



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

September 2016

Welcome Back

It is lovely to see everyone again after the summer holiday. As always the children look smart and eager to learn. The new start and finish times managed to catch a few people out but hopefully now you are in the swing of the earlier start and later finish (I know we are in school).

We welcome Mrs Proudman to our staff . She has had a busy few days getting to know everyone and everything about school. Come and say hello if you haven't already done so.

Mrs Parry (Nursery) got married during the summer and is now Mrs Campbell and Miss Finley (Y1) has now changed her name to Mrs Magill following her wedding celebration with Mr Magill(Y3). Apart from that not much else has changed ...yet!

School Photographs

Phil the photographer will be in school on **Monday to take the individual and sibling group photographs**. It is always lovely at the start of the year to do this when uniforms are sparkling. Photographs should then be ready in time for Christmas presents!!!

Don't forget—this **Monday, 12th September**

PE Kit

All children from Reception to Year 6 **MUST** have a PE kit. Children have to take part in at least 2 hours of Physical Education Lessons each week and we cannot do that if your child does not have their kit in school. Please put it in a bag and leave it in school each week (or even couple of weeks) so that your child has a kit whenever they need it. Miss Harrison will ensure that it goes home if it is particularly dirty or sweaty after a lesson

REMEMBER

School starts at **8.45am** and finishes at **3.30pm**

Lunch Time

Our new lunch times are working well. It is lovely and calm in the dining room. The children have plenty of space and remarkably most children are finished in under 20 minutes. Those who need longer are happy too as it is nice and peaceful. The older children are particularly pleased because they now have plenty of space and can always sit with their friends because the infants have finished. We will if we can keep it up!

Packed Lunch

If your child has a packed lunch please remember that chocolate bars and fizzy drinks **are not allowed**. Please try and make the packed lunch choices as healthy as possible. Crisps and chocolate bars every day are not advised.

We are going to work with the children to develop a treat day—watch this space!

Dogs on the yard

Please **do not** bring dogs onto the yard. Children at home time are excited and I would hate for any dog to have to be destroyed because they have reacted to an excited child and harmed them.

Events this term

After school clubs should begin next week or the week after—we are just organising rooms and days—look out for a club letter next week

Class Assemblies—these will take place at 11.30am this term (people in work may be able to get an early lunch to attend)

12th Sept	School Photographs	3rd Oct	Inset—School closed
13th Sept	Roald Dahl's birthday	5th Oct	Y5 Class assembly
16th Sept	School Council Election Day	11th Oct	Grammar Show
26th Sept	Author visit	12th Oct	RSPB (Y1,3 & 5)
30th Sept	Target Day/Meet the teacher	19th Oct	Y3 Class Assembly

EARLY RISERS

We have noticed that some children are arriving at school as early as 8am but not going to Breakfast Club. **Please note there is no one to look after your child until 8.45am** so they are not safe if you let them leave the house too early and it is not safe. I am delighted they are keen but worried that they could hurt themselves (or worse) as they are unsupervised.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please complete forms for Free School Meals (even if your child gets a free meal because they are in the infants or even if they don't want a free school dinner). Not only does this support you and save you well over £200 per year it also means that school received £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 remind you on Target Day

Do you want to get involved?

We will shortly be advertising for people to run and supervise the school Breakfast Club and for someone to care for pupils at lunchtime. Each job is approximately 5 hours a week and could be perfect for a parent (mum or dad). Look out for the advert

We are also short of School Governors again. Being a School Governor is voluntary and holds a level of responsibility and commitment so is not an easy option but it can be rewarding. If you are organised, enjoy reading, have a few spare hours (mostly in the evenings but sometimes during the day), can be fair, open minded and want to help develop our school then please consider being a School Governor. I will send some information out soon but speak to Mrs Wright for more information if interested.

If you have an hour a week to spare then you could help us with Reading. We always need volunteers to listen to the children read. An hour a week (afternoons or mornings) would make a big difference. ...or

If you have any other skills to share, let us know!