



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

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Staffing Changes



At the end of next week we sadly say goodbye to 2 members of our staff. Miss Payne will be Assistant Head at a school in Preston, and Miss Kousar will be moving to the Olive School in Blackburn. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Mr Hadwin will be taking over in Hornbeam class, and the children already know him well.

We welcome Mrs Nasima Patel, who will be teaching in Birch Class on Thursdays and Fridays. She is already working in school with some of our children, delivering the tutoring programme, so she is already a familiar face in school. We look forward to working with her in the next term.

FREE Easter Camp @ St Silas
Please remember to sign up as soon as possible.

Dates: Monday 11th - Thursday 14th April

Times: 10 am to 2 pm daily

Ages: 5 to 15

Venue: St Silas Primary School BB2 6JP

FREE lunch pack

Priority will be given to Free School Meals children

VERY LIMITED PLACES!! SIGN UP TODAY AT <https://tinyurl.com/YAEaster>



Red Nose Day

We raised an impressive **£265.11** from last week's cake sale. Thank you to everyone for your support in this fundraising event for Red Nose Day. The money raised will help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes helping people in Ukraine, and those affected by mass displacement in many parts of the world. Well done to Year1 and 2 for organising and running the cake sale.

Volunteering

Some parents have already come forward to volunteer in school. If you would like the chance to be more involved in school life and have a regular afternoon (or hour) a week to spare we would love to sign you up as a volunteer to listen to our readers or to come on our trips. Please contact the school office for more information.



Fasting

Fasting is only allowed for children in years 5 and 6. If your child is going to be fasting during the month of Ramadan, please send a letter to the school office. You will need to make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 12.15 and to be dropped off again at 1.15 pm



Drumming Performance

On Wednesday 23rd March, exactly two years after the first UK lockdown, we were delighted to welcome parents into school to watch the Year 5's dholak performance. The turn out was amazing and the Year 5's, accompanied by Mr Navekar from Bolton Music Services, entertained the audience with their fabulous improvising skills, call and response, and finally a Bollywood beat along to a well-known Bollywood song. We were so proud of the children and would like to thank the parents for their support!



Year 5 Parents Meetings

Year 5 staff will be holding meetings with Year 5 parents to help them assist their children with their learning. Mrs Abbas will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 30th March at 3.15 pm for Beech class, whilst Miss Rigby will be holding a meeting on Thursday 31st March at 3.15 pm for Alder class. Children are welcome to attend with their parents, we hope to see you there.



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 costs only £1 a day. Please ring the school to book them in. There is also the opportunity for KS2 children to buy toast at playtime from the kitchen.

Hornbeam Class Charity - 100 Miles in March

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StSilasHornbeam?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=e90583f7-83cd-4464-b35b-3c6d882b1e28&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1645473557215

Hornbeam class have chosen to support the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) as their class charity this year. We have decided to **walk/run 100 miles** collectively in March to raise money for a charity which aims to prevent the destruction of nature and reverse climate change. Miss Payne will be matching the challenge and running/walking 100 miles herself. You can sponsor the class and Miss Payne by following the link above. Keep following our regular updates on Twitter and Facebook throughout the month on how many miles we have walked and the importance of this charity.



Children's University

School Clubs and CU Passports

Please note that THIS week is the last week of school clubs. All clubs will finish THIS Friday 25th March. Please ensure you hand your child's CU passport in if they have attended a club this term. Please note that if they attended the Anderton Centre last Saturday and they gave their passport in it will be kept to update for clubs. **The deadline for passports is THIS Monday 28th March.** All passports will be returned before the end of term, so please do make sure you look out for it as no responsibility will be held by the school for lost passports.

Easter Holiday Activities and Family Trip

If you have signed your child up for any of the holiday activities a confirmation email will be sent later this week together with an online consent form which must be completed. Please look out for this.

The Big Reinvention Challenge

A letter has been sent to all CU members in years 3 - 6 about this. If you would like your child to enter please ensure they complete their design on the paper provided by Friday 25th March. All CU members can collect a stamp in their passport too. Please send all entries together with your child's passport to school to be updated. An email has also been sent out with all the details on.

Blackburn CU Easter Challenges

These will be sent out next week and give CU members the chance to collect additional hours in their passport. Please keep an eye out for this.

Attendance for the week



The winning class this week is **Beech Class with 98.7% attendance.**

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring the school office to let them know. You can also leave a message on the absence line.

It is important that your child is in school by 8.40 am and they must be picked up at 3.05 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

Wednesday 30th March Beech Class parents meeting 3.15 pm

Thursday 31st March EYFS parents are invited to our Easter Celebration from 1.45 pm. Check your children's bags for your invite with all the details.

Thursday 31st March Alder class parents meeting 3.15 pm

Family Point Winners

The table below shows first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow. Well done to Year 3 Birch class again this week!

Family/Week	21.1.22	3.2.22	11.2.22	25.2.22	4.3.22	11.3.22	18.3.22	25.3.22
Love	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	1
Belonging	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	3
Thankfulness	4	4	4	2	4	2	4	4
Service	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	2

S.A.M. Star Award

Class	S.A.M. Star Award	Sports Star Award
Hawthorn	Jannat	The whole class for their amazing cheerleading performance
Hornbeam	Saad	Hunain
Beech	Holly, Ayesha, Ahmedraza and Nouman	All the children of Beech Class! Well done!

Alder	Huzaifa	Hussain
Elder	Khadeejah	n/a
Rowan	Nabeel	Ibrahim
Birch	Aliya N	Ayesha N
Cherry	Daner	Anastasia
Willow	Jaleesa	Noor Fatima
Oak	Ebrahim	Azwa
Ash/Elm	Huzaifa	Aun

Twitter

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

Website

<https://www.stsilasprimary.co.uk/>



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