



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 19th January 2024

### Road Safety



There was nearly a serious accident near school last week. Please be careful when dropping your children off at school and do not park in the road to let them out. Please remember that the speed limit on the roads around school is 20 mph

### 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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_3mejONYetS1Jg27yXMMsFmA3Dn7FKe1unIfwV\\_W82l/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_3mejONYetS1Jg27yXMMsFmA3Dn7FKe1unIfwV_W82l/edit)

## Rucksacks



Please do not send your children into school with large rucksacks as they are too big to fit into the cloakroom areas, which is causing trip hazards. Children just need to bring their book bags and lunch bags, if bringing a packed lunch.

## Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.



## Children's University

### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

All children who have signed up to any clubs should have received a confirmation letter through their class. Please ensure you do look out for this so you can check what clubs your child has signed up to as well as any additional information there may be. All clubs start next week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (if there is no answer please do leave a message).

### **WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS**

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Winter Craft Pack 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. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated. The deadline is THIS MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please note all passports will be returned by the end of next week.

### **Children's University – Fun with Owls Activity**

Letters will be sent out next week about an activity in February for children in years 3 - 6. Please keep an eye out for this.

## GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



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Starting from this term we have introduced the *Golden Broom Award*. Every week the class that has been the cleanest and tidiest will be given the golden broom to keep in their classroom. This week the award goes to

**Rowan Class**

for taking responsibility for keeping their desks and carpets clean every day and for keeping the sink area clean and tidy.

**Well done!**



### **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.



## 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.

## Special Lunch Friday 9th February 2023

Please place your child's order for the special Pancake Day lunch on 9th February as soon as possible. If you have already put an order on for that date you will need to put it on again. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to view the menu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3mQhbvy-cZfxtVAPcvFWgcfXK7U1jct/view?usp=sharing>

## 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 | Sports Star     |
|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Hawthorn | Atif             |                 |
| Hornbeam | Aiasha           |                 |
| Beech    | Aliya            |                 |
| Alder    | Aahil            |                 |
| Elder    | Afifa            | Eleora          |
| Hazel    | Noor Fatima      |                 |
| Rowan    | Zeynab           | Muhammad        |
| Birch    | Zaman            |                 |
| Beehive  | Linda            |                 |
| Cherry   | Faiz             | Arianna         |
| Willow   | Hasan            | Rayhan and Eesa |
| Oak      | Aysha            |                 |
| Ash      | Eesa             |                 |

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 208 points. **LOVE** had 199 points, **Service** had 184 points and **Thankfulness** had 156 points

| Family/Week  | 12.1.24 | 18.12 .24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Belonging    | 1       | 1         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Love         | 2       | 2         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service      | 3       | 3         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thankfulness | 4       | 4         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hazel** with **94.8%** attendance  
**Elder** had 94.3% and **Beech** had 92.7% 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



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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 23/1/24 | Stay and Play                            |
| 24/1/24 | Age 5 Dental Survey                      |
| 30/1/24 | Stay and Play                            |
| 31/1/24 | Year 2 Class Assembly in the hall        |
| 5/2/24  | Year 6 Hothersall Lodge Residential Trip |
| 6/2/24  | Stay and Play                            |
| 9/2/24  | School closes for half term              |
| 19/2/24 | School reopens                           |

## Twitter X



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/>



Instagram



St Silas now has an Instagram account. Please follow us on:  
<https://www.instagram.com/stsilasblackburn/>



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