It is the responsibility of all junior pupils to look after their own uniform and belongings; **the school cannot be held responsible for missing items.** Please ensure that your child is aware of this to avoid any upset. Thank you for your support with this.

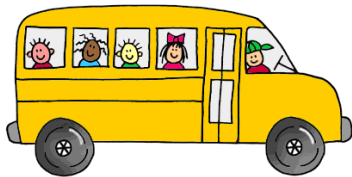
### Bikes and Scooters in School

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 5<sup>th</sup> October – AM only.**

**Year 4 – Blackburn Museum (group 2) – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – AM only.**

**Year 5 – Cuerden Valley Park – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



### 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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-



**Secondary Schools - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

**Primary School - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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%	100%	100%	100%

### **Attendance Race**

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the attendance race the last week with 98.46% attendance! Reception was in second place with 98.21% and Year 3 was in third place with 98%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	98.21%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	92.31%	
Year 2	98.00%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	93.75%	
Year 4	93.46%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	98.46%	
Year 6	97.50%	

### **Dates for the Diary**

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

Flu Immunisations

W/c Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Congratulations!**

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	<b>Stars of the Week</b>	<b>Headteacher's Award Winner</b> Christian Values
<b>Reception</b> (Miss Keegan)	Achillea & Cole	Elise
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Thomas & Bailey	Yara
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Reece & Sky	Zenon
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Tilly & Harley	Blake
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Hunt)	India & Keanna	Archie
<b>Year 5</b> (Miss Schofield)	Morgan & Alex	Brandon
<b>Year 6</b> (Mrs Rourke)	Kai & Coben	Isabelle

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher