



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Remote Learning

Thank you so much for your amazing effort in supporting our children with remote learning. The attendance on live lessons is amazing and children are submitting their independent work on Google Classrooms regularly. Mr Hadwin has made an instructional video on how to do this if you need help. The link to this video has been emailed to you. The teachers have been sharing great examples of remote learning from across the school on our Twitter account. Please do have a look and like or share your favourite tweets. If you need any help with remote learning please ring the school office.

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.

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](#)

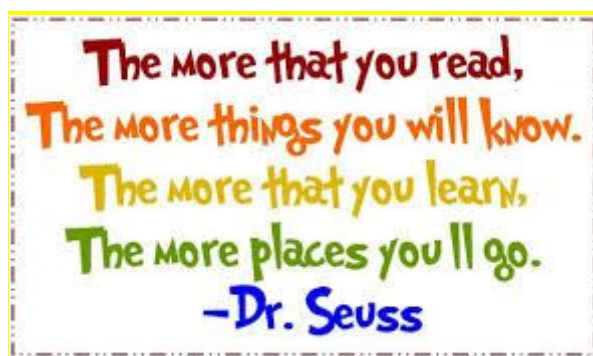
[Six ways to support your children as lockdown eases - BBC Bitesize](#)

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

Oracy

Well done to Aidan in Year 3 for a brilliant video showing his oracy skills which he completed as part of his remote learning. The video has been shared on our twitter account and has been liked, not only by Oracy 21, but also the Deputy Editor of CBBC Newsround.

Reading



Well done to those children in Year 2 to Year 6 who have started to use our new Reading Buddy website. Around a third of children are using the site. Lets see if we can make sure everyone in Year 2 to Year 6 is using it next week. From next week we will be having a class competition to see which class has been reading the most at home.

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 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. Don't forget our reading challenge as well.

Children's University

Creative Craft Pack

For anyone who has ordered one of these for the half term holidays please look out for an email in the next week confirming this and how it will be sent to your child.

Half Term Online Activities

There are a number of online activities happening over half term and include fun with animals, games, a creative activity and martial arts. All these activities are free to join except for the creative activity

which is £2 and children will get a creative pack for this. Sign up must be done for all of these on ParentPay. The deadline for signing up is Friday 5th February. If you have any questions or are struggling to sign up please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

Fun Fitness Online Club

We hope those who took part in this enjoyed it. Please keep an eye out in your emails for details of other sessions that may be running.

Children’s University Online Activity

Blackburn Children’s University are running a Friendship activity online on Saturday 13th February. The cost is £2 and for this children who sign up will be given a creative pack to work through at the activity. There will be some fun crafts to do! There are 3 sessions to choose from. Sign up must be done online on ParentPay and the deadline for signing up is Thursday 4th February. Any problems please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

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 **Beech with 99% attendance** on online English lessons this week. Well done to everyone in **Beech**.

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				
Love	4	4				
Belonging	2	2				

Thankfulness	3	1				
Service	1	2				

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

Class	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Muhammad Faruk	Aasiyah
Hornbeam	Noor Usman	
Beech	Adam	
Alder	Hafeza	Burhan
Elder	Ahmad	Yusuf
Rowan	Ibrahim	
Birch	Ayesha A	Viktor
Hazel	Aiza	Halima Baig
Cherry	Zeynab P	Ruqayyah
Willow	Abdullah	
Oak	Issa	Nasreen
Elm	Ibrahim	Mrs Parkes
Ash	Muhammad	

Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. 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.