



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

November 2016

Happy Retirement Mrs Boycott

Mrs Boycott has decided that after 17 years at St Aidan's she will retire at Christmas and spend some much deserved quality time with her own family. Mrs Boycott has been a fantastic Learning Mentor and a crucial part of our School family. She has helped so many children, parents and staff over the years. She is, I am sure the most patient and calmest person you will ever meet. Her wise words, calm manner and caring nature has meant that we have all learnt how to be better people as a result of spending time or working with her. We will miss her terribly but we want her to do the things she loves and having committed so much of her life to St Aidan's she should now put her feet up and enjoy a little more time for herself.

I am sure you would all want to join me in wishing her well and thanking her for all she has done for the family of St Aidan's Catholic Primary School. What a star she is!

Parents Group

Miss Stockton met with a small number of parents who responded to her invitation to come along to a meeting and generate some ideas for the children in school. The group met on Tuesday and they have come up with some fantastic suggestions and have already begun to work on some ideas for Christmas. A huge thankyou to the parents who responded including those who were unable to come due to work commitments but who sent in some great ideas and offered support when not at work. It's not too late to get involved. If you forgot, were too shy or just busy last then you are still welcome. The group is meeting again on **Tuesday 15th November at school at 9.00am**. Come along. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. It sounds exciting!

Lunch Time

We have a new school dinner menu for this term. We are trialling the 2 choice menu this 1/2 term for a change to see if this is easier for the children. The meals are as ever delicious and varied so if your child has not tried a school dinner for a while then maybe during the cold months it might be time to try. We have noticed a few things at lunchtime that concern us and we need your help. Children on packed lunch are not always eating their main meal. We have caught a number of children throwing away sandwiches etc and just eating the deserts they have. Children on packed lunch sometimes have sweets and chocolate and this is not allowed. Some children on hot dinners are struggling to use their knife and fork and if they can't cut their food try and throw it away instead of asking for help. Please help by talking to your child about the importance of eating their dinner.

Christmas Events

We have begun to plan Christmas Events for the children (and you)

So far we have planned;

A trip to the pantomime for Years 2-6

Christmas Dinner for all classes

Christmas Parties for all classes

Nursery Sing a long

Reception Christmas Play

Yrs 1,2,3 Christmas Show

Yrs 4,5 ,6 Christmas Show

A visit from Father Christmas

A Victorian Christmas at Croxteth Park for Y5 & 6

We are desperately thinking of more ideas for Nursery, Reception and Year 1

As soon as we have some dates we will let you know. Look out in school bags for letters so you don't miss out!

What has been happening?

So far this term (less than 2 weeks) we have been involved in a number of activities

The Health Champions have started planning a Healthy Tuck Shop and are being trained up to run it.

A Cricket Coach has been working with pupils to help them learn new skills.

Children have started learning songs for Christmas.

Classes have visited or are booked in to visit Huyton Library.

Our new character strength for this half term is Persistence and this has been introduced in our assembly with some pupils already demonstrating they have this skill.

The children have learnt about Remembrance Day at an assembly delivered by Miss Maltz.

We have begun our new class attendance race. Each class has one of Santa's reindeer as their racer, Year 1 were the champions in Term 1.

The first pens have been awarded for fantastic handwriting. 3 members of Year 6 have finally demonstrated the new standards demanded by the Government. Well done Emily Hannon, Molly Bolton and Till Cargill.

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.

Do you receive our text messages?

If the answer is no then it is likely we do not have your up to date details. We use the text system a lot to inform you of changes and remind you about events so please make sure we have your current number.