



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

3rd July 2014

WELCOME

We have now appointed our new Year 6 teacher, Miss Nuala Doyle will be joining us in October. She has been working at Childwall Valley Primary for a number of years and brings with her plenty of experience some new ideas and a great desire to teach pupils at St Aidan's. I am delighted that she will be joining our team and we are all really looking forward to working with her. Miss Doyle will join us after October half term.

United Utilities and the School Field

The team at United Utilities wanted me to extend a huge thankyou to you all for your fabulous support last Thursday. They were absolutely delighted by the response from parents and pupils. There were so few cars they thought we had closed for the day. They said that they have never had such great support from a school and wanted me to thank you all on their behalf. The concrete pouring has been completed without any hitches and we return to what has become normal for now outside school. United Utilities will be providing every child with a brand new water bottle for use in school as a small gesture of appreciation for their efforts to walk to school last week. Thank you all once a gain!

Dogs on the Yard

Please remember not to bring your dogs to school when you bring and collect the children. If you do need to bring your dog then they should wear a muzzle, however we would prefer it if they stayed at home. Thanks

COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please let us know via a letter, phone call or message to the office if someone different is collecting your child from school.. We try to ensure all pupils are safe and sometimes we do not know the person who has been sent to collect a child. Unless a prior arrangement has been made we will only be able to hand your child to a known relative. Please support this. It is after all for your child's own safety.

I am also aware that at home time it can become frustrating to wait for your child to be released into your care (especially when it rains). Please wait at the bottom of the stairs or a little way away from the door so we can see you

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

Our School Nurse Helen is starting a drop in session on a Friday—the first one is Friday July 4th. She will be available from 9am in school and can support you with a host of issues from bed wetting to asthma, problems with your GP or healthy eating, nits or poor health. Pop in and say hello, she will be in the Bubble room and will be able to speak privately.

Transition Day

All of the children (and staff) enjoyed Transition Day on Wednesday. It is good for staff to spend time with their new class before the summer and it is also helpful for children as it dispels all the myths and worries they may have about a particular teacher!

Although staff work with each class each term during story share it is nice to spend a couple of hours with the children to find out about them. This will help staff prepare for September!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

4th July	Sports Day
7th July	Reports
8th July	New Nursery
14th July	Leavers Mass
18th July	End of Term
2nd September	New Term

FARM VISIT

Last week we were visited by Bramhall's farm. The children all spent some time looking at, petting and learning about how the farm works, how the animals are fed and also how they are looked after, it was lovely to see the children being so careful when handling the animals. There will be pictures on the web-site soon I am sure as many were taken during the day.

Thankyou to Mr Magill for organising the day!

STORY SHARE SESSIONS

A big thankyou to all of you who have attended or will be attending our story share sessions. We are trying hard to promote reading for pleasure and what better way than sharing a story with a family member? Reading should be fun and although we encourage learning through the use of reading books we also want the children to read for pleasure. This can sometimes be re reading a favourite story or taking it in turns to read with an adult. Keep it up!

Uniform

If you are beginning to buy new uniform for September then please remember that Lisa has a shop on East Prescott Road and has plenty of uniform in stock. We will provide all Infants with a reading bag and all juniors with a PE bag

Uniform is;

Royal Blue School Jumper or Cardigan
Blue Shirt
School Tie
Grey trousers (boys) or skirts (girls)
Black shoes (plain black, no colours)

PE Kit

Light Blue t shirt (round neck)
Royal blue shorts
Black Pumps for indoor sport (gym and dance)
Trainers for outdoor games
(All children bar Reception pupils must have a PE kit)

School coats and tracksuits are also available

ATTENDANCE NEWS

As mentioned 2 weeks ago we will be implementing the Knowsley Attendance Policy for persistent absence from September. From September you can be fined if your child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence from school in a term.

Unauthorised absence is any absence where school has not been informed of the reason for a child's absence in writing or where the school do not accept the reason provided for absence. Holidays during term time are also classed as an unauthorised absence. Please ensure everyone involved in the care of your child knows the school holiday dates as fines start at £60 per parent per child.