



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

July 2016

Another Year Over (well almost)

This Newsletter brings to a close another year of school. As ever it has been extremely busy. We have grappled with the new requirements for testing and assessment, enjoyed sporting success and achieved a number of awards for Reading. We achieved an Outstanding rating from the Archdiocese for our work in school, we have enjoyed a wide and varied curriculum filled with excitement, awe and wonder, we have laughed, cried, toiled and solved endless problems and challenges to end the year, happy, content, exhausted but richer for the many experiences we have had throughout the year. Thank you to you all for your support, it really makes a difference and allows us to do all we do for the children.

I hope you all have a happy and safe summer break

Congratulations

We have appointed our new Deputy Head. We are delighted to announce that from September Miss Stockton will be Deputy Head. She has been at St Aidan's for 12 years and knows the school inside and out, knows all parents, knows all children, is an outstanding teacher and will therefore be a great leader for our school.

Miss Stockton will continue to teach Reception and Lead our Early Years Team but will obviously have some additional responsibilities. I am sure you will all support her.

SPORTS DAY

Apologies that we have had to change the date of Sports Day. The weather has been awful. Fingers crossed we can go ahead on Monday and Tuesday next week

KS1 Monday 9.45am KS2 Tuesday 9.45am

MOBILE NUMBERS

We have noticed that we do not have an up to date mobile number for everyone. You should have been receiving texts from us recently. If you haven't, come to the office and update your contact details with Mrs Wright please.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

After consultation with staff, Governors and parents the overwhelming majority of people have voted to change the school day to the new hours. This is great news for the school and we are delighted that so many of you could see the benefits for the children and staff and hopefully for parents. We have agreed to monitor the changes over the next year and report to Governors any strengths and issues that we identify. I know that a small number of parents had some concerns. If you need to discuss any individual issues please pop in and see Miss Kenneway

From September

SCHOOL WILL START AT 8.45am and end at 3.30pm

END OF TERM and NEW TERM

We finish next Wednesday, 20th July at normal time.

You are all invited to the **end of Year mass** which is tomorrow, **Friday 15th July in church at 9.30am**. Here we will say goodbye to staff and pupils who are leaving and give thanks for the year we have had in school

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

PACKED LUNCHES

If your child has a packed lunch can you please help us by not sending in chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks. We are encouraging the children to make healthy choices and plan to have a TREAT DAY next year as we know that treats are good (in moderation).

We will work on this again in the new school year with the Health Champions

School Uniform

There is **no change to uniform** for next year. Lisa is still selling uniform at her shop.

Please ensure your child has full PE kit and that they have a bag to keep it in. PE kit needs to stay in school so needs to be in a bag.

Shoes must be black. Children can wear BLACK trainers but they must not have ANY colour in them (including the sole)

Please label uniform. We have so much lost property that is never claimed but has no name inside so we cannot return it to the owner.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please complete forms for Free School Meals. Not only does this support you and save you well over £200 per year it also means that school receives £1320 to spend on the education of the children. Without this additional money we could not do all the extra things we provide. Our FSM level has dropped from 57% of the school to 44% as people are not completing the forms and this means we have lost thousands and thousands of pounds of funding. We will launch a campaign in the new school year to try and get everyone signed up but in the meantime maybe get a form and fill it in over summer. The price of a school meal will increase in September so there is even more reason to claim if you can. Even if your child prefers to bring in their own packed lunch, please complete the form to enable us to claim the funding.