



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 15th September 2023



### First swimming class for Elder

Elder class enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week. Every single member of the class went into the water and attempted to swim 10m. What a great lesson!

We politely ask that your child's name is clearly placed in their uniform to make it easier for them to locate their clothes at the end of the lesson.

### School Meals Ordering System



From September 2023 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.

## New Lunch Menus



We have an exciting and tasty new range of meals on our lunch menu for this term. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to go to our website page to view more of our meals on offer.

<https://stsilasprimary.co.uk/news/2023-09-15-new-lunch-menus>

## Free School Meals

From September 2023 the new Year 3 children will no longer be entitled to Universal 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>



## Uniform Swap Shop

For those children who have outgrown their uniform we have a large amount of donated school uniform in school thanks to the generous donations from our families. Please look out for the clothes rack at the rear entrance at home times next week for you to choose replacement items for your child.

Please donate your unused school uniform for recycling in school and to help the planet.. We particularly need school jumpers for ages 8 -9.



**We have raised over £50 so far in donations from this cause. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this. Please continue to support us by signing up - the details are below.**

### **Easyfundraising challenge!**

Did you know you can support our school by raising money every time you shop online? More than ever our education facilities need your support. Your support will mean we can buy extra play equipment - and it doesn't cost you or us a penny..

We're using easyfundraising, a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. easyfundraising works with over 7,400 online brands, everyone from Morrison's, eBay, SportsDirect, Groupon, The Range, Screwfix, M&S, John Lewis, Booking.com, and everything in between.

Once signed up all you need to do is start your shopping journey at the easyfundraising website, use the donation reminder or app (information will be provided when you register) and the brands you shop with will send us a donation based on how much you spend.

With the general cost of living impacting everyone, this isn't about asking you to spend more, but to make you aware that if you are making an on-line purchase anyway, booking travel or taking out insurance by using easyfundraising you can give to us at the same time, and at no additional cost to you. So please support us today at <http://efraising.org/3jKjBFNVIU> it only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address



### 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.



## Children's University

### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

All clubs start next week (from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September). Confirmation letters have been sent out to those who have signed up. If you have not received this and feel your child should be attending one of the clubs please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton on [s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated. Alternatively please send the challenges or certificate together with your child's CU passports to school so it can be checked and updated. The deadline for challenges is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP**

If you would like to sign your child up to Blackburn Children's University and they are in years 1 – 6 sign up is now available on ParentPay. Please note if your child is already a member and they have a CU passport you do not need to sign them up again. Further details have been sent out via email about Children's University. The deadline for new members is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### **BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

Blackburn Library are offering some additional activities during some weekends. If your child attends any of these and they are a member of Blackburn CU please do ensure you pick up a slip so they can collect a stamp in their CU passport. Check out the library Facebook page (@bwdlibraries) for details on the events.

## SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star Award
Hawthorn	Khadeejah	
Hornbeam	Ali Akbar	
Beech	Haadiya	
Alder	M Deen	
Elder	M Fayzaan	Sara
Rowan	Kiarad	Laraib
Birch	Victor A	Halima B and Victor A
Beehive	Nicholas	
Cherry	Yusuf	
Willow	Hamaas	
Oak	Radman	
Ash		

### This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Rowan Class** with **97.1%** attendance

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know.

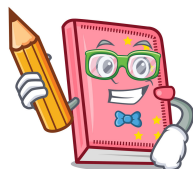
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

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 first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow. Well done to **Love** with 165 points. Belonging had 141 points, Service had 122 points and Thankfulness had 127 points.

Family/Week	8.9.23	15.9.23	22.9.23	29.9.23	6.10.23	13.10.23	19.10.23		
Belonging	2	2							
Love	1	4							
Service	4	1							
Thankfulness	3	3							



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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Monday 9th October	Outdoor Elements activity day Y3 /Y4
Monday 11th October	Outdoor Elements activity day Y5
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 19th October	School closes for the half term holiday at 3.10pm
Monday 30th October	School reopens at 8.40am
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holiday 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.**