



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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OFSTED

As you know Ofsted visited last week. The lead inspector has asked that we pass on their thanks to all of you who returned a questionnaire and to the parents who they spoke to on the yard. The questionnaires demonstrated the positive support you all have for our school and the pride you have in St Aidan's. The Inspectors were impressed by the volume of returns and the positive nature of responses—thankyou inspectors also thanked the children for all they did during the 2 days. They behaved well, spoke beautifully and with enthusiasm and pride, read well and were as enthusiastic and hardworking as ever in lessons. The inspectors were full of compliments for the children from how smart they all looked to how delightful and engaging they were. We have told them how proud we are of them.

We now await our report it should be with us after half term.

School Council

The school council has been selected. This year they had to complete an application form to explain why they wanted the job and share their ideas about how they could make our school a great place. We had some fabulous applications—the children enjoyed learning how to complete an application form and thought it would help them get a job when they are older which was part of the reason for the form!

Our School Council this year are;

Brendon Baker, Carl Sinclair, Carly Park and Molly Owens—Y6

Sean Geraghty, Lili Mae Johnson, Michael Downey and Laycie Edmundson

Alan Liang, Ella Durkin and Chloe Schaeffer—Jones—Y3

WELL DONE

National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day last week. Mrs French read to the children a poem about memories and the children all shared their favourite memories from home and school. Some children even wrote their own memory poem and we are in the middle of constructing a giant poem filled with every child's favourite school memory. There are lots of lovely ideas including many lovely activities and events we had forgotten about including trips to the beach and squirrel woods, visitors, PE lessons, Christmas parties, talent shows, getting a gold star or just playing with friends.

Ask your child about the poem and see if you can make a family memory poem, we have had a lovely time recalling all the lovely times we have shared together in school, it's well worth it!

As soon as the poem is finished we will let you hear it (or if it is very long—some of it)!

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 SESSION

Our school Nurse Helen will be available tomorrow—Friday 17th October from 8.45-9.15/9.30am to talk to parents.

If you have any concerns about your child from asthma to head lice to problems with your GP, then pop in and have a chat with her.

TARGET DAY/MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Thank you to everyone who attended target day—we have now seen probably 99% of parents which is fantastic. It is so important that we work together and communicate with each other as this is the best way to ensure your child succeeds. I believe there were lots of positive messages shared. The children work so hard in school and it is always nice for parents to hear lovely messages about their child, so thank you for supporting target day. If you have not had a chance to meet your child's teacher yet and find out about their targets and how they are performing in school then please contact school immediately.

SCHOOL OFFICE

From Monday 22nd September the School Office will only be open from 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30-3.45pm for calls or questions etc If you need information then please leave a message on the answer phone or call during these times. We are trying to work more efficiently please help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13th October—photographer for website

17th October—Nurse Drop In at 8.45am

24th October—finish for half term

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Remember

During playtime and lunchtime you will not be able to cross the school yard as from Monday 24th September. All visitors to the school during these times will either need to wait until the yard is clear or will be accompanied by a member of staff across the yard safely. This may also apply to any times children have a PE lesson. Please be patient, it is for your own and the safety of the children.

Thankyou

Clubs

The football team have been in action in their league competition. They played a few games to start the season but need a little more training—we are having a slow start like Liverpool!

The Cross Country Team have also been in action this half term and have completed race 1. We are now in training for Race 2 and hope to improve on our performance

All children are welcome to attend school clubs so please encourage them to attend.