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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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Pupils in the Blackfriars Duke of Edinburgh group have approached Mrs Parr to ask about the Y11 Prom. They were motivated by a discussion about how isolating disability can be at times and how they wanted to provide an opportunity in school to 'do what other kids do'

There will therefore be a variety of fun activities and challenges run throughout the afternoon of Tuesday 31st October, including pumpkin golf and sensory stories.

The pupils would like to ask everyone to dress in costumes on that day related to Witches and Wizards that are not scary or gory or inappropriate for school and send £1 towards the Prom fundraising. Pupils can also come in black if uncomfortable in costumes. There will be a costume parade and contest.

It would really support the pupils' activities if parents could donate sweets or chocolate for rewards for the challenges and for pupils to bring in a bag or bucket to collect their rewards in.

We will be discussing Autumn celebrations, traditions, the history behind Halloween and how it is connected to All Saints day in the assembly on the Monday.

If you have any questions please ring school and ask to speak to your Form Teacher.

## Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:  
01782 235100  
Outside office hours:  
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:  
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
Outside office hours:  
0345 678 9040

## Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719  
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015

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## Blackfriars Academy Newcastle & Bucknall



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Advance notice: Blackfriars Newcastle will close at 2.00pm on 22/12/17 the last day of term & at 2.00pm on the 20th July 2018 the last day of the summer term.

## Scholar of the Week:

Lucy (Class 1) for settling into school so good.

## Parent Forum - Newcastle

Blackfriars Newcastle Parents' Forum dates are:

23rd November 2017  
 21st December 2017  
 25th January 2018  
 15th February 2018  
 22nd March 2018  
 26th April 2018  
 24th My 2018  
 21st June 2018

Start time: 2:00pm



You may recently have received notification from the LA about changes to transport. In that notification, it stated that school closes on the 19th December when we do, in fact, not close until Friday 22nd at 2pm We have received confirmation from the LA that this was a mistake and contracts with minibus and taxi companies are being extended to 22nd December. Staffordshire Local Authority are then issuing new contracts to companies that can comply with their more stringent regulations. They are working hard to liaise with school to ensure that students' needs are met as far as possible when routes are devised and drivers and escorts are appointed.

*thank you!*

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents' Forum on Thursday, it was great to see so many of you there. The next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm when Caudwell Children will be attending and hopefully working with us to change our children's lives

Please remember to have a good sort out over the holidays and fill your bag with old clothes. School will receive **40p per kilo** of clothes.



**School closes tonight and will re-open to students on Monday 30th October.**



Class 5 are to be congratulated for their winning entry in the autumn pumpkin carving competition. This was a strongly contested competition which resulted in 9 fantastic pumpkins that were judged by Hilary Biggin from the Newcastle Foodbank. Hilary spoke very powerfully to the students about why their donations were so important in helping families who cannot afford food for their children or themselves. This message was well received by the students because Mrs O'Connor's wonderful assembly had explored the need for us all to work together. Students learning that it is only through co-operating with one another that people can be fed. Your donations have helped the Foodbank provide over **150 meals** to people in crisis in the Newcastle area, a very big thank you from them and us.



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