



## **Newsletter 26.2.21**

### **Monday 8th March Full Opening of St Silas Primary School**

We are really pleased to say that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March unless they have a valid shielding letter. The arrangement will be similar to the Autumn Term with staggered starts and finishes. Please see below re times. As the Key Stage 1 classes are smaller we are forming a covid secure pod across KS1 to enable us to be more fluid in our teaching arrangements and to ensure we can meet the needs of all the children. Reception children will eat their lunch in the dining room as previously. The tables will be cleaned and then KS1 children will also eat their lunch in the dining room. All other classes will continue to eat in their classrooms.

### **School Uniform**

When children return to school on Monday 8th March they will be expected to wear our school uniform. They will still wear their PE kit for school on the day their class does PE to avoid having to change in school.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory from Monday 8th March unless your child has a valid shielding letter or you have been asked to isolate through test and trace. Normal attendance procedures will be followed. Please let the school office know if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness etc.

The normal COVID isolation rules still apply. If **anyone** in your house has symptoms then you must **all** isolate and get a test. Please see the new advice at the bottom of this letter from Prof Dominic Harrison re Blackburn with Darwen symptoms and tests.

If we get a positive case in school then close contacts will be informed and they will have to be isolated. If your child is asked to isolate they will be expected to continue with remote learning. Also if your child is shielding they will be expected to continue with remote learning.

## Arrangements for March 2021 from Monday March 8th

Class	Year	Teacher	Arrive	Leave	Entrance	Hand washing on arrival	Exit	Toilet block
Elm	R	Leanne Melia	9.00	2.55	Green gate and then the Blue door	Classroom	Blue door and green gate	classroom
Ash	R	Michelle Owens	9.00	2.55	Green gate and then the Blue door	Classroom	Blue door and green gate	classroom
Oak	1/2	Safiyya Ghadiyali	8.45	3.00	Green gate and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Green gate at the back of the school	classroom
Willow	1/2	Melissa Matthews	8.45	3.00	Green gate and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Green gate at the back of the school	Toilets at the bottom of the back stairs
Cherry	1/2	Rachel Maddock	8.45	3.00	Green gate and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Green gate at the back of the school	Toilets at the bottom of the back stairs
Hazel	3	Kaera Raja	8.35	2.50	Green gate and then straight to the classroom	Handsantizer at the bottom of the metal stairs and then wash hands in classroom	Green gate at the back of the school	Toilets at the bottom of the back stairs

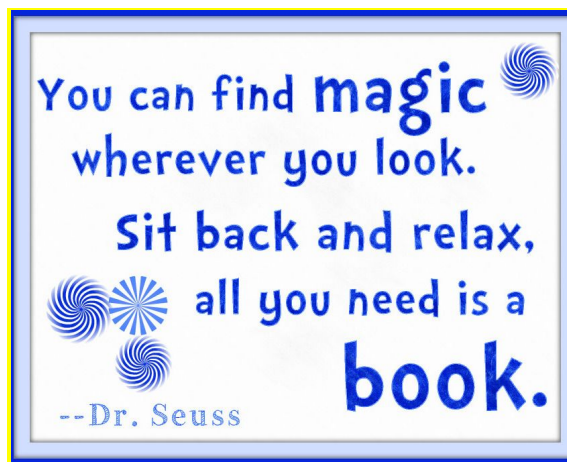
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Birch	3	Hayley Smith	8.40	2.55	Green gate and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Green gate at the back of the school	Toilets at the bottom of the back stairs
Rowan	4	Alison Morgan	8.40	2.50	Front door and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Front door	Toilets near the office area
Elder	4	Paul Ellis	8.45	2.55	Front door and then straight to the classroom	Classroom	Front door	Toilets near the office area
Beech	5	Yasmeen Abbas	8.30	3.00	Green gate Back stairs to classroom	Sinks at the bottom of the back stairs	Small Green gate near garden area	Year 5 toilets
Alder	5	Jessica Capewell	8.35	3.05	Green gate Back stairs to classroom	Sinks at the bottom of the back stairs	Small Green gate near garden area	Year 5 toilets
Hornbeam	6	Laura Payne	8.30	3.00	Front door	Sinks near office area	Front door	Year 6 toilets
Hawthorne	6	Andrew Burcher	8.35	3.05	Front door	Sinks near	Front door	Year 6 toilets

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### **Parents Evening**

Our Parents Evening is postponed until after the Easter holidays. This will give the children time to settle back into school and enable teachers to complete the termly assessments. They will then be able to report to you how your child has settled back into school and the appropriate recovery curriculum for your child. We will inform you of the date and the delivery method after the Easter holiday.

