



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Visiting School

Due to Covid you have had very limited access to our school. Some of our newer parents will not have been able to visit at all. We are beginning, in a Covid secure way, to welcome parents into the school building again. You are now able to talk to the class teacher at the end of the day, although you may need to wait until the other parents and children have gone. In addition parents can now visit the school library after school with their children to select a book.

We have invited the parents of children due to start Reception in September 2022 to ring school and book an appointment to look around the school with Michele Battersby, the headteacher. I would like to extend that invitation to you as well. Please ring the school office on 01254 698447 to make an appointment to visit school.

Primary School Applications

Primary school applications are open from 2 September 2021 until 15 January 2022. You need to apply online. <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/>

Harvest

Our Harvest is on Friday 8th October. It will be led by KS1. Unfortunately due to the size of the church and Covid risk assessments, this year we cannot have visitors or parents in the church building. We are hoping to video the assembly to share with parents. If you would like to bring gifts please bring tins and packets suitable for the food bank. Thank you

Traffic

The police visited our school at dropping off time this week and they are going to be working with us to improve the traffic situation outside school. Please do remember to follow the highway code outside of school and make sure your children are wearing seatbelts. Children under a certain height also need booster seats.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open from 7.45 and costs £1. Due to the high level of staff absence partially linked to Covid the Early Bird reading has not started yet. Pupil Premium children can attend breakfast club without charge.

New Website

Our new website is: <https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk>

Please save the website to your devices. It should work on your smart phones as well as computers and tablets. We are updating the website constantly. Newsletters are always added to the website so if you miss a letter you can find it on the website. There are sections for events and news so the easiest way to keep up to date is via our website.

Twitter

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



Children's University – New Members

If your child is not a member of Blackburn Children’s University and they would like to sign up (Years 1 – 6) please sign them up on ParentPay. A letter with further information has been sent out and also emailed. The deadline for signing up on ParentPay is Tuesday 5th October. After this date all those who have signed up will be issued with their very own CU passport! Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 29th September-launch of the fantastic book awards
- Thursday 30th September-money mentors in Year 5 and 6
- Friday 8th October- Harvest
- Tuesday 12 th October-Year 6 activity day
- Wednesday 13th October-Year 5 activity day
- Thursday 14th October-Year 4 activity day
- School closes for the half term holiday after lessons finish on Thursday 21st October.
- School opens on Monday 1st November.

Attendance



The class with the best attendance this week is **Hornbeam with 99% attendance**. Well done to everyone in Beech. Overall attendance this week is 90.6%. National attendance is around 96%.

Family Point Winners

The table shows first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow.

Family/Week	10.9.21	17.9.21	24.9.21				
Love	1	1	2				
Belonging	3	3	3				
Thankfulness	3	4	4				
Service	2	2	1				

S.A.M. Star of the Week and Sports Star of the Week

Class	S.A.M. Award	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Jannat	Ayesha
Hornbeam	Menaal	Amirah
Beech	Amelia & Zoha	Ibrahim P
Alder	Hussain	Abdullah
Elder		
Rowan	Mohammad.P	Nabeel
Birch	Layla	Humaira
Cherry	Muhammad K	Ali Raza
Willow	Raheem	Fatima
Oak	Hashir	Zaynah
Elm	Yusuf	Marwa
Ash	Natalia	Muhammad Ayan

Allergies

There are a number of children across the school with severe nut allergies that require an epipen if they come into contact with nuts. For some of these children the allergy is airborne and they do not need to touch a nut to have a reaction. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or sandwiches with spreads that contain nuts. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform including black school shoes. If you are having problems buying the school uniform, please speak to our family worker, Mrs R. Patel, who will be able to help you.

Covid

The rules have changed since the end of the summer term. These are the new rules:

- If your child has symptoms they need to isolate for 10 days or until they have a negative PCR test. Brothers and sisters can still attend school.
- IF your child has a positive test please inform the school office on 01254 698447 as soon as possible.
- If someone has symptoms, they need a PCR test not a lateral flow test as they are more accurate.
- The school will let you know if your child has been in close contact with a positive case. In Blackburn it is recommended that a close contact has a PCR test. There is no need for your child to be isolated unless they develop symptoms or get a positive PCR test.
- **Under no circumstances should anyone who has tested positive enter the school premise until they have been isolated for the 10 days.**
- Remote education will still be provided for children in isolation as long as they are well and not ill.



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