



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 1st December 2023

### Elder Parents Presentation

A huge thank you to all our parents and governors who came to our history presentation this afternoon. We had a marvellous afternoon sharing our work with you all on the Stone Age and performing our assembly.



### Elder Swimming Session

Elder's last swimming session will be on Thursday 14th December 2023.

### Rowan Swimming Session

Rowan will begin their swimming session on 18th January 2024. More details will follow in January.



## Parents Evening for Cherry and Elder Class

### Monday 4th December and Tuesday 5th December



Please note your child has brought their parents evening slips home informing you of your time. Please stick to the date and time you have been allocated to ensure we are able to see all parents.

Mrs Diwan will be available for translation if needed. Please ask in the office when you arrive at school.

## Consultation for Admissions Arrangements

All Schools must consult on their admissions arrangements that apply for the following year, even if there have been no changes planned. We would welcome your views on the admission arrangements for the 25-26 academic year. This consultation runs from 30th November to 25th January. Please paste this link into your browser to view our admissions policy for 25-26 and to complete a response form.

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/key-information/admissions>

You could also submit your response electronically by copying and pasting this link into your browser

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## Warm and healthy meals for Blackburn with Darwen Residents

**WHOLESOME MEALS FOR EVERYONE FOR JUST 50p**

**AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING FAMILY HUBS.**



- Family Hub Livesey
- Family Hub Shadsworth
- Family Hub Darwen
- Hancock Street Childrens Centre

**AVAILABLE DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**DATE: Tuesday 2nd January- Friday 5th**

**January**

**TIME: 11:30am- 1:00pm**



## Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December is Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children.



Details about how Save the Children support vulnerable children across the world can be found on their website:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

You will receive information about how to donate via ParentPay shortly.

## School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing have a name label. The children tend to take off their coats and jumpers and if their name is not clear they can easily lose them.

Please ensure that now it is winter weather that your child wears a suitable coat to school. Please note that all footwear worn for school should be black including trainers.



## Uniform Swap Shop

If you need a new school uniform for your children please feel free to have a look at our stock of spare uniforms.

## Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions are proving really popular with parents and their young children in the community. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.



## School Admissions - STILL TIME TO APPLY NOW

Primary School applications are open from 4th September 2023 to 15th January 2024.

[www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions)

Tel 01254 666605

email [admissions@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@blackburn.gov.uk)



## Children's University

### **SCHOOL CLUBS AND CU PASSPORTS**

Please note that all school clubs have now finished for this term (week ending Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December). If your child has attended a club this term and they are a member of Children's University please do ensure you hand their CU passport into the school office by THIS Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Failure to hand their passport in will mean they will lose the hours they have done for this term.

### **POLICE COMPETITION**

Details have been sent out about a bauble competition with the Lancashire Constabulary. The bauble template can be downloaded via the details sent, or you can collect a copy from the school office. The deadline for handing entries back into school is THIS Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December by 9am. Children's University members can also collect a **1 hour** stamp in their CU passport.

### **GO APE COMPETITION**

Details have been emailed about a Christmas card competition with Go Ape. Any CU member who enters the competition can collect a **1 hour** stamp in their CU passport! The deadline is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## School Library



The school library is open every day after school. Children can take 2 books at a time, they have 21 days to return and can only have other books once they return the others.

## Exchange Christmas Tree



School has decorated a tree for this Christmas Tree Festival. Please do visit and see our children's designs. We had to decorate the tree reflecting the 1970s. Below is a picture of our tree



### Breakfast Club

Why not send your child to our Breakfast Club in the morning? They can take part in various activities and have their breakfast together before they go into class. They can come anytime from 7.45 and it only costs £1 a day. Please ring the school to book them in.

### School Meals Ordering System



You must pre-order your child's school meals **7 days in advance** on Parentpay to ensure they get the meal of their choice. If no meal has been pre-ordered, your child will have a jacket potato for their lunch.

## Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply using the link below.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

If you need any help with this please contact the school office

In addition if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals it still helps the school if you apply for free school meals if you qualify. The school receives money for each child who is on free school meals or has been on free school meals.

Please see our website for further information:

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/key-information/pupil-premium>

## SAMS Star Learners

| Class    | SAM Star Learner |
|----------|------------------|
| Hawthorn | Usman            |
| Hornbeam | Mohammed Patel   |
| Beech    | Fatima P         |
| Alder    | Fatima T         |
| Elder    | Hira Zainab      |
| Rowan    | Aliza            |
| Birch    | Mutiur           |
| Beehive  | Zakariah         |
| Cherry   | Mamoon           |
| Willow   | Umama            |
| Oak      | Adam and Faris   |
| Ash      | Imaad            |

### This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Alder** with **99.25%** attendance  
Hawthorn had 95.33% and Beech had 94.89% attendance

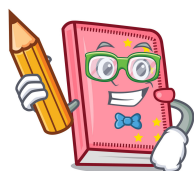
If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know.  
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

Please note holidays are not authorised. If your child misses more than 5 days in school due to a holiday you are likely to be fined. If you are considering taking a holiday please book a meeting with the headteacher

### Family Point Winners

The table below shows only first and second for this week. The winning families is highlighted in yellow. Well done to SERVICE and THANKFULNESS with 94 points each. Belonging and love had 93 points each.

| Family/Week  | 8.9.23 | 15.9.23 | 22.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 6.10.23 | 24.11.23 | 30.11.23 |  |  |
|--------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Belonging    | 2      | 2       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 2        | 2        |  |  |
| Love         | 1      | 4       | 3       | 3       | 3       | 4        | 2        |  |  |
| Service      | 4      | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 3        | 1        |  |  |
| Thankfulness | 3      | 3       | 4       | 4       | 2       | 1        | 1        |  |  |



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### Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

7/12/23 Christmas Jumper Day  
 12/12/23 KS1 trip to Blackpool Zoo  
 19/12/23 Reception and Year 1 Nativity  
 20/12/23 Church  
 20/12/23 Christmas lunch  
 20/12/23 Christmas Party  
 22/12/23 House Quiz  
 22/12/23 School finishes at 1.30pm

### Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. <https://twitter.com/> to keep up to date with events in our school.

**Website** - please copy this link into your browser  
<https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/>



Loving God and each other, we work together to be the best that we can be.