

Newsletter

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Golden Children

Reception: Rabiya and Alissa

Year 1: Aisha and Alishba

Year 2: Ismah and Furqan

Year 3: Jane and Fatimah

Year 4: Rayhan, Ayan and Etana

Year 5: Aland and Aqsa

Year 6: Mohammed and Muhammed



Diary Dates

30.11.18 Mums and toddlers

04.12.18 Parent Progress Meetings

04.12.18 Girls Football at St Bede's

05.12.18 Years 5 and 6 Cinema Trip

10.12.18 Mini Choir Performance at Hopwood Court

13.12.18 Parliament Visit

14.12.18 Nursery and Reception Father Christmas Visit

17.12.18 Festival of Voice Year 5 and 6

19.12.18 Talent Show

20.12.18 Christmas Dinner

20.12.18 Super singing morning

20.12.18 Christmas parties

21.12.18 School Finishes 2pm

Winning Team

The winning team is Mars this week.

Attendance

Well done to 3AMC and 6CD for 99.33% attendance

Time beaters

Well done to classes: 6CD and 6DM

Drama Stars and Pineapple Stars

Well done to Rehan and Owais in Y5LK/JM

Well done to Saim and Filip in Y5AM

Speaker of the Week

Well done to Sumaiyah in Y5LK

Sports Award

Well done to Mariam in Y2DB

Science Winner

Well done to Janna from Y1LH and Ahmad Y5AM

Science question

How does Ice form?

Design your own Snowball throwing machine

Compassion

Our school value for this half term is 'Compassion'. Our quote for this half term is ... *"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* (Mark 12:31). It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what compassion means.

Reading

Our whole school is focussing on Reading. We are therefore are encouraging our children to read at home at least three times a week with another person, such as: parents, grandparents, older brothers and sisters. We will be checking the children's reading records to ensure that they have been signed by the person they have read with. Every signature counts as this will become a whole school competition. Although we are striving for a child having three signatures a week every signature counts so don't hold back, strive for reading seven times a week. Don't forget to visit our wonderful school library. Watch this space for some AMAZING reading opportunities!

St Thomas'

St Thomas' 'Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view at www.stthomasblackburn.org in the 'Parents' section.

Library

The school library now has a dual language section. Books in other languages! Come to the Library after school to enjoy books with your child in a variety of different languages. We are all very excited!

Collecting your child

If your child is being collected by another adult, please can you inform the office before 3.00pm in order for staff to inform class teachers.

Parent English and ICT classes

Would you like to improve your English and ICT skill? We are holding an 8 week parent workshop which will be practical and adapted to your level of needs. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your own skills as well as helping your child at home! For more information please ring the school office to ask for more details.

Parent Progress Meeting

Following the Autumn Term Assessments, we are holding Parent Progress Meetings. This meeting gives a chance to understand the new format of the tests, your child's results and next stages to help your child develop in various areas of Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. During the meeting, you will be provided with information stating your child's achievements and how we can work together to further develop your child's progress.

There will be two meeting times to choose from:

Tuesday 4th December 2018, 2.30 pm – 3.00pm or 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Please note: This is not a 1:1 parent meeting with your child's teacher. 1:1 meetings will take place in the Spring term. Please login to Parent Pay and book the relevant time allocation with your child/rens class teacher to attend the meeting.



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