



St Aidan's Primary School

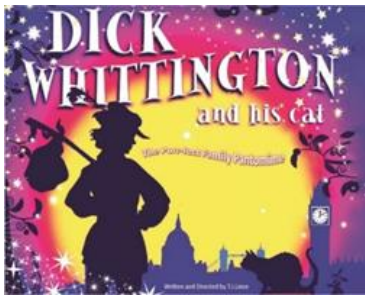
A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 6 – 9th October 2020

Dick Whittington Pantomime



We have some exciting news! A letter was sent out with your child this week regarding a special visit the whole school will be going on this Christmas time! On Tuesday 15th December and Wednesday 16th December 2020 we have arranged a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see the Dick Whittington Pantomime in two groups. We will be the only school in the theatre at that time, we will be watching the pantomime in a socially distanced way in class bubbles.

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.

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 17th May 2021. 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 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.

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



We are still collecting donations for harvest. 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. Thank you all for your kind donations so far.

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.

Design and Technology Week – Year 6



Year 6 will be taking part in Design and Technology lessons from Monday 19th October. The theme for the DT lessons will be 'Structures'. The class will be planning, designing and building an outdoor structure model and designing a learning area which will be used as a proposal to show Mrs Greenwood ideas that the children have for the outdoor area at the back of Year 6. The cost of the model will be £1.

Class Trips

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



Year 5 – Cuerden Valley Park – Wednesday 4th November

Whole School – Dick Whittington Pantomime – Blackburn Empire Theatre – Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December (AM Trip)

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.

Children's University Information



October Half Term Activities

During the October half term holidays there will be a number of online activities for children in years 3 – 6 to take part in which includes gymnastics, games, martial arts and animal fun. The activities are free, however you must sign your child up via ParentPay. There is also a craft pack you can order too via ParentPay. These craft packs must be ordered by this Monday 12th October. If you have any questions, please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.

Children's University New Members

Sara Burton from Blackburn Children's University will be talking to year 3 and 4 next week about Children's University. Please look out for a letter that will be sent home next week about signing up if your child is not already a member.

Children's University Online Activity

Letters will be going out next week about an online activity being run by the University Centre, Blackburn College for children in years 3 - 6. Please keep an eye out for more information next week.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
98%	98%	100%	96%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the attendance race the last week with 97.69% attendance! Reception was in second place with 97.45% and Year 6 was in third place with 96.96%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	97.45%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	90.00%	
Year 2	96.67%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	94.58%	
Year 4	92.22%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	97.69%	
Year 6	96.96%	

Dates for the Diary

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Year 5 Cuerden Valley Park

Flu Immunisations

Dick Whittington Pantomime – Group 1

Dick Whittington Pantomime – Group 2

Friday 23rd October

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Wednesday 4th November

Friday 6th November

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

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)	Sampson & Layla K	Harper
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Abbie & Rosie	Aimee
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Riley W & Fraser	Jayden
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Scarlett & Marwaan	Charlie Bu
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Ethan & India	Lilly P
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Miya & Charlotte	Deen
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Lacey-Leigh & Caleb	Rebeka

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher