



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

January 2018

New Term

The new school term is well under way. There have been many illnesses affecting pupils but hopefully this cold weather has killed them all off now and we can work on improving attendance. Although this half term is only short we have a lot planned and need the children in school everyday and to be on time. **Please remember school STARTS at 8.55am.**

Open Evenings

This term we will be holding meetings for you to come in and speak to your child's Class Teacher. Letters have already been sent out for appointments so if you have not had a letter speak to the School Office. This is a brilliant opportunity to see and hear about all the great work your children do in class. There shouldn't be any surprises, it should be a celebration of all that is good about your child. If you have questions please ask the staff

Music Lessons (see Twitter for pictures)

This week we had a special music assembly. The children in Years 3-6 were treated to music played on a range of instruments. We are hoping to encourage enough children to take lessons. Letters will come out either today or next week.

If you want small group lessons in an instrument then you will need to pay but the lessons can take place in school.

We are looking to provide some taster sessions for classes but for those children who really want to learn a new skill then small group sessions are best.

PE Kit

Your child needs their PE kit in EVERY DAY.

Please make sure it is in school

Echo Arena Concert

Last school year our Year 4 class took part in an event at St Edmund Arrowsmith School. They were invited to sing and be part of a choir with another school and an orchestra. **As a result of this the class (who are now in Year 5) have now been invited to perform at the Echo Arena on Friday 16th March.** We are so excited. The children will receive free t shirts, spend the afternoon rehearsing at the arena and then perform IN THE ARENA!

This is a chance in a lifetime and we are so thrilled. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and come along in the evening to see the concert. We are just finalising details so look out for a letter coming your way soon!

MEDICAL APPTS & LUNCH ORDERS

If your child has a medical appointment first thing in a morning and doesn't come into school please ring School before 9am if they need a School lunch ordering.

Lunch orders close at 9.15am to the School kitchen, **a packed lunch will need to be provided if no order has been placed.**

A Message from Public Health

Keeping well

At this time of year, there are many bugs going around and Public Health is advising parents/carers to help keep your children well by:-

Having your free flu vaccine if you are in one of the eligible groups – all children aged 2 and 3 years can still receive their nasal spray vaccine from their GP. In addition, any child aged over 6 months who has a long term health condition (such as diabetes or asthma), all pregnant women, and residents aged 65 or over can also have a flu jab for free – again contact your GP to make an appointment.

Norovirus is a tummy bug that generally peaks after Christmas. Thorough hand-washing with liquid soap and water and keeping your child away from school if they have diarrhea or vomiting can help to prevent the spread of this bug. Children need to be kept off school until they are 48 hours free from symptoms.

If you or your child start to feel unwell, speak to your local chemist in the first instance.

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 a child attends. The club opens at 8am and runs until school starts.

If your child already plays an instrument then there are **FREE sessions on a Monday Night where your child can join a band.** Sessions are held at St Edmund Arrowsmith School

Tutti Brass and Tutti Woodwind

For beginner Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Tuba, Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone

Mondays 4:30pm – 5:30pm during school term time

Forte

For Orchestral Instruments Grade 1 standard and above

Mondays 5:45pm – 7:15pm during school term time

Maths Quiz

Some of our Year 6 pupils are today taking part in an Inter School Maths Quiz. They are competing against other Huyton Schools and we hope that they perform well. We will let you know how they did as soon as we know.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th Feb Open Night 1

Thursday 8th Feb Open Night 2

Friday 9th Feb Last day of term

Monday 12th– Friday 16th Feb Half Term

Wednesday 21st Feb Author Visit

Thursday 22nd Feb Y4 Trip

Wednesday 28th Feb Football League Matches

Monday 5th March High 5 Netball Comp

Wednesday 7th March Y1 Class Assembly

Monday 12th—Wednesday 14th Colomendy

Friday 16th March Echo Arena Concert Yr 5

Tuesday 20th March Speech Choir Event

Thursday 22nd March Y3 Choral Speaking

Wednesday 28th March Y4 Class Assembly

Thursday 29th March Break up for Easter

Monday 16th April Return to School

Dogs on the yard

Please do not bring your dogs on to or near the yard. The issue is that some children (and adults) have had traumatic experiences or are allergic to dogs and having a dog at school turns a safe place into a place of fear. This then affects them all throughout the day. I appreciate you are walking your dog and that most dogs are gentle but for some people it is frightening.. Please leave them at home.

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PE Kit

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