



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter

July 2015

Tuesday marks the end of another successful and busy school year. It has certainly been challenging but as enjoyable as ever! We end the year on a high following a 1 day Inspection by HMI (Her Majesty's Inspectorate). The Inspector has written a wonderful report which is available on the Ofsted website and recognises the great work we do to ensure children achieve well at St Aidan's. We are also celebrating fantastic SATs results. Pupils in Year 6 are expected to achieve Level 4, however 70% of Year 6 pupils achieved Level 5 this year! This is the best ever result at this level for the school and we are both delighted and very proud of their achievements.

Over 80% of Pupils in Year 1 achieved the required standard in their phonics test, putting us above the National Average and in Year 2 we increased by over 20% the number of pupils achieving National Average in Writing. The children at St Aidan's receive a great education and have such great potential. We will continue to strive for excellence again next year and with your support at home we truly believe that together we can achieve great things.

### Reading for Pizza

We had our Pizza Party this week. 36 children won a place at the party and enjoyed a feast of pizza. Well done to those children and thank you to Miss Finley for organising the event and to parents for encouraging children to read every day.

### Fun Factor Reward Trip

Children who achieved a Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher Award this term spent time at the Fun Factor today to celebrate their success. They played on the indoor obstacles and were a credit to the school. The children had been awarded a certificate for their good behaviour, manners, politeness and hard work. Well done everyone.

### Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 2 Sports Days. We were so lucky this year with the weather and there was a great turn out from parents and family members. I am sure you enjoyed the event as much as we did. What was particularly lovely was the spirit in which the children took part. We tried to ensure ALL children took part and had fun and there were a lot of smiling faces whether they won or lost, so well done children! We want Sports Day to be fun for everyone and I think we succeeded in achieving just that this year. Thanks to the parents who took part in the very competitive parents races! Hopefully next year we will have our big field back in action so you can all get training for those longer distances.

## Goodbyes

We are preparing to say GOODBYE to a number of staff who are moving on to new adventures, new countries and new jobs. Thank you to Mrs Simpson, Mr Fox, Miss Cullen, Miss Barton, Mr Fitzsimmons, Miss Holland, Miss Smith, Mr Jones, Mrs Rowlands and of course Mrs Deslandes who left earlier this year for all they have done to support our children over the time they have worked at St Aidan's. They have all played an important part in the work of the school in their individual roles in school and we wish them well for the future. We also say Goodbye to Year 6 pupils. We wish them well in their new schools and hope that they will remember and use all they have learned at St Aidan's in the future.

We will be celebrating mass on Tuesday 21st July at 9.30am to thank all our staff and say goodbye to Year 6 pupils. Come along and join us if you are free that day.

## Start of New School Year

School ends on July 21st at normal time

Most pupils will return on Wednesday  
2nd September at 9am

Reception and Nursery children have different starting days. Please make sure you know when your child is due back in school. The first few days are really important to a child, don't let them miss out

## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

The new attendance target for 2015 will be 97% for each pupil. This means that you will need to ensure your child stays fit and healthy all year. We will continue to work with the Knowsley School Attendance Service and next year they will be issuing fines to parents whose children drop below target. Please stay in contact with school and let us know why your child is absent. It is so important!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform will remain the same for September. Lisa has kept prices the same again this year which is good news. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and wears it every day. Shoes MUST be ALL black. Please label all uniform. We have a huge pile of lost property in school, none of which is named so cannot be returned.

### Boys

Grey trousers or shorts  
Blue shirt  
School tie  
School jumper  
Black shoes  
Grey socks

### Girls

Grey skirt or pinafore  
Blue shirt  
School tie  
School jumper or cardigan  
Black shoes  
White or grey socks

### PE KIT

ALL children Reception to Year 6 MUST have a PE kit from September. We have employed a PE teacher to ensure that the children receive quality PE lessons. Kit, trainers or pumps are essential. School Tracksuits are also available. Children will need warm kit for winter

## KHT Community Fun Day

There is a fantastic free fun day being held on Saturday 18th July 11am—3pm. There will be lots of fun activities and competitions for all the family including football competitions, singing competitions, face painting and a treasure hunt. Go along and give it a try, it sound great fun!

## STAY SAFE

All the staff and Governors wish you all a happy and safe Summer Holiday. We will see you all back again in September. Please look after our school and grounds and keep it and yourselves safe until the new school year.

Thanks