



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, 9th February, as part of our **Safer Internet Day** we will be holding an online competition for parents. Throughout the day, parents will be able view, on the school Twitter (@stsilas_primary), some statements about St Silas School and decide whether they are 'fake news' or real. They will be invited to indicate on a Google form (to be sent out on Monday), which are true and which are false. Correct answers will be put into a draw and the entry that is picked out will win a **Chromebook**.

Youth Action UK

Thank you to Youth Action UK for donating some Raspberry Pi computers to some of our vulnerable families. They will make a huge difference in helping us ensure that no child is disadvantaged by this lock down.

Oracy

Well done to our children in Year 1/ Year 2 who have been looking at different ways to stay healthy. The children at home and in school have created some wonderful videos. You can watch some of the videos on our Twitter account.

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. The deadline for signing up is today Friday 5th February. If you have any questions or are struggling to sign up please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965. All details have been sent on an email and sign up needs to be done on ParentPay. Those who have already signed up should have received an email confirming the activities.

CU Friendship Activity

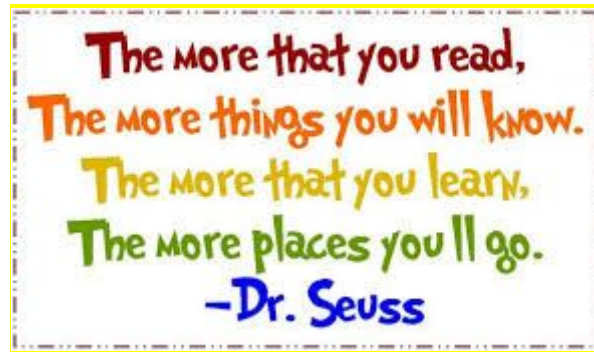
Those who have signed up to this please look out for an email to confirm it and also how your child will receive their craft pack for this.

BwD Safety Net - Get Involved

Blackburn Children's University is working with the NSPCC, Youth Action and Blackburn with Darwen Council looking at internet safety. They are asking parents / carers if they could help them with a short online survey? We are asking for parents / carers to complete this brief survey to let us know about their views on online safety. 3 winners will win prizes!* (winners drawn at random). Please click

the link to start the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/BwdSafetyNet> or copy and paste into your web browser. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

Reading



Children start to learn to read in St Silas using a phonics scheme called RWInc. Teachers are sharing RWInc ebooks and videos of these books for home reading during lockdown. From Year 2, they then progress to our reading scheme Oxford Reading Tree. Children can access these reading books at home on Oxford Reading Buddy.

The classes with the most children reading books on **Oxford Reading Buddy** are **Alder** and **Beech**. Every single child in each class has been reading books using Oxford Reading Buddy which is absolutely amazing. **Wow!!**

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 100% attendance** on online maths lessons this week. 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.

Family/Week	22.1 .21	29.1 .21	5.2. 21			
Love	4	4	1			
Belonging	2	2	3			
Thankfulness	3	1	2			
Service	1	2	4			

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

Class	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Fatima	
Hornbeam	Amaan	
Beech	Syeda Fatima	
Alder	Arsal	Arbaaz
Elder	Iqra	
Rowan	Zoha	
Birch	Umar	Self Isolating so no sports stars from school this week.
Hazel	Aidan	
Cherry	Humaira	Khadijah
Willow	Saif	Zahra
Oak	Sofia	Haadiya
Elm	Mustafaa	
Ash	Hashir	Zainab

Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. 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)



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