



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

January 2016

TRAINING DAY TOMORROW

Please remember that tomorrow is a staff training day and we are therefore closed to pupils.

Staff will be refreshing training on Behaviour Management and also undertaking the new PRE-VENT training which all schools need to now complete to keep children safe. We hope that you enjoy your long weekend with your families and look forward to seeing the children back safe and sound on Monday morning

PRAYER GARDEN

Our Prayer Garden at the front of school is now officially opened. Fr Anton came and blessed the garden and held a short service with some of the children who had been involved in the planning and completion of the garden. The garden is a lovely place for children to sit and be peaceful. Please feel free to use the garden when you visit but please remember it is a place of peace and tranquillity and prayer. Please respect this if you use the garden.

PUNCTUALITY

At our recent Governors meeting in January, Governors were surprised to learn that since the last meeting in December we have recorded 449 late marks. This is children arriving at school usually after 9.05am (we even try to be a little lenient in case our clock is a little fast). Governors were shocked and supported the visits by School Attendance.

Did you know that you can be fined if your child is continually late after the close of register. It also means they miss out on the start of the day and have to catch up with their classmates and activities.

Please make 2016 the year when you get your child to school on time if you are one of the people who is often late. It really is important.

RE INSPECTION

Thankyou to all the people who returned the questionnaires for our RE Inspection. The Inspection took place yesterday (Wednesday 27th January) and was led by Father Melly of Our Lady's and the Archdiocese Christian Education Service. It was a very thorough Inspection of all our work in Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the school. Every teacher was observed and every child took part. It was lovely to see so many positive responses from parents when we collated and summarised the questionnaires. If you were one of the parents who felt you needed more information or were unhappy about an aspect of school or even didn't know an answer then please come and ask or come and speak to us so we can improve.

We are pleased to inform you that we were rated **OUTSTANDING!!!** We are delighted!

SPORTS NEWS

We have been busy in a number of sporting events since our last newsletter. We took part in our first ever Basketball competition and did really well, winning some great games. We have also been involved in an Everton Football Competition and yesterday the Girls took part in a Football Tournament. They won their group rounds (winning all 3 games) but sadly lost the next round 3-1

It is great to see so many children choosing to be involved in Sport and Competition.

We are planning some events for Sport Relief after the half term and have a visit planned by Great Britain Athletics Representative Tom Lancashire who will hopefully be representing us at this years Olympics

Christingle Service

Next Tuesday you are all invited to come along to our Christingle service. The children will be making Christingles throughout the day and then we will end the day with 2 gatherings.

Firstly at for KS1 at 1.45pm and then at 2.30 pm for KS2

We will meet in the hall.

Christingle or Candlemas as it is also known celebrates light.

Already the nights are getting lighter and this makes us feel so much better. We celebrate the importance of light in our lives.

All are welcome...please don't be late

Breakfast Club – the club can only take children from 8am onwards for insurance purposes, please do not drop off your children unsupervised before this time. The cost of the club is £1.50 per child per day, to be paid on the day attending.



SPELLING BEE

Next Wednesday we are having our first ever St Aidan's Spelling Bee. Children in Years 3-6 have been learning the spellings that they need to know for their age group/year group and the best spellers in each house team in each class will battle against other house teams across the school to be named the SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS 2016. If this is successful we will then try it with KS1 and then invite other schools to join in.

If your child is in Year3-6 you should hopefully know about this already. Please help them to learn their spellings. In school we have been having mini competitions and many children have shown great improvement

DOGS ON THE YARD

It has been brought to our attention that some people are bringing dogs on the yard at the start and end of the day. For Health and Safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the yard. Should your dog bite a child you would be prosecuted. Even though your dog may be very placid children AND dogs are unpredictable. Please leave your dog at home. Even leaving the dog outside is not a good option as the gate area become congested!

Dinner Money and additional nursery sessions – to be paid on Monday morning to the school office. Dinners can also be paid using the Parent Pay System, please call into the school office for further details.

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There are loads of pictures to see