



# St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Newsletter 26th January 2024

### Road Safety



There was nearly a serious accident near school recently. Please be careful when dropping your children off at school and do not park in the road to let them out. Please remember that the speed limit on the roads around school is 20 mph

### Earrings

Please be aware that hooped earrings are **not** to be worn in school for safety reasons. A small stud can be worn in each ear. Earrings should not be worn for P.E. Children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this they will not be allowed to take part in the P.E. lesson. Please teach your child how to take them out by themselves or alternatively leave them out on P.E. days if they are too young.

## Rucksacks



Please do not send your children into school with large rucksacks as they are too big to fit into the cloakroom areas, which is causing trip hazards. Children just need to bring their book bags and lunch bags, if bringing a packed lunch.

## Stay and Play



Our stay and play sessions have started again. Everyone is welcome to come along every Tuesday during term time from 2 to 3pm.

## Perfect Week

The Government has launched a new school attendance initiative called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". In support of this we are continuing to issue weekly Perfect Week stickers to every child who is in school all week, is always on time and is excellently behaved.

In addition to this every child who gets a perfect week will get a ticket to go into a prize draw at the end of the Spring Term. They have 9 chances to be in the draw, so their attendance really does matter!



## This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is **Hornbeam** with **98.1%** attendance

Hazel had 98% and Beech had 95.7% 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



## Children's University

### **WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS**

If you have handed your child's CU passport in for any of the CU Challenges or the Winter Craft Pack over the holidays please note all passports have been returned. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ANIMAL FUN DAY**

Places are full for this activity for children in years 3 – 6. If you have signed your child up please look out for a confirmation email (which will be sent via school) that will be sent early next week. This will have a link to an online consent form which **MUST** be completed otherwise your child cannot attend.

### **HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

Letters have been emailed detailing the activities available during the February half term holidays. Sign up is available on ParentPay now. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Please see the letter for more details.

### **FREE CRICKET SESSIONS**

Lancashire Cricket Foundation in association with Chance to Shine (a national cricket charity) are delivering free of charge cricket sessions for all children in Year 3 and above at the old St Mary's College venue (Synergy Sports - top of Shear Brow, BB1 8DX). The sessions will be taking place every Saturday (between 5pm and 6.30pm). All equipment is provided and there are no fees to be paid as it is completely FREE. Blackburn Children's University members can collect stamps in their passport for attending. Contact Farouk Hussain on [fhussain@lancashirecricket.co.uk](mailto:fhussain@lancashirecricket.co.uk) or 07973360320.

## GOLDEN BROOM AWARD



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Starting from this term we have introduced the Golden Broom Award. Every week the class that has been the cleanest and tidiest will be given the golden broom to keep in their classroom. This week the award goes to

**Hawthorn Class**

for taking responsibility for keeping their classroom clean and tidy all week

**Well done!**



### **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.



## 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.

## Special Lunch Friday 9th February 2023

Please place your child's order for the special Pancake Day lunch on 9th February as soon as possible. If you have already put an order on for that date you will need to put it on again. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to view the menu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3mQhby-cZfxTVAPcvFWgcfXK7U1jct/view?usp=sharing>

## 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>

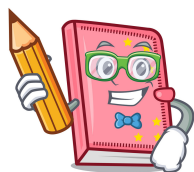
## SAMS Star Learners

Class	SAM Star Learner	Sports Star
Hawthorn	Anum	
Hornbeam	Viktor	
Beech	Ibrahim	
Alder	Aaminah P	
Elder	Hassan	
Hazel	Nehanth	
Rowan	Shabib	
Birch	Ali P	Simrah
Beehive	Denis	
Cherry	Hadiqa	
Willow	Daniella	Ahmad
Oak	Amaan P	
Ash	Hurain	

## Family Point Winners

The table below shows the winning families highlighted in yellow. Well done to **BELONGING** with 208 points. **LOVE** had 199 points, **Service** had 184 points and **Thankfulness** had 156 points

Family/Week	12.1.24	18.12.24	26.1.24							
Belonging	1	1	3							
Love	2	2	2							
Service	3	3	1							
Thankfulness	4	4	4							



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## Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

30/1/24	Stay and Play
29/1/24	Year 2 Class Assembly in the hall 8.45am
31/1/24	Cherry Parents evening in morning
1/2/24	Cherry Parents evening in afternoon
5/2/24	Year 6 Hothersall Lodge Residential Trip
6/2/24	Stay and Play
9/2/24	School closes for half term
19/2/24	School reopens
19/2/24	School Photographs
21/2/24	Whole School Parents Evening



### 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.**