



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

November 2015

Anti Bullying Work

We have been spending time working with the children on the theme of Anti Bullying. It is a topic we re-visit every year so that children have all the skills, knowledge and confidence to manage all situations they face. Children in Years 2-6 watched a drama called Sticks and Stones this week which looked at name calling and Cyber Bullying, two topics that most children will need to deal with sometime in their life. We hope that the children use the skills they have learnt over the last few weeks if they ever need to.



INSET DAY

We are closed to children on Monday as we have a training day for staff. We choose a date in November so that if you wish you can start to get organised for Christmas—buy Christmas clothes, visit Santa and avoid the crowds. If you are lucky enough to go shopping on Monday—enjoy!!!

30 Day Attendance Challenge

Tomorrow, Friday 27th November is the start of the 30 day Attendance Challenge. Every child has been set a challenge by the Local Authority to attend school for 30 days without a break. This is 15 days before Christmas and 15 days after Christmas. Every child who achieves the challenge will receive a free Leisure Pass.

Please encourage your child to participate fully

Other Attendance Initiatives

You may have noticed the School Attendance Officer is working with us to reduce the number of children arriving late to school. The leaflet that is handed out outlines the consequences for continued lateness. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges

At Christmas we will be awarding the first of the badges awarded by the Local Authority. All children with 100% from September to Christmas will receive a Bronze award. Children can then strive to achieve Silver in January or start again on Bronze if they missed out this term!

Uniform

Please ensure that ALL children wear their tie for school. A number of children are arriving at school without a tie and as a consequence are losing Golden Time as they are not in full uniform. Please help them to look smart. We believe that if you look smart you feel smart!

Jewellery

Please note, children should not wear Jewellery for school. There is concern that earrings can get caught on the yard when playing and certainly are not allowed when taking part in any PE lessons or competitive sports as they will rip a child's ear. Small stud earrings can be worn on non PE days. Your child will be asked to remove earrings or cover them with tape as it is a Health and Safety issue.

Christmas Activities 2015

We have made a couple of changes to our Christmas Activities List this year. As numbers have grown and hall space is at a premium for rehearsals, lunch and PE we have reduced the number of plays and performances.

Tuesday 8th December	Y2 Christmas Activity Session 11-12 noon Y5 Christmas Activity Session 2-3pm
Friday 11th December	Y6 Christmas Activity Session 9.30-10.30am
Monday 14th December	Choir Singing Events Y4 Activity Afternoon 2-3.pm
Tuesday 15th December	Reception Play 9.30am Year 3 Play 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th December	N-Y2 Christmas Dinner Nursery Plays 10.30am & 2.30pm Y1 Activity Afternoon 2-3pm
Thursday 17th December	Reception Play 2.30pm Year 3 Play 9.30am
Friday 18th December	Y3-6 Christmas Dinner N-Y6 Parties (own clothes) Christmas Jumper Day

Schools Health Team Health Promotion Message

Food Fact of the Week:

"Fruit And Vegetables are great for Health. They're a terrific source of all 3 substances your body needs to work well and grow. 1. Vitamins 2. Minerals 3. Fibre

Our bodies can't make vitamins or fibre. And we can't absorb minerals direct from rocks but fortunately for us plants can! That's why we need to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables because they contain loads of vitamins, fibre and minerals. The best way of making sure that we get enough is to eat at least 5 portions of different fruits and vegetables every day"