



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

October 2015

Almost Half Term Already!

Next week is the last week in school this half term. In some ways the term has flown but in others it does feel like it is time for a break. We have had a very busy half term. The staff and children have been getting used to new classes, a new curriculum and a new way of assessing and it has been a lot of hard work for everyone.

This term we have been studying British Values and looking at Great Britain in more detail. Classes have studied England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and found out about what is the same and what is different or even unique about each country. All of the children now know much more about where we live. We also began to learn about the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. The children all took part in the election of the school council and learnt how to vote using a ballot paper. Through learning about school rules and respect we have also understood why rules are important as they keep us safe. We will continue to learn about these values throughout the year as we prepare our pupils for life in Britain.



Head Boy Autumn term

Owen Brew

Head Girl Autumn term

Lily Allan

Well done

School Council 2015

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| Year 6 | Connor Bennett & Laycie Edmundson |
| Year 5 | Emily Hannon & Mollie Bolton |
| Year 4 | Faye Campbell & Dean Allan |
| Year 3 | Macie Hannah & Owen Davies |
| Year 2 | Amy Lawler & Amy Hubble |

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!

PE KIT

ALL children Reception to Year 6 **MUST** have a PE kit in school **EVERY DAY**. Kit, trainers or pumps are essential. School Tracksuits are also available and will be essential this year. Children will need warm kit for winter as we will be working hard to ensure that the children receive 2 hours of exercise a week. We will not take them outside if it is too wet or too cold but we will be going outside when it is damp and cold much more regularly and it isn't pleasant doing PE in T Shirt and Shorts this time of year.

Dropping Pupils Off Early

Please do not send Junior aged children to school before 8.45am. There is no one to supervise them until this time and it is a risk you are taking leaving them unsupervised. If you need them to be in school before 8.45am we have a breakfast club for pupils. The cost of breakfast club is £1.50 per session. It is important for safety reasons that children are not left on the yard without an adult.



National; Poetry Day

Last Thursday was National Poetry Day. We celebrated by learning by heart a poem and then performing it for the whole school. The children did really well to remember their poem with some very imaginative actions. A wide vocabulary is so important and learning a poem certainly stretched the children's knowledge and linguistic skills.

LITTER

Please help us out by encouraging and reminding the children not to drop litter inside or outside the school gate. We have collected almost a bin bag full of sweet wrappers and bottles (most of which are not allowed in school lunch boxes). I know the children like a snack at home time and some children win rewards but please ensure the litter goes in the bin. We work hard to teach the children to be proud of St Aidan's School please help us.

Sports and activities

The school football team have been in action already and achieved 2 draws last week in the league—as yet unbeaten!

The cross country team also had a competition. It was hard work and the children have vowed to get even fitter so that they can compete with the other schools. If your child joined a club please keep encouraging them to attend.

We are beginning a Gymnastic Club and Judo club in school soon. I hope that this appeals to many children who may not already be involved in other sports clubs.