



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

May 2016

Spring Break

We break up tomorrow for half term. As always we will finish at 'normal' time (3.15pm). We return to school on Tuesday 7th June. Hopefully the weather will be fantastic next week so the children will all be able to play outside and you will have a nice relaxing holiday.

When we return there will only be 6 1/2 weeks until the Summer break. The last term is packed full of exciting activities so please ensure your child is in school every day so that they don't miss out

ATTENDANCE NEWS

After the holiday we are launching a final incentive for excellent attendance. As well as some children still striving for Bronze, Silver and even Gold badges from the Local Authority we will be running a class voucher incentive. Children will earn tickets for the attendance prize if they are in school and if they are on time. The more tickets they have the more chances they will have in the draw for a voucher for Smyths, Toys r Us, Claire's or similar. We also planning an incentive for parents to support the children with a prize for the winning family. So please make Attendance and Punctuality a priority

Governors of St Aidan's have recently written to a number of families who continue to arrive late for school as they want to support us in ensuring all children are successful. We thank them for their support on this issue and hope that we can report an improvement at the next meeting



School Uniform

The children look fantastic in their summer uniform. Please don't let it slip in the last term. Shoes are the most difficult. Please ensure your child wears BLACK shoes, pumps or trainers. Black pumps are really light and easy to wear during the summer and don't cost a lot at this late stage in the school year.

It causes so much upset when some children wear something different, so please help by sending your child to school in the correct (labelled) uniform

SUN SAFE

We have received information about keeping children safe in the sun. The Health campaign reminds us that children burn easily in the sun and need sun cream applying before school on a sunny day (factor 15+), some children need to wear a hat and we need to remind them to try and stay out of the sun when it is at it's hottest.

PE KIT

We are now using the school field for PE and after school activities. Children are required to do at least 2 hours of PE each week. This isn't easy when they don't have a kit in school. . All children from Reception to Year 6 need a school PE Kit. It would really help if it was left in school and was labelled clearly. Many items are lost or misplaced but we cannot return them as they are not labelled.

PE Kit

Pale Blue T shirt

Royal Blue Shorts



AWARDS

We have been winning more awards this term which is always good news. Mrs Cooper who runs the Reading Recovery Programme has been awarded Reading Recovery Teacher of the Year Award, Olivia Dougherty (Year 1) has achieved Reading Recovery Reader Award for her reading progress and Miss Kenneway won Reading Recovery Manager of the Year Award. We will be taking 4 children to London to receive the awards after half term. This is a great achievement for the schools and follows our Reading Recovery School Award achieved last year. It also compliments the GOLD Reading Quality Mark award we achieved in February.

Reading is so important. Once a child can read and understand what they are reading then the whole curriculum opens out to them. I know sometimes it is hard to find the time to listen to children every night but it is so important and makes such a difference. We really see in school the difference when a child reads at home with an adult. Please support your child and spend 5 minutes a night helping them with their reading. It will make such a difference!

Dates for Summer Term

Week 1—Science Week

Week 3—Healthy Lifestyles Week

8th June—Reward Trip to Fun Factory

10th June—London Trip

14th June—Choir singing at Cathedral

14th/16th June Athletics at Wavertree

13th – 17th June Phonics Tests



Dates for Summer Term

30th June—Art Workshop

6th July—Transition Day

7th July—Speak Out

8th July - KS1 Sports

9th July—KS2 Sports

19th July—Leavers Assembly (TBC)

20th July—Last Day/Leavers Mass

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 of attendance.

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