



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome Back

It is lovely to be back. As ever the children look fantastic and are ready to learn and get involved in school life. Our new Nursery and Reception children are now all in school full time and are settling well. We have some new children throughout the school and they are also settling in well. Welcome to all our new families, we hope you and your children feel welcome and a part of our school family.

School Field

The nightmare of the 'Saga of the School field' continues. No work was carried out over the holiday to repair the drainage and re seed the grass and we seem unable to contact the responsible people at United Utilities at the moment. This is a priority for the next weeks and I hope to have an answer soon. Very frustrating!

Catch 22 Community Project

Karen Mowers from Catch 22 has been to school and began working with the children today to gather ideas about how the children would like to improve their community. **The project is focussed on the Bluebell, Bakers Green and Longview estates** and Karen is looking for parents who are interested in being involved in creating change and improvement for the community. The project has to come from the community so she wants your ideas about what you want and want to do. **A meeting is planned for parents who are interested at 9am on 28th September**. Come along.

Dogs on the yard

Please remember that Dogs are not allowed on the yard. (Even if they are on a lead or carried in your arms). Please leave them at home. It is safer for everyone.

Miss Stockton is back! Yeah!!!!

It is lovely to have Miss Stockton back in school after her recent absence. We have really missed her. At the moment she is undertaking her duties as Deputy Head as she is testing out the strength in her leg and ankle. Miss Weston is working in Reception class until she is fully fit. Miss Weston was with us last year and we were delighted she could join us again until Miss Stockton is 100% fit and well

Parking

I know it is a pain and parking is limited but we have been asked to remind you to think about where you park when dropping off or collecting the children. Patrols are planned and if you are parked illegally you may receive a ticket through the post. (They will just take your car reg and send it to you). Also please do not park across people's drives. There was an incident last term where a resident needed to get to the hospital and couldn't get out. They had to get a taxi as it was an emergency! Please think.

Please do not park in the staff car park. This is for staff, visitors and contractors. We will be locking the gates at 3-3.30pm

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 This must be paid on the day your child attends.** The club opens at 8am and runs until school starts.

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. **You should have received a text message already so if you haven't we do not have your correct number.** Come and see the Office staff

Parental Survey

Miss Stockton has sent out a questionnaire looking for your views on a range of topics. She will gather the feedback then intends on holding some focus group discussions to develop some of the ideas and discuss and explain some of the reasons for systems and decisions we have to make. If you are interested look out for the invitation. If you still haven't completed the survey please do so. It is useful to understand each other

Parent Governor

We need a new Parent Governor, following a recent resignation. Can you spare some time approximately 6 evenings a year and a couple of hours occasionally through term time? Are you able to help the school develop and willing to learn more and be involved in decision making? Governors are key to the success of the school and we need YOU! Come and have a chat and find out more if you are interested

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COMING SOON - St Aidan's App!

PE Kit

Your child needs their PE kit in EVERY DAY. The new Government requirements say that pupils need to do at least 30minutes of exercise each day. We are currently devising a way to do this but we need the children to have the correct kit in school.

If your child attends after school club then they MUST get changed back into uniform so that their kit stays in school. Please support this rule

After School Clubs

School Staff will once again offer a range of after school clubs for the pupils. The letter went out this week. If you have not seen it come and ask at the School Office. I know that many of you want a huge range of clubs for every age group but the issue is space. If it rains then we only have 1 hall and so can only offer 1 sports activity per evening to accommodate this. **Currently school staff provide clubs free of charge in their own time but we have to ensure there is space to hold each club.**

We will look at more clubs from outside organisations but these will need to be paid for by parents and in the past this has been the stumbling block and lack of uptake has meant we have had to cancel...it's a tricky balance!

Calendar

Wednesday 13th Sept	Roald Dahl Day
Monday 18th Sept	Slow Down for Bobby Assembly Clubs start
Monday 25th Sept	Lion, Witch and Wardrobe Play
Wednesday 27th Sept	Poet Visit Andy Tooze
Thursday 28th Sept	Catch 22 Parents Meeting 9am
Friday 29th Sept	Meet the Teacher Day
Monday 2nd Oct	INSET Day 2 School Closed
Thursday 19th Oct	Y5 Class Assembly 11.30am
Friday 20th Oct	Term ends

Dinner Money—£1.90 per day or £9.50 per week

Nursery Dinners—£1.40 per day or £7.00 per week

PLEASE PAY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON A MONDAY MORNING (Please try to have the correct money)