



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

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Health and Safety Executive Inspection

The school had a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspection on Tuesday. The inspector was impressed with our practice. It was very reassuring that he thought we were keeping our school community as safe as we possibly can. This is a quote taken from his email after the inspection:

'It was very encouraging to see the examples of DofE guidance introduced on site, some of which were most innovative and a credit to the school and the wider Cidari team'.

Covid

Unfortunately one more class has had to be closed this week-Hawthorne. Children in Birch are still isolating. The children in these classes are now taking part in remote learning through Google classrooms. If your child is in Birch or Hawthorne and you are finding this difficult please contact school. The school has some laptops it can loan to children who are isolating. 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.

Welcome back to Beech class who have returned after a period of isolation.

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.

Children's University Passports

Those children who still need their passports updated will be told when to bring it in so please do not send it in yet. A message will go out in a couple of weeks.

Children's University October Challenges

If any children have completed the October Challenges for Blackburn Children's University please ensure you send any evidence to Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk by this Sunday 22nd November. Nothing will be accepted after this date.

Blackburn Festival of Light

This will be taking place online this year and will take place this weekend (21st and 22nd November). Light up your gardens, back yards, alleyways and windows with wonderful creations and send them photos and videos to share with our community. Please check out their Facebook page for more information by searching 'Blackburn Festival of Light @home 2020' and click going to receive more updates. You can also visit their website at www.blackburnfestivaloflight.co.uk.

Children's University Craft Packs

There will be more information on Craft Packs for the Christmas holidays next week. Please keep an eye out. Information will be sent via text and email.

Save the Children

Alder class chose Save the Children as their class charity because they wanted to raise awareness of refugees. On Friday 11th December it is Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. Children are being encouraged to not wear their uniform on this day and we will be learning about refugees and Save the Children. If you wish your child to wear a Christmas jumper that is fine but there is no expectation that they wear one. There will also be a collection for Save the Children but again please do not feel that you have to contribute. It is a very hard time for a lot of families at the moment and we do not want to put anyone under pressure. The main idea is that the children understand the problems faced by refugees.

Dates for the Diary

- Parents Evening via phone week beginning 16th Nov or 23rd Nov
- Governors 9th December
- Friday 11th Dec Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- School closes for the holiday 18th Dec at 1.30pm.



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

Attendance



The classes with the best attendance this week are **Hawthorne and Oak with 100% attendance.** Well done to everyone in Hawthorne and Oak.

Please note covid related absence 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.

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Love	1	1	1			

Belonging	3	3	2			
Thankfulness	2	4	4			
Service	4	2	3			

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

Class	Star of the Week	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Arham	Aswad and Fatima
Hornbeam	Aleena	
Beech	Aisha P	N/A
Alder	Shu'ayb	Hafeza
Elder	Zubayr	
Rowan	Amelia	Zoha
Birch	whole class	
Hazel	Hayat	Usman
Cherry	Aahil	Anaya
Willow	Brandon	Junayd
Oak	Mutiur	Mutiur
Elm	Subhan	Safiyya
Ash	Laiba	Anastasia



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