



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

June 2016

It's that GOODBYE time of year!

It seems that at this time of year in school we always have to say Goodbye to a member of staff who will leave us at the end of the school year. This summer Mrs French, our fantastic Deputy Head will be leaving St Aidan's to explore new ventures and enjoy new opportunities. We will miss her greatly as she provided amongst many other things, fun, dedication, expertise, warmth, humour, energy and a passion for Literacy. I know I certainly will miss all she does for our school, its staff, pupils, families, standards and curriculum. Mrs French has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for our children and brought the colour and finesse to our school that is evident throughout the building. We wish her well (as well as being a little jealous that she will have so much free time to explore new things), will miss her greatly and thank her for all she has done for many children at St Aidan's



READING RECOVERY AWARDS

Last Friday we went to London to collect our 3 awards from the University College London. Olivia D won her own award for her fantastic reading (the silver cup in the picture) and we won the prize for Reading Recovery Teacher and Manager of the Year. We are so proud. We had a great day, visiting Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Downing Street before heading to the ceremony. The children from Year 1 have all taken part in the Reading Recovery Programme this year and represented the many children who have worked so hard to improve their reading. Well done!

On Tuesday we went to the Cathedral with the choir to sing for a congregation of over



1000. We were a part of a special school choir led by the Cathedral Musical Director and supported by the choristers from the cathedral. Bishop Tom led the mass as we celebrated the goodness of our children. It was a really beautiful celebration. To hear the children sing and see them so enthusiastic was such a pleasure. Well done everyone, you were fantastic!

SPORTS NEWS

We have been busy in a number of sporting events since our last newsletter including football tournaments, cricket tournaments and an Athletics Event at Wavertree Athletics track. It is good to see so many children getting involved in these events and trying new sports and activities. We may not have won any trophies but the children have enjoyed the experiences, made some new friends and begun to develop new skills and interests. We will continue to encourage the children to take part in a wide range of activities next year. If you wish for your child to be more involved they need to regularly attend after school clubs or in school activities, have their PE kit in for lessons and participate fully during PE lessons. Maybe we have a future sports star—they will never know unless they try new things and get involved.

SPORTS DAY

I believe I put the wrong date in the last newsletter—thanks to the parents who read the newsletter carefully and spotted the mistake (I was just checking if you all read it)! Apologies it was a genuine mistake.

Sports Days are planned for

Tuesday, 12th July Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday, 13th July Years 3-6

Sports Day will take place on the big field starting promptly at 9.45am until 12 noon. Pray for sunshine!!!!

E Safety Newsletter

You should receive a special newsletter today (if your child is in Years 3-6) which will give you some information about keeping your child safe on line. We are supported by the Knowsley Computer Service to ensure pupils are safe at school and they have produced this newsletter for staff. It is full of information—much of which you may already know but please do have a read. It is written mostly with parents of Junior age pupils in mind but if you would like a copy then please just ask at the school office.

END OF TERM and NEW TERM

Not long now until the end of the school term. We finish on 20th July at normal time. Before then you will receive your child's report and you are all invited to attend our end of term mass which will take place on the last day in church (hopefully at 9.30am),

Please have a look for any reading books you may have around the house and if your child is in Year 6 and you have any PE kit , PE bags or spare uniform then pass them in to school, we always find a use for spare items.

Pupils will return to school Tuesday 6th September. School meal prices are increasing to £1.80 per day £9 per week from September and £1.30 for a Nursery meal.

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 becomes 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. **Please ensure you are up to date with all dinner payments and Nursery sessions BEFORE THE END OF TERM.**

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There are loads of pictures to see