



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 8 – 22nd October 2020

Message from Mrs Greenwood and Covid-19 Tests During Half Term

Time has flown and we are at the end of our first half term of the school year. I would like to thank you for your support over this time and hope that you all have a restful half term. I would also like to remind you that we are in a Tier 3 area and to keep everyone safe we should not be visiting other households, this includes children going playing inside at friends' houses and sleepovers.

If anyone in your household or support bubble takes a Covid-19 test during the half term and the result is positive, please email the results to staoffice@cidari.co.uk or use class Dojo to message either Mrs Greenwood or Mrs Harrison with your results. **Please do not message class teachers over half term.** Thank you.

INSET Day

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

REMINDER

Blackburn Rovers Community Trust



Thank you to Blackburn Rovers Community Trust for providing us with 50 food activity packs for our families to take part in over the half term break. The packs include an activity manual with recipes for meals, such as pasta carbonara and the ingredients too! Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl welcomed BRCT into school and thanked them for the packs.

Secondary School Application Deadline

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!** The deadline to apply for your child's **Secondary School** is approaching. All applications must be made by **31st 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.

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.

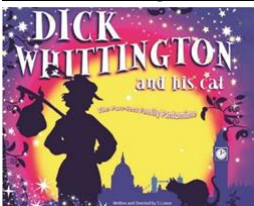


Outward Bound Trip

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 item on ParentPay to pay for the trip.



Dick Whittington Pantomime



We have some exciting news! 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.

School Drop Off and Collections

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and that we are now in **TIER 3**, 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.



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



Children's University New Members

Those who have returned the slip to join Blackburn Children's University will receive more information after half term.

October Half Term Activities

Those who have already signed up for these online activities should have received a confirmation email. 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 have now been given to those children who have ordered them. All craft packs will come with instructions and children must be supervised by an adult at all times when completing the tasks.

Sharing Stories, Making Memories Online Activity – Saturday 7th November

For anyone who has signed up to this activity they will receive a confirmation email by the end of next week and their activity pack will be sent home with them during the first week after half term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

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

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Reception for winning the attendance race the last week with 98.21% attendance! Year 1 was in second place with 97.69% and Year 2 was in third place with 97.67%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	98.21%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	97.69%	
Year 2	97.67%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	91.67%	
Year 4	89.23%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	96.67%	
Year 6	96.52%	

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)	Jessica & Layla H	Freddie
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Ava-Sue & Lola	Sawyer
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Cooper & Marisa	Mia P
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Harvey & Isaac	Rory
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Terry & Maisie	Keanna
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Macey F & Jessica L	Jessica F
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Jacob & Sienna	Tyler

Half term

School closes at 3.15pm today for the half term break and re-opens on Monday 2nd November at 8.40am. Have an enjoyable and safe week off.

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher