



St Silas

Church of England Primary Academy

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Positive Tests

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 Birch class who have returned after a period of isolation.

Parking

The school has had complaints from our neighbours, who live near to school, regarding the parking of cars in the morning and after school. Please park considerately and do not block driveways or park on the pavement dips.

Congratulations

Well done to Subhan in Elm who entered a Blackburn with Darwen competition and won a tablet.

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 Craft Packs

If you would like to order a Festive Winter Craft pack for the holidays please login to ParentPay. Packs cost £5 and are available for children in Reception – Year 6. There is a limited number of packs available and they are offered on a first come first serve basis. Further details were sent out via email and text earlier this week. Packs must be ordered by next Thursday 3rd December.

Children's University Passports

If Blackburn CU needs to see your child's passport you will be sent an email and text about this over the next week. Please do not hand their passport in if you do not receive this email.

Ventilation

There has been further research into the importance of ventilation in reducing the spread of Covid-19. A new video has been produced by the Government on ventilation, including opening windows to allow fresh air into enclosed spaces which can help reduce the spread of the virus indoors. You can watch it [here](#). Please note that if your child needs to wear an extra jumper, the school uniform rules have been slightly relaxed to allow this.

Flu Vaccination

We're now well into flu season. Flu affects our immune system, making it easier for us to contract other infections, like COVID-19 or pneumonia, and can make other long-term illnesses worse. With Muslim communities having higher mortality rates of COVID-19 than any other faith group, flu threatens to further impact the health of our communities. However, flu vaccination uptake in Muslim communities is very low.

Our local NHS is supporting the Muslim Council of Britain's Operation Vaccination campaign. This campaign aims to encourage more people to get vaccinated by explaining why getting vaccinated against flu is so important, and the types of vaccine available.

It's not true that all flu vaccinations contain pork gelatine. The injectable vaccines, which are mainly offered to adults, DO NOT contain pork products. The nasal spray vaccine, which is offered to children, DOES contain pork products. This is the most effective vaccine, however, parents can request the alternative injectable vaccine for the first time this year because of the seriousness of the health crisis.

You can now book appointments with your local GP for the alternative injectable vaccine for your child.

The NHS has not yet confirmed the new date for their visit to school to vaccinate using the nasal spray. As soon as we get a date you will be sent a text message.

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>

Debt Advice Foundation

This charity that works alongside DebtAware and gives free, impartial advice and help. Ring:

01254 778404 or 0800 043 4050

Christmas

Christmas will be different this year due to COVID. Reception class will be recording their nativity to share with parents. The children will be joining a live online children's panto from the Grand theatre in Lancaster. This will be recorded by the theatre so if any class is isolating it can be watched when the children return. Christmas lunch will be grab bags with Christmas party type food and will be followed by a party. All these activities will be in your child's classroom and the bubbles will be secure.

Christmas Banner

Our Key Stage 1 children have created the artwork for the St Silas Church Christmas Banner.



Dates for the Diary

- Governors 9th December
- Friday 11th Dec Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 16th Dec Online Panto
- Thursday 17th Dec Christmas dinner and party
- School closes for the holiday 18th Dec at 1.30pm.



Twitter

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

Attendance



The class with the best attendance this week is **Oak with 100% attendance**. Well done to everyone in **Oak**.

Please note covid related isolation 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.

Family/Week	2.11 .20	9.11 .20	16.1 1.20	23.1 1.20		
Love	1	1	1	2		
Belonging	3	3	2	1		
Thankfulness	2	4	4	3		
Service	4	2	3	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	Hajra	N/A due to isolation
Hornbeam	Hifza	
Beech	Jannat	Adam
Alder	Armaan	N/A due to isolation
Elder	Ahmed	Layla
Rowan	M. Ali	Aisha B
Birch	Mohammad Patel	N/A due to isolation
Hazel	Aban	Anum M
Cherry	Nicholas	Simrah
Willow	Azaan	
Oak	Ayaan	Yahya
Elm	Aminah	Mustafaa
Ash	Hamzah	Ameera



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