



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Road Safety

The school has been informed that there was nearly an accident near school last week. A child, who had been collected from school, wandered into the road as a car was turning. Please supervise children carefully when on the pavement or crossing the road.

There have also been issues with cars driving along the pavement whilst children are walking on the pavement. If possible, please walk from home to school to reduce the traffic outside school and to establish healthy habits for your child. If it is not possible to walk, please park away from the school gate and walk the remaining distance to school. Please do ensure that you follow the highway code when you park to ensure our children are safe.

The school has notified the relevant authorities about our concerns re road safety around the school and they will be visiting soon to support our efforts.

Positive Tests

If your child receives a positive test over a weekend or in the evening please email michele.battersby@cidari.co.uk so that parents can receive as much notice as possible that the class is closing.

If your child receives a positive test during the Christmas holiday, following symptoms that start up to and including Saturday 19th December, please also contact michele.battersby@cidari.co.uk. For symptoms after this date please use the NHS test and trace.

Free School Meals during Isolation

If your child is entitled to free school meals (not universal free school meals for Reception and KS1 children) and your child is isolating, please contact school on 01254 698447 if you would like a food parcel.

Blackburn with Darwen are organising food/vouchers over the Christmas holidays for children who receive free school meals (not universal free school meals). When school receives more details we will inform you.

BwD Help Hub for residents

Partners in the BwD Help Hub are working together to support local residents to move forward with their lives in a variety of ways. The local partnerships set up to support people during the coronavirus crises can help people with:

- finance, benefits and debt management
- mental health support
- wellbeing and loneliness
- learning, training and employment
- getting online and using technology

- access to food and essentials.

You can call on 01254 588111 Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 17:00 or use the link on the following website:

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/helphub>

Christmas

Christmas will be different this year due to COVID. Reception class will be recording their nativity to share with parents. The children will be joining a live online children's panto from the Grand theatre in Lancaster. This will be recorded by the theatre so if any class is isolating it can be watched when the children return. Christmas lunch will be grab bags with Christmas party type food and will be followed by a party. All these activities will be in your child's classroom and the bubbles will be secure.

Children can wear their own clothes on Thursday for the Christmas party. School closes on Thursday after the Christmas party.

Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 16th Dec Online Panto
- Thursday 17th Dec Christmas dinner and party
- School closes for the holiday 17th Dec at 3pm.



Twitter

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

Attendance



The class with the best attendance this week is **Oak with 100% attendance. Well done to everyone in Oak.**

Please note covid related isolation is automatically removed from the data.

Family Point Winners

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

Family/Week	2.11	9.11	16.1	23.1	4.12	11.1
	.20	.20	1.20	1.20	.20	2.20

Love	1	1	1	2	1	1
Belonging	3	3	2	1	2	3
Thankfulness	2	4	4	3	4	2
Service	4	2	3	4	3	4

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

The children in each class have selected a child that they think has shown our values throughout the half term. It is a huge honour to be selected. The selected children will receive a badge to be sewn on their jumper levee.

Class	Star of the half term	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Isra	
Hornbeam	Maryam	
Beech	Fatima	Muhammad
Alder	Maryam	
Elder	Zubayr	Aaminah
Rowan	Aisha T	
Birch	Nafisa	Ali-Akbar
Hazel	Aidan	
Cherry	Qasim	Fatima
Willow	Zahra	
Oak	Anayah	
Elm	Raheem	Fayzaan
Ash	Fatima	



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