



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

Newsletter 22nd December 2023

Wishing you all a restful break and hoping you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will see you again on Monday 8th January 2024.



Parents Presentation

Year 3 and 4 classes

Parents are invited to school on Friday 12th January 2024 to a winter poem recital. Please arrive in the main office at 2.25pm for a 2.40pm start.

We look forward to welcoming you.



School Equipment

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Smart watches

A number of children have been seen wearing smart watches. This is expensive equipment which is not necessary in the classroom or school. Please refrain from sending your child to school with these. Clocks are in all classrooms should your child need to know the time.

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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_3mejONYetS1Jg27yXMMsFmA3Dn7FKe1unlfwV_W82l

School Dinner Money Debt



Please pay any outstanding dinner money debts before the end of term

Youth Action Winter Camp at St Silas

This programme is FREE with a daily lunch provided and open to children and young people in Blackburn with Darwen who are on Free School Meals or have other vulnerabilities where the child's school believes they would benefit from Winter Camp.

Winter Camp will run from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024 (4 days).

Venue:

St Silas Primary School, St Silas Road, Blackburn, BB2 6JP

Timings: 10am to 2pm

Ages: 5 to 12 (living in Blackburn or Darwen)

Activities:

> Arts  

> Crafts  

> Team challenges 

> Baking/ cooking

> Plus much much more!

Over the 4-day Winter Camp we are looking to cover a range of activities from arts and crafts, drama, team building, games and more as we want this to be a memorable experience for each young person attending.

Please complete the form below with your choice of venue for your child. One form must be completed per child. (*Please note: places will be allocated subject to availability*)

If you require any further information about Winter Camp please get in touch with us by calling us on 01254 695847 or email us at hello@youthaction.org.uk

Priority will be given to those children on Free School Meals

Sign up today: tinyurl.com/WinterCampYA23

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.



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 Children Centre

AVAILABLE DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DATE: Tuesday 2nd January- Friday 5th
January

TIME: 11:30am- 1:00pm



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

Tel 01254 666605

email admissions@blackburn.gov.uk



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 will continue in the New Year. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.



Children's University

SCHOOL CLUBS AND CU PASSPORTS

All CU passports have now been returned, so please look out for them and make sure your child brings it home. Once they are returned no responsibility will be held by the school.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

Those who have ordered a craft pack have been sent home. Remember if your child completes the activities to send evidence to Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965) if your child is a member of Children's University and they would like to collect a 2 hour stamp for these.

WINTER CHALLENGES FROM BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The CU Winter Challenges have been sent out. If your child completes any challenges over the holidays please either send your evidence to Sara Burton (s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965) or send it into school after the holidays with your child's CU passport.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

School holidays are nearly here, which means it's time for you to get crafty in the libraries once again. Children age 5 and over can **make a spinning toy** out of simple strips of paper and a wooden skewer. It twirls as it spins and creates all sorts of amazing patterns. It's fun to make, and even more fun to play with! **Free tickets for activities will be available from the relevant library up to 2 weeks before each event. This activity will be taking place at Blackburn Library on Thursday 4th January 10am – 12noon.** Remember if your child attends this activity and they are a member of Children's University to pick up a slip and send it to school after the holidays with their CU passport.

The libraries' mascot, Wordsworth, will be getting into the Christmas spirit with 'meet and greet' sessions in the run up to the big day. Drop-in story time sessions will be held with Christmas themed crafts and giveaways at **Blackburn Library on Saturday 23rd December from 12.30 - 1.30pm.**



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

Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with **507 points**. Service had 506 points, Love had 488 points and Thankfulness had 468 points.

Family/Week	15.9.23	22.9.23	29.9.23	6.10.23	24.11.23	1.12.23	8.12.23	15.12.23	22.12.23
Belonging	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
Love	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	3
Service	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	2
Thankfulness	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	4	4

This Week's Attendance



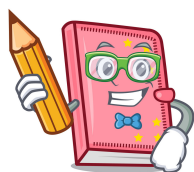
The winning class this week is **Hornbeam** with **95.56%** attendance

Birch had 94.82% and Beech had 93.79% attendance

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

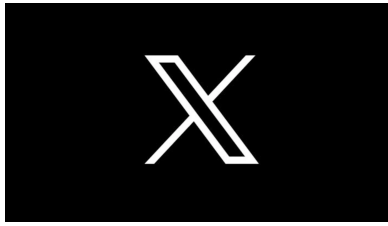
It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.10 pm every day.

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



Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

8/1/24	School Re-opens 8.40 am
9/1/24	Year 1 and 2 GULP assembly
12/1/24	Year 3 and 4 Poetry presentation
19/1/24	Year 6 Debt Awareness visit
24/1/24	Age 5 Dental Survey
9/2/24	School Closes for Half Term
19/2/24	School Re-Opens



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

Instagram



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

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.