



# St Silas

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

## **Newsletter 22.1.21**

### **Children's University**

#### **Creative Craft Pack**

These are available to order now for the half term holidays and are for children in Reception – Year 6. Packs cost £5 and must be ordered via ParentPay. The deadline for ordering is next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Half Term Online Activities**

Please look out for an email detailing the online sessions Blackburn Children's University will be running during half term. These will include martial arts, animal fun and other fun activities. The letter will be emailed out next week.

#### **Fun Fitness Club**

This is a taster session with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust and will be taking place online this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. Sign up must be done via ParentPay. Further details were emailed out on Wednesday. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965. The deadline for signing up is Monday.

#### **Children's University Online Activity**

Details will be going out in the next week about an online activity in February. Please keep an eye out in your emails for this.

### **Oracy**

The school has started to work with Voice 21 on oracy. It is an exciting three year project and will be led by Mrs Melissa Matthews. This is a quote from the Voice 21 website <https://voice21.org/>.

*'Oracy develops students' confidence, articulacy and capacity to learn. That's why Voice 21 supports teachers and schools to provide a high quality oracy education which empowers students, regardless of their background, to find their voice for success in school and in life.'*

### **Reading**

The school has invested in **Oxford Reading Buddies**. The website will enable your children to continue to read their reading scheme books. Please see [Oxford Reading Buddy](#) for more information. **You should have received your log on details if your child is in Year 2 to Year 6. Please contact the school office or your child's class teacher if you have not.** Please encourage your child to read everyday as they normally would as it is very important. Children in Reception and Year 1, whose home reading books are RWInc, not the Oxford Reading Scheme, will receive their reading books from their teachers via the normal platforms.

Please encourage your child to use the online library. There are lots of brilliant books to read. It is a good habit for children to read quietly for about 30 minutes a day. Our Reading Challenge has been adapted for remote learning. Your child has to read:

- 15 books for the Bronze Award
- 30 books for the Silver Award
- 75 books for the Gold Award

To provide evidence for the reading of the books, the children have to complete at least 1 book review for every 5 books and send it to their class teacher. The children receive metal owl badges in the appropriate colour and their photograph can go on our Reading Challenge display on the wall near the Headteacher's office to celebrate.

### **Silas and Me Awards**

Please remember that the Silas and Me (S.A.M.) awards are continuing. The list of challenges is on the website and has been adapted for remote learning. Some teachers have been setting a weekly challenge for the children to complete. Again examples of these can be seen on Twitter. Children have started to receive badges when they have completed the challenges. It would be lovely to have more children receiving badges during this lockdown period. Badges would be posted to their home and celebrated in our celebration assembly. Please do share photographs of your children completing these challenges. If you have given consent, these photographs will be shared on our Twitter account [https://twitter.com/StSilas\\_Primary](https://twitter.com/StSilas_Primary)

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Whole school Celebration 9am every Friday starting 22.1.21
- Governors 10th Feb 21
- School closes at 3pm on Friday 12th February
- School opens on Monday 22nd February
- Parents Evening 24th February



### **Attendance**



The class with the best attendance this week is **Alder with 98% attendance** on online maths lessons since the start of lockdown. Well done to everyone in **Alder**.

### **Family Point Winners**

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

<b>Family/Week</b>	<b>22.1 .21</b>					
<b>Love</b>	4					
<b>Belonging</b>	2					
<b>Thankfulness</b>	3					
<b>Service</b>	1					

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>	<b>Sports Star of the Week</b>
Hawthorn	Husaina	
Hornbeam	Subhaan/Saira	
Beech	Sara	
Alder	Amaari	Burhan
Elder	Ibrahim	Yusuf
Rowan	Kaushar	
Birch	Aaisha M	Nafisa
Hazel	Qasim	
Cherry	Qasim	
Willow	Junaid	
Oak	Amina	Tamim
Elm	Zainab	Aliza
Ash	Lucas	Ali

**Twitter**

Please follow our Twitter account. [https://twitter.com/StSilas\\_Primary](https://twitter.com/StSilas_Primary) to keep up to date with events in our school.

## **Support for our Families**

### **Free School Meals**

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC) support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190
- Universal Credit and have an income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £7,400.

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please apply on

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

### **St Silas Emergency Supplies**

#### **Our Value in Action-Service.**

The staff in our school have collected together some emergency supplies for families who may find themselves in need of food in an emergency. Please contact school and speak to Mrs Rehana Patel or Mrs Nas Khan. It is intended that these supplies are just for emergencies for families who have no food until we can direct them to food banks etc. to get help.

### **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>



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