### **Reading**



The winners of the participation award on Oxford Reading Buddy this week is **Beech** class with an amazing 87% participation. Well done and remember that the children should be login on to Oxford Reading Buddy every day and enjoying some fantastic books.

### **World Book Day Thursday 4th March 2021**

Thursday 4th March will be World Book Day 2021. There will be lots of book related activities in all classes that will be delivered remotely. The Key Stage One children will also have a live online session with a professional children's book illustrator on Friday 5th March which will be great fun! Although we cannot celebrate world book day in our usual way, should your child want to dress up as a book character for the online learning on Thursday 4th March, that would be fantastic.

### **Children's University**

#### **Blackburn Children's University Challenges**

If your child has completed any of the February half term challenges from Blackburn Children's University please remember to send Sara Burton the evidence.

#### **Online Fun Fitness Club**

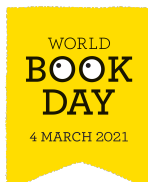
This is being run by Blackburn Rovers Community Trust and will be taking place next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If your child is in years 3 – 6 and would like to join please sign up via ParentPay by this Sunday.

### Internet Safety Poster Competition

An email has been sent with details about this. There are some fantastic prizes including a tablet for the winning poster! The deadline for entries tonight, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

### Dates for the Diary

- World Book Day Thursday 4th March
- KS1 Online author visit Friday 5th March



### Attendance



The classes with the best attendance in Online Maths lessons this week are **Beech and Year 2 Star Maths**. Well done to everyone in **Beech and Year 2 Star Maths**.

### Family Point Winners

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

Family/Week	22.1 .21	29.1 .21	5.2. 21	12.2 .21	26.2 .21	
Love	4	4	1	2	4	
Belonging	2	2	3	4	3	

<b>Thankfulness</b>	3	1	2	3	2	
<b>Service</b>	1	2	4	1	1	

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>S.A.M. Award</b>	<b>Sports Star of the Week</b>
Hawthorn	Safiya	
Hornbeam	Fatima & Fatiha	N.A
Beech	Mohammad Hasan & Muqheet Ahmed	
Alder	Hafsah	Saad
Elder	Layla	Muhammad Ali
Rowan	Saara	Anya
Birch	Imran	Amina
Hazel	Raitis	Malaika
Cherry	Mohammed P	Amira
Willow	Hadijah Hussain	
Oak	Ayesha	N/A
Elm	Jannat	Daner
Ash	Sara	Mahad

### **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.

### **Virtual Tour**

Please follow this link to see our new virtual tour:

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=gqjTag2MDSY>

We are really pleased with it and hope you like it.

## **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>

### **Supporting Children with Mental Health during COVID**

In addition to the resources shared by email yesterday, the following websites have ideas to support your child's mental health:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/the-redeemer-church-of-england-primary/UploadedDocument/1def415885c442a88c3bf39486902dc7/self-care.pdf>

[Own It - A place to help you boss your life online - Own It - BBC](#)

[Five ways to structure your day when you're stuck at home - Own It - BBC](#)

[Eight ways to support your anxious child during the coronavirus pandemic - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Six ways to support your children as lockdown eases - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Seven techniques for helping kids keep calm - CBeebies - BBC](#) (For Foundation and KS1 Children)

### **New Advice re Symptoms in Blackburn**

A NEW warning about the need for a coronavirus test even if you don't have the three classic symptoms of the disease was issued.

Blackburn with Darwen's director of public health Professor Dominic Harrison had said there are 11 other milder signs of Covid-19 infection.

They include a runny nose, a persistent headache, shortness of breath and vomiting. The classic three symptoms which the NHS advises people to look out for are a high temperature, a new persistent cough and a loss of smell or taste.

Prof Harrison issued his alert following new guidance from the World Health Organisation.

He is advising people who display any of the raft of milder symptoms to get a coronavirus test as soon as possible.

Prof Harrison said: "At the moment, national instruction is for people to get tested if they are showing the three main symptoms: a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste. However, many other countries advise residents to seek a test if they have any one of 11 known principal symptoms. They include: diarrhoea, a persistent headache, fever and chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and nausea or vomiting. Across Lancashire we've seen reports of residents who have only experienced, for example, diarrhoea or a persistent and unusual headache lasting more than 24 hours who later turn out to have a confirmed Covid-19 case. With that in mind I am now advising anyone in Blackburn with Darwen who is worried or has any doubts about their possible Covid symptoms to get tested as soon as possible. When you are booking a test, if you don't have the classic symptoms, simply say you don't.

A few clicks later on the website, you can then choose the option which says: 'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not



have symptoms'. Alongside the vaccination programme, testing continues to be one of the most vital tools to help us reduce the spread of infection."

**Professor Harrison advises our community to follow self isolation national guidance until the PCR test is confirmed.**



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