

Newsletter 8th September 2023



A very warm welcome back to school to all our pupils and their parents, and we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We wish to welcome our new pupils in reception and look forward to working together with their families to settle them into school life at St Silas. There have also been a number of new children across the school and we are very happy to welcome them also to our St Silas family. We also want to welcome Mr Ali who is new to our school and is teaching Alder class.

School Meals Ordering System



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From September 2023 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

From September 2023 the new Year 3 children will no longer be entitled to Universal 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>



Uniform Swap Shop

For those children who have outgrown their uniform we have a large amount of donated school uniform in school thanks to the generous donations from our families. Please look out for the clothes rack at the rear entrance at home times next week for you to choose replacement items for your child.

Please donate your unused school uniform for recycling in school and to help the planet.. We particularly need school jumpers for ages 8 -9.



We have raised over £50 so far in donations from this cause. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this. Please continue to support us by signing up - the details are below.

Easyfundraising challenge!

Did you know you can support our school by raising money every time you shop online? More than ever our education facilities need your support. Your support will mean we can buy extra play equipment - and it doesn't cost you or us a penny..

We're using easyfundraising, a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. easyfundraising works with over 7,400 online brands, everyone from Morrison's, eBay, SportsDirect, Groupon, The Range, Screwfix, M&S, John Lewis, Booking.com, and everything in between.

Once signed up all you need to do is start your shopping journey at the easyfundraising website, use the donation reminder or app (information will be provided when you register) and the brands you shop with will send us a donation based on how much you spend.

With the general cost of living impacting everyone, this isn't about asking you to spend more, but to make you aware that if you are making an on-line purchase anyway, booking travel or taking out insurance by using easyfundraising you can give to us at the same time, and at no additional cost to you. So please support us today at <http://efraising.org/3jKjBFNVIU> it only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address



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.



Children's University

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note the club sign up is next Tuesday 12th September at 8am on ParentPay. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Information on all the clubs which are available have been sent out via email and text earlier this week. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton on 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. Alternatively please send the challenges or certificate together with your child's CU passports to school so it can be checked and updated.

SAMS Star Learners

| Class | SAM Star Learner | Sports Star Award |
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| Hawthorn | Aidan | |
| Hornbeam | Nafisa | |
| Beech | Layla | |
| Alder | Humaira | |
| Elder | Mahnur | |

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| Rowan | Alfie | |
| Birch | Nur-Fatimah | |
| Beehive | | |
| Cherry | Husain | |
| Willow | Hassan | |
| Oak | Yahya | |
| Ash | | |

This Week's Attendance



The winning class this week is Alder Class with 100% 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.

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 **Love** with 165 points. Belonging had 141 points, Service had 122 points and Thankfulness had 127 points.

| Family/Week | 8.9.23 | 15.9.23 | 22.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 6.10.23 | 13.10.23 | 19.10.23 | | |
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| Belonging | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Love | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Service | 4 | | | | | | | | |

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| Thankfulness | 3 | | | | | | | | |
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Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events

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| Monday 9th October | Outdoor Elements activity day Y3 /Y4 |
| Monday 11th October | Outdoor Elements activity day Y5 |
| Wednesday 18th October | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 19th October | School closes for the half term holiday at 3.10pm |
| Monday 30th October | School reopens at 8.40am |
| Friday 22nd December | School closes for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm |

Twitter

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/>



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