



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

December 2016

A Christmas Goodbye

Mrs Sefton (Year 2) will sadly be leaving us this Christmas. She has decided to follow her passion for Early Years Education and develop the skills that brought her into teaching. Mrs Sefton has been with us since the start of her teaching career and has worked tirelessly to ensure our pupils achieve well in Key Stage 1. Her Horrible Histories Club was an exciting and new activity she brought to our school much to the delight of those children who attended. We will miss her and thank her for all her hard work, it is really tough being in Year 2 with the many Government changes and she has done a fantastic job in difficult times. We wish her well and hope that she finds the role that allows her to follow her passion. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS BINGO

It is our Christmas Bingo event tonight and we are very excited. A huge thank you and well done goes out to the group of parents who have, together with Miss Stockton arranged everything from tickets to prizes, bingo machines to hot-dogs. I am sure that everyone who has bought a ticket will have a great night—thank you for supporting the event. It is amazing how much has been organised in such a short time. Hopefully this is the start of exciting events for our school, community and children.

Thank you once again, I am sure it will be brilliant tonight!

REMEMBER

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.30pm

Christmas Events

Hopefully you have received our Christmas Events List Christmas activities begin next week with a trip to the pantomime for Years 1-6 on Monday 5th

The Christmas Choir are out and about next week singing in local Residential Homes

Then the following week it is Songs and Carols Galore! (commencing Monday, 12th December)

Years 1, 2 & 3 have a short Nativity themed presentation on **Monday 12th (Church) at 2.30 pm**

Years 4, 5 & 6 are looking at Christmas Past, present and Future on **Tuesday 13th (Church) at 2.30 pm**

Nursery have their Sing a longs on **Wednesday 14th - 11 am and 2.45 pm (tickets to be issued next week)**

Reception are performing Ralph the Reindeer on **Thursday, 15th - 10 am and 2.30 pm (tickets to be issued next week)**

Christmas Dinner for Nursery, reception, Year1 & Year 2 is Monday, 19th December

Christmas dinner for Years 3,4,5 & 6 is Tuesday, 20th December

We finish Wednesday 21st with assembly, and parties at normal time (own clothes today)

Phew!!!!

Christmas Jumper Day will be back next year

Cars

Can everyone who drops off children by car please think about where you park and where you stop. I have noticed a number of cars stopping in the middle of the road and children then jump out—there have been a few near misses plus this is really frustrating for those waiting behind.

Also if you park across someone's drive then make sure they are not waiting to leave for work and also be careful if you park near the staff car park as sometimes we cannot get the minibus out because of cars parked too close.

I know it is a pain as the road is narrow, but for a little inconvenience you could be avoiding a serious accident that would live with you for the rest of your life, it just isn't worth it!

After the holidays the Police have promised to come and help and they may give tickets to anyone parked inconsiderately or dangerously. Please THINK before you STOP

LUNCH TIME

I am quite shocked at the amount of food being wasted by children at lunchtime. This includes children on packed lunch and school dinners.

Children who bring packed lunch are not eating their sandwiches or savoury foods and are throwing them away or complaining they don't like the ham, the bread, the butter, the cheese—you name it they have an excuse!

Children on school meals can't or can't be bothered to cut up their food and rather than try, are throwing it away. They also are not very adventurous in trying anything different.

When we spot them we can prevent them throwing the food away but it is difficult. I am staggered that so much is wasted.

Please help—think about what and how much goes in packed lunch as basically your money is going in the bin. If your child has a school meal please make sure

Parent Governor

You should have received some information about being a Parent Governor. We need someone who can bring their skills and enthusiasm to our Governing Body. Although it is voluntary, there is some commitment of reading information, attending meetings and being involved in decisions but it can be very rewarding. Have a think and if you are slightly interested come in and speak to Mrs Wright in the office

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lloyd to our school family.. She will be officially joining our office team in January following her successful appointment this term. We are very pleased as she is a great asset to our team. Come in and say hello!

Foyle Foundation

We were lucky enough to receive a grant for £6000 which we have used on books for the library and classes. Great news!