



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 21st June 2024

### Book Bus Visit

On Thursday the Book Bus paid us a visit and some of our children helped Mrs Leaver pick some brand new books to add to our Library. The children really enjoyed being part of this and picked some great new books.



## Beech's Class Charity



This year Beech class have decided to support the British Heart Foundation for their class charity. They will be collecting clothes to donate to raise much needed funds for research. If you have any unwanted clothes at home please support Beech class by donating them.

We will be collecting items between **Friday 28th June - Tuesday 2nd July.**

British Heart Foundation bags can be collected from the office, alternatively you can donate your items in a plastic bag.

Thank you in advance for your support  
Beech Class

## School Meals Price Increase



Unfortunately, due to the rising food costs, we will need to increase our school meal price after the Summer holidays. We have always tried to keep our meal prices affordable to our families, however the current meal price is no longer covering these rising costs.

To ensure we can continue to fund a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises, we will be increasing our meal price to £3 per day, £15 per week, from September 2024.

The breakfast club cost will also rise to £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week but it will still be free to those children who are on free school meals or pupil premium.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

If you feel that you may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children please speak to someone in the office.

## School Uniform



Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jogging bottoms and trainers are not acceptable clothing. Girls' hijabs must be either plain black or purple and for health and safety reasons must be a short length. PE uniform is black jogging bottoms and black trainers and must only be worn on PE day.

We have a large stock of free, pre-worn school uniforms so please contact the office if you need to replace your child's clothes.

## Changes to Education Related Penalty Notices Important Update

The Department for Education has recently announced national changes to fixed penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time.

### **Changes to be aware of are:-**

1. Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19th August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent, for the same child, within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
3. The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
4. A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent offence(s)) another course of action

will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions)

## Spare Swimming Kit



If you have any spare swimming costumes, trunks, shorts or towels that your child has outgrown, please donate them to school for use as spares.



## Children's University

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY HOURS FOR GRADUATION**

Please note the hours have now been calculated for the annual Children's University Graduation. All Children's University members have been sent a letter on Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> June) confirming what hours we have recorded on the database for them and it will also indicate what certificates they will be being awarded. Please do check it very carefully. If you feel the hours are incorrect you must let Sara Burton know by 5pm TONIGHT (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June). Nothing can be changed after this date. If your child has been invited to Graduation please do ensure you complete the online form and if you would like to order a photo make the payment on ParentPay. The deadline for both of these is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY TRIPS**

If you have signed your family up for one of the trips you would have received a confirmation text with details of payment. Please ensure this payment is made by THIS Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Your place is not confirmed until this payment is made. You will be sent a confirmation email in July with a link to an online consent form, please do look out for this.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

A letter will be going out on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July with details of all the holiday activities that will be available for children in reception – year 6. Sign up for all activities will be done on ParentPay. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. Please look out for this letter with further details on.

### **GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE**

If your child has been attending the Gymnastic club on a Wednesday after school please note there will be a short performance on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.40pm. Please come and see what your child has been doing. Please make sure you arrive for **3.40pm at the office** as we will not be able to allow anyone in who is late in.

### **TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE**

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting will be in stores from the first week in July and continue until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

## **This Week's Attendance**



The winning class this week is **Birch** with **85.19%** attendance  
Oak had 79% and Alder had 77.24% 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



## **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.

## SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Ayaan & Qasim	
Hornbeam		
Beech	Mohammed K	
Alder	Ermina	
Elder		
Hazel	Sara N	
Rowan	Sheran & Ayesha	
Birch	Abu Bakar	
Beehive		
Cherry	Ileana and Zheedan	
Willow	Zeyad	
Oak	Maryam	
Ash	Aisha G	

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **THANKFULNESS** with 54 points. Love had 50 points, Belonging had 49 points and Service had 28 points

Family/Week	19.4.24	26.4.24	3.5.24	10.5.24	17.5.24	24.5.24	7.6.24	14.6.24	21.6.24		
Belonging	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	3		
Love	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	4	2		
Service	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	4		
Thankfulness	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1		



## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

25th June	New Intake Home Visits
25th June	Stay and Play
26th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Formby Beach
27th June	Year 5 trip to Edge Hill College
2nd July	Cluster Rounders Competition
5th July	School Closed for INSET day
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
11th July	Cluster Cricket Competition (Wensley Fold)
12th July	End of Year Reports
15th July	Reception Trip to Mrs Dowsons Farm
16th July	Stay and Play
17th July	Year 6 Graduation 4 pm
18th July	Leavers Assembly at Church
19th July	School Closes for summer holidays at 1.30 pm
4th September	School Reopens

## Twitter X



Please follow our Twitter account. [http s://twitter.com/](http://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.