



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

June 2017

I can hardly believe that we are now in the last half term of the school year. The days are flying past us as we edge ever closer to the Summer Holidays. It has been a very busy and testing year so far so we are looking forward to a great final half term. All we need now is some more good weather and we can finish the school year well.

School Field

We are still having problems with the school field and are locked in talks with United Utilities to return it to a quality that is suitable for full use. The drainage is poor, the grass is terrible quality and there is rubble constantly coming through the layers of top soil. United Utilities have assured us it will be repaired but this may mean that once again we will be without the use of the field for Sports Day which is really frustrating. We will do some sport with the children but we may not be able to hold a Sports Day for parents to attend unfortunately. Fingers crossed we will find a quick and suitable solution.

Mrs Robinson

Mrs Robinson will be leaving us this Summer. She has accepted the role of Nursery Manager at Christ the King Nursery which is a fantastic and exciting opportunity for her. Mrs Robinson has worked at St Aidan's for 13 Years and has taught everyone from Nursery to Year 6. Her skills in Art and Literacy have led to many great projects and displays around school. She has been an asset to our school and we will miss her greatly. She is always so willing to accept a challenge and we will really miss her. We wish her well in her new adventure.

School Day

In September we will once again return to more familiar school hours following our trial this year. The new times did not have the impact on punctuality and attainment that we had hoped despite an initial great start and therefore from September school times will be;

School	Nursery
Start 8.55am	8.45am
End 3.15pm	11.45am

Lunch time will remain split and last for 45minutes as this has been the one success of the trial.

Thank you for your support during the trial period.

Safety Messages

It is great to see so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, however please remind or ensure children do not ride these on the yard as it is dangerous especially when the yard starts to get busy in the morning and at home time.

Dogs—unfortunately we cannot have dogs on the yard. Dogs and children can be very unpredictable and even the most gentle dog can get upset, therefore please leave them at home

Cars— Please park and drive carefully. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let your children out onto the road, it is so dangerous.

School Meal Price Increase

From the 1st September 2017, the price for a school meal will increase to £1.90 per day or £9.50 for the full week. Dinner money must be paid to the School Office on a Monday morning, a receipt will be issued. Any money outstanding must be cleared before the end of this term to avoid the debt being referred to Knowsley Council.

Colomendy Trip – 12th—14th March 2018

The deadline for the deposit payment of £20 is FRIDAY, 9th JUNE 2017 (for current Year 4 and Year 5 pupils). If you need a copy of the letter regarding the trip, please call into the School Office

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Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. We have a uniform so that everyone feels equal and there is no competition or difference. **Shoes should be ALL BLACK.** I don't mind if they are a pump or a trainer but I do need them to be black. It causes such a lot of trouble when one or two children don't follow the uniform code. If you want to be at St Aidan's then please follow our uniform code.

Children also need PE kit and it MUST stay in school. We often have to change PE days for a range of reasons and it is really difficult when children do not have kit. Please do not let family members share kit. It goes missing!

Class Photographs

If you would like to order a class photograph, the deadline for orders to the School Office is **FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE.**

Rise and Shine Breakfast Club

If you have never tried Breakfast Club then now is the time to give it a go. We have new staff running it and there have been some changes with new activities and organisation of each session. **Breakfast club is £1.50 per child, per day. This must be paid on the day the child attends.** The club opens at 8am and runs until school starts. Maybe after the holiday it would be a good time to take a look and see what the club offers.

After School Clubs

We will once again be providing a range of After School Clubs for the children. Clubs are generally run by school staff and there is usually no charge for these clubs. Some clubs are provided by outside agencies and these often have a charge to attend.

If your child signs up to attend a club please encourage them to attend each week for at least the full half term. If your child is interested in attending a club ask at the school office for more information.

Attendance

We currently have 13 children on track to receive 100% attendance for the whole school year which is fantastic for them—good luck!

At the other end of the Attendance scale we have 22 pupils with attendance that concerns us because it is below 90%.

Thankfully the majority of pupils have good attendance and are maximising their education. Keep it up!

NSPCC—Sponsored Maths Day

The final total raised was **£1,425.36** from the sponsored Maths day. The NSPCC were delighted and asked that their thanks were passed on for raising such an incredible amount. The NSPCC said even some large secondary schools don't raise as much as we did!

Baby News

Mrs Martin had a beautiful baby girl last week, 6 lb 11 oz. They have called her Hollie. Mum and baby are both doing well.

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.