



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

### Newsletter 7 – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### House Point Dojo Winners



Congratulations to **HODDER** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. There will be a non-uniform day next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and an extra break time with treats for all the pupils in Hodder.

#### INSET Day

Please note that there will be an INSET day on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, the school will be closed to pupils. School will re-open after the half term break on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.40am.

**REMINDER**

#### School Photograph Forms



Your child should have brought home their school photograph order form this week. If you wish to place an order please follow the instructions on the order form and return it to school no later than **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

#### Secondary School Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for your child's **Secondary School** is approaching. All applications must be made by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

#### Harvest Donations



Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for the Harvest assemblies. Members of our school council along with Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Trencher took the parcels to Blackburn Food Bank and the food was greatly appreciated.

#### World War Two Visitor

The pupils in Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Hepple for coming in to speak to the children about her experiences during World War Two as an evacuee child. She spoke to the children all about her time on a farm in the countryside as part of the evacuation programme for the children who lived in Liverpool during the war. The children really enjoyed the talk and had lots of fun as Mrs Hepple told the class tales of her mischievous adventures.



#### 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.

#### 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. 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.



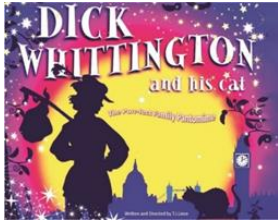
### Have You Updated Your Details

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 additional 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.

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

### Dick Whittington Pantomime



We have some exciting news! On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

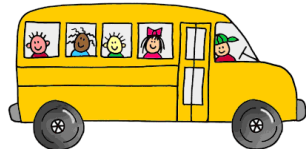
### Design and Technology Week – Year 6

Year 6 will be taking part in Design and Technology lessons from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Whole School – Dick Whittington Pantomime – Blackburn Empire Theatre – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Children's University Information



### **Children's University New Members**

Sara Burton from Blackburn Children's University came in and spoke to years 2, 3 and 4 earlier this week about Children's University. A letter was sent home regarding signing up if your child is not already a member. Please ensure you return the form by this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October if you want your child to join.

### **October Half Term Activities**

During October half term holidays there will be a number of online activities for children to take part in. You can still sign your child up to the activities (if there are spaces available) if you have not already done so, and have until next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October to do this. Those who have already signed up will receive a confirmation email by the end of this week. Please keep an eye out for this. If you do not receive this email please telephone Sara Burton on 07805929965.

### **October Half Term Craft Pack**

Craft packs will be given to all children who have ordered them by Thursday next week. Please ensure your child brings it home if you have ordered one. If you have ordered a craft pack and your child does not bring it home by next Thursday you MUST ring Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965. All craft packs will come with instructions and children must be supervised by an adult at all times when doing them. If your child is not in school we will make alternative arrangements to ensure you are given your craft pack, and if there are any problems someone will be in touch with you.

### **Sharing Stories, Making Memories Online Activity – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Letters were sent out earlier this week about this online activity with the University Centre, Blackburn College. It is for all children in years 3 – 6. Children who sign up will be given their very own activity pack before the session, which will include felt tips, activity sheets and a couple of craft items. The activity will involve a game, craft activities and stories from students and Blackburn Museum. You must sign up via ParentPay and it is available now. Places are limited.

### **ALWAYS House Statistics**

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

### **Attendance Race**

Congratulations to Year 6 for winning the attendance race the last week with 95.65% attendance! Year 2 was in second place with 94.30% and Year 5 was in third place with 94.23%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	92.81%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	90.38%	
Year 2	94.30%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	90.00%	
Year 4	92.42%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	94.23%	
Year 6	95.65%	

### **Dates for the Diary**

Year 6 – Design & Technology Week  
**HODDER** Dojo point winners reward day  
**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

W/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</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  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## **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)	Logan & Trixie	Emily
<b>Year 1</b> (Miss Rigby)	Freddie & Paige M	Layla
<b>Year 2</b> (Miss Yates)	Lilly & Nina	Ruby
<b>Year 3</b> (Mrs Moss)	Jack & Lacey	Nevaeh
<b>Year 4</b> (Miss Hunt)	Daisy-Leigh & Saffron	Alisha
<b>Year 5</b> (Miss Schofield)	Kasey & Gracie-Mae	Ahmed
<b>Year 6</b> (Mrs Rourke)	Caiden & Kaicey	Jacob

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood  
Headteacher