



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

November 2017

Christmas is on its way!

We can't believe where the time is going. Tomorrow marks the start of December and the start of Advent. I am sure you are all preparing already for Christmas as we are. If you need some space from the madness of shopping and presents maybe visit St Aidan's church and spend a few moments of peace and calm. You can also pick up a leaflet by our Christmas Mass Booklet Art Competition Jasmine Batey (see over for details)

Staff Training Day - Monday 4th December

Don't forget Monday 4th December is a staff training day so school is **closed to pupils**. This might be a good day to pop into town and do some shopping away from the crowds. Staff will be looking at designing the curriculum, learning about attachment and organising our Number Counts Maths plan so we will be very busy. I hope you all have a hassle free day!

ICE CATS

This week the children have received training called ICE CATS. This has taught them how to stay safe in an emergency. It has been done in a fun way for the children but important messages have been learnt.

Next Wednesday 6th December Jo Carter will provide training for parents. She is fantastic. She was head of security at Euro Disney for years so knows her stuff and has many tips to help us all keep and be safe in any emergency situation. 9am in school

Christmas Events Reminder

4th December Staff Training Day – **School closed to children**

5th December R-Y6 Visit to Pantomime at Huyton 1.30pm—return time around 4.30 pm

8th December **Own Clothes day** bring an item for the Bingo or £1 (see separate letter)

15th December Christmas Jumper Day

18th December Reception Plays 10am and 2.30pm

19th December Nursery Christmas Sing a Long 11.15am

19th December Christmas Bingo 5.30pm

20th December KS1 (R, Y1, Y2) Christmas Dinner

Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Sing a long/Carol Singing Church 2.15pm. Parents and grandparents welcome

21st December KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Christmas Dinner

Y1, Y2, Y3 Christmas Sing a long/Carol Singing Church 2.15pm Parents and Grandparents welcome

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS—SEPTEMBER 2018 INTAKE

If your child or someone you know is due to start school in September 2018, then applications **MUST** be submitted by **Monday, 15th January**. Please remember.

Parent Governor

We still 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.

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.

The **CAFOD Fun Run** is the *perfect* opportunity to enjoy a fun event and help others at Christmas! Please encourage your friends and family to come to run or walk or toddle (from 2 – 8 kms) to raise lots of money for those who need it most! It is **Wednesday 27th December at Wavertree Park & Athletics Centre, Wellington Road, L15 4LE at 1pm registration opens at noon**. Signing up costs £7 per person, £15 for a family or £70 for a group of 10 or more people, sponsorship forms are available. Prizes for the best fancy dress costumes! For further details, please contact 0151 228 4028, liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

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 and update your details.

Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park

Contact the Volair Team if you want to organise a children's party. They can do BMX, Bouncy Castles, Football, Pool, or Little Princess Parties. Call 0151 443 2200 to discuss your requirements

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

A huge 'Thank You' to the Parents Group/ Friends of St Aidan's for subsidising the pantomime and for providing snacks for the children. They are doing a fantastic job.

Their next event is a Christmas Bingo. All the money raised is spent on the children!

Art Competition Prize Winners

We were asked to submit entries to church to design the cover for St Aidan's Parish Christmas Services Booklet. Most of the children across the school took part and Jasmine Batey has been selected as the winner.

Well done Jasmine!

Tenancy Problems

There is a free service funded by Knowsley Council to support anyone at risk of losing their home. Contact 0151 949 5050 for advice. School can refer or you can self refer. Leaflets in the School porch.

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