



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Newsletter 20th July 2023

End of Term Reminders

Wishing all our families a very happy and relaxing summer holiday. School will reopen on Monday 4th September at 8.40am. Remember that the school day will end at 3.10pm instead of 3.05pm.

End of the Year

I would like to wish our Year 6 children a very happy transition to high school. I am sure they will all be the very best that they can be. I would like to wish Mr Burcher well as he moves into his first headship. His new school will be very lucky to have him as their headteacher. I would also like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and particularly during our successful Ofsted.

Michele Battersby

Road Safety

There have been a number of complaints about the driving and parking around our school at drop off and pick up. Please do not park on the zig zag lines. Please remember to drive much more slowly than normal due to the high number of children crossing the road and the high number of parked cars. The traffic wardens have been informed.

EYFS Farm Visit

Ash Class had an amazing day at Mrs Dowsons Farm Park on Monday. We learned lots of different facts and fed and handled lots of different farm animals. We were also lucky enough to play in the fantastic indoor play barn. We finished off our day with a delicious ice cream made right there on the farm!



Year 3 and 4 Visit

We really enjoyed our visit from Councillor Jackie Floyd. She talked to us about the work she does and how passionate she is about keeping our local area clean and litter free. If anyone is interested in helping out with the 'Tidy Up Tuesday' please contact her directly.

Councillor Floyd was happy for me to share her number with you, 07505142427 or email her on jackie.floyd@mac.com.

DT Project Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 children have finished their DT project for this term by making, baking and eating their own jam tarts. There were some wonderful smells coming from the nurture room all day on Monday.

We really enjoyed them. A big thanks to Ms Dalvi for helping us make them and ensure they were baked to perfection. Mr Kipling had nothing on us :)



Charity Dodgeball Match Year 5

On Monday Year 5 participated in a full day dodgeball match to raise money for their class charities. The day was a massive success and lots of money has been raised. Thank you to all those who donated and a big well done to Year 5!

Beech class raised **£597.66** for Cancer Research
Alder class raised **£629.34** for Mary's Meals

KOOTH.com is still here to support young people during the summer holidays!

Over the last academic year, an Engagement Lead for Kooth has worked closely with staff in school to deliver training on all aspects of how Kooth works and supports your child. As well as all students having the opportunity to hear much more about Kooth, a range of physical and digital promotional resources are being used around school to promote the service & remind students Kooth is here to help 24/7 365 days of the year.

Kooth.com offers free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children and young people. The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. CYP can access support, simply by registering at www.kooth.com using non-identifiable information.

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, children and young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school etc. Kooth's BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can still message the team 24 hours a day to get a next day response. Young people can also access fully moderated support forums, self-help tools, and online magazine articles (written by our professional team and our young people) covering topics ranging from health and wellbeing, sport, technology, fashion etc. Everything on www.Kooth.com is pre-moderated before going 'live' on the site, allowing for young people to offer and receive peer support in a safe and secure online environment.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled devices. Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#) and If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please, simply email parents@kooth.com.

Community Fair at St Silas

Thank you to everybody who came and supported our community fair fun day at St Silas on 12th July. Despite the wet weather there were plenty of activities for all the family to enjoy and we raised an amount of £590 to help towards the cost of transport for our upcoming school trips.

School Meals Ordering System



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The school meals pre-ordering system has been introduced to ensure that your child gets the correct meal and to reduce waste. From September 2023 to streamline this process, if no meal has been pre-ordered, your child will have a jacket potato for their lunch. You must pre-order the school meals in advance on Parentpay to make sure your child gets the meal of their choice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Free School Meals

All children in year 3 from September 2023 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If your child is currently in year 2 and is eligible for free school meals you must apply on the Blackburn with Darwen website using this link

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

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



Uniform Swap Shop

Please donate your unused school uniform for those families who are struggling to afford them. We particularly need school jumpers for ages 8 -9.



We have raised £48.20 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 AND CU PASSPORTS

All Children's University passports have been returned. Please do make sure you look out for them as no responsibly is held by the school now they are returned.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up to any of the holiday activities or family trips please do ensure you know when and where the activities are taking place as reminder messages are not always sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

These have been sent out. Please send any evidence to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. Alternatively you can send them in to school after the holidays.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Details have been sent out about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place over the summer at Blackburn Library. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and completes this challenge please remember to bring their certificate and their passport to school in September so it can be stamped with 6 hours for completing.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Blackburn library have a number of activities over the summer holidays. These events are FREE (unless otherwise stated) and tickets are available 2 weeks before each event from the library. If you require any further information please contact the library on (01254) 661221. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and attends any of these events please remember to collect a slip and bring it with their passport to school in September so it can be stamped. The activities available are:

Making a tennis racket – Monday 24th July, 10.30am – 11.30am, ages 4 – 7 years

Crazy Colin – Thursday 27th July 2pm – 3pm, ages 3+. Tickets £1 per child and £3 per adult

Making a catapult – Monday 31st July, 10.30am – 11.30am, ages 7 – 11 years

Sports Day – Monday 31st July, 2.30pm – 3.30pm, ages 3+

Making a miniature book – Monday 7th August, 10.30am – 11.30am, ages 5 – 11 years

Boccia – Monday 14th August, 10.30am – 11.30am, ages 3+

Zoolab – Thursday 17th August, 1.30pm – 2.25pm, ages 4 – 11 years. Tickets £1 per child and £3 per adult

Making an elastic band car – Monday 21st August, 10.30am – 11.30am, ages 7 – 11 years

T-shirt printing – Tuesday 22nd August, 3pm – 4pm, ages 10 – 16 years

Create and Play – Thursday 31st August, 10.30am – 11.30am, pre-school

Foil Printing – Thursday 31st August, 2.30pm – 3.30pm, ages 3+

Free Girls Only Cricket

This is taking place every Sunday from 9am – 10am at Audley School SPACE Building (Queens Road, BB1 1SE) for girls aged 8 – 16 years. To find out more or to book a place for your child please contact Farouk Hussain on fhussain@lancashirecricket.co.uk or 07973360320.

SAMS Star Learners

SAMS Star and Children's Choice for week ending 14/7/23

Class	SAM Star Learner	Children's Choice
Hawthorn	Ahmed	Aaminah
Hornbeam		Ovie
Beech	Ahmed, Suhaib and Ibrahim	Aaisha
Alder	Qasim, Hayat, Ayaan and Ruqayya	Rahaan
Elder	Sana and Muntazir	Mohammed
Rowan	Yusuf and Hiba	Sabir
Birch	Ayat, Ruqayyah, Ermina, Altaip and Ali Raza	Haadiya
Beehive	Muhammad Husnain	Johana
Cherry	Abdur Rahman and Aminah	Aaishah and Anabiya
Willow	Alexandra Ceslavs Emilia and Azhaan	Noor Fatima
Oak	Zainab	Aliza
Ash	Ahmad	Adam and Faris



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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

Thursday 20th July	School Closes for the Summer Holidays
Monday 4th September	School Opens for Autumn Term
Thursday 21st September	Parent Workshop EYFS
Thursday 28th September	RWI Parent Meeting Year 1
Monday 9th October	Outdoor Elements Trip
Wednesday 11th October	Outdoor Elements Trip
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening 3.15pm to 7.15 pm
Thursday 19th October	Harvest Festival and school closes for Half Term
Monday 30th October	School Re-opens

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.