



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 24th May 2024

### Half Term Break



Wishing all our families a very happy and restful half term break and we will see you again on Monday 3rd June at 8.40 am

### Author Visit

We had the pleasure of welcoming author Hafiza Issa into school on Monday. Hafiza delivered a powerful assembly all about neurodiversity and Autism which the children enjoyed greatly. Hafiza also read her new book to the children, *Earmuffs to the Moon*, which was very well received. Our Year 2 children then benefited from some fabulous poetry workshops where they blew Hafiza away with their creative flair.

Should you wish to purchase a signed copy of Hafiza's book, with a personalised message, you can contact Hafiza directly via email at [hafizahakim@hotmail.com](mailto:hafizahakim@hotmail.com).

Rowan Class Charity  
Rossendale Mountain Rescue  
Mr Hadwin walking the Yorkshire Dales Three Peaks



The children in Rowan Class have chosen a charity to support this year. They have chosen the Mountain Rescue Service. Mountain Rescue is a life saving organisation that is essential to all those people who walk in the hills and countryside. The organisation means they are saving lives 24/7, 365 days a year.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/graeme-hadwin-1715949217666?newPage=true>

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.

## 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.



## **Earrings During Sports Clubs and PE**

Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, the wearing of ear studs during any school physical activity session is now prohibited. This is in line with our partners at Blackburn Swimming Baths and Blackburn Rovers Community Trust. Any child wearing ear studs will, from next week, not be allowed to take part in the physical activity sessions. We ask that parents/carers remove ear studs on the days when children are taking part in sports and physical activity.



## Children's University

### **MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – SWIMMING POOL**

If you have signed your child up to either the swimming lessons or water fun afternoons please make sure you know the days and times you have booked. All details have been emailed. Please make sure you read this so you know what your child needs to bring. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929966. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MAY HALF TERM CHALLENGES**

A copy of the Children's University holiday challenges have been sent. If your child completes any of these CU Challenges 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.

### **CLUSTER SPORTS DAYS – YEARS 3 - 6**

Please note that we will be having a cluster sports week straight after half term for children in key stage 2. These will be held in the afternoons from 1pm on the school field at Wensley Fold Primary Academy. Wensley Fold, St Silas and Sacred Heart will be taking part and parents / carers can come and watch. The dates are as follows, please come a long and support our school if you can: -

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3

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

Please note that after the half term holidays we will be calculating all Children's University hours ready for Graduation. If your child does any external activities such as Scouts, Youth Action or Swimming lessons please do ensure their passports have been stamped and are up to date. We will be asking for passports in for any external hours the first week back after the holidays, with the cut off being Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. If children are near to an award we will look at whether they are doing clubs this term and also handing in their passport regularly for these. We will not be stamping for clubs this term yet as this will be done once school clubs have finished for the term.

### **LET'S GET WEAVING AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY**

If you've ever wanted to have a go at making your own wall hanging on a miniature loom, come along to this fun FREE event suitable for children age 5+ and their grown ups on Thursday 30th May at Blackburn Library (10 am - 12 pm). Entry will be by ticket, available from the library up to two weeks in advance and places are limited so advance booking is strongly recommended. If your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University do not forget to pick up a slip so their CU passport can be stamped when they are back at school.

## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Elder** with **97%** attendance  
Alder had 95.86% and Hawthorn had 95.63% 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 - CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Khadeejah	
Hornbeam	Arj	
Beech	Samiah	
Alder	Sofia	
Elder	Haider	
Hazel	Faatima	
Rowan	Shabib	
Birch	Ayaat	
Beehive	Denis	
Cherry	Yousaf	
Willow	Abdhullah	
Oak	Alyan	
Ash	Ameena	

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow.

Congratulations to **SERVICE** with 210 points. Thankfulness had 177 points, Belonging had 142 points and Love had 141 points

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



## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

3rd June	School Re-opens
4th June	Year 5 Sports day in PM
4th June	Stay and Play
5th June	New Intake sessions in Reception Class
7th June	Special Assembly with Aspens Caterers
11th June	Stay and Play
12th June	New Intake Sessions in Reception Class
17th June	Rowan Class Fieldwork Trip
18th June	Stay and Play
19th June	New Intake Sessions in Reception Class
20th June	Lancashire Book Bus
20th June	Elder Class Fieldwork Trip
21st June	Hazel Class Fieldwork Trip
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
5th July	School Closed for INSET day
9th July	Stay and Play
10th July	Community Day from 3.15 pm
12th July	End of Year Reports
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. <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.