



# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter

February 2018

### End of Term

**We finish tomorrow for the half term break.** It has been a short term but we have packed plenty in as usual. **School will close at normal time tomorrow 3.15pm and re open on Monday, 19th February at 8.55am.**

Next week marks the start of Lent with Pancake Tuesday and Ash Wednesday both falling during the holidays. We will start to prepare the children for Easter and talk to them about the season of Lent when they return to school.

Fr Anton has asked that we let you know that Services for Ashes next week are;  
12 noon St Aidan's Church Wednesday 14th February and 7.30pm St Agnes Church

Fr Anton would particularly like to see the First Communion children on Ash Wednesday if possible.

### Open Evenings

An opportunity to speak to the teacher has been available this week and thank you to all of you who have booked an appointment. Although we are happy to see you all year round it is a great time to let you know how wonderful your children are and how hard they work. If you have missed your appointment see your child's teacher as soon as possible to arrange another time to talk.

### Music Lessons

We have had some response for Music Lessons but not enough yet to book a teacher. **If you would like your child to learn to play guitar or Ukulele then please contact the School office and complete a form as soon as possible.** It would be a great opportunity for the children.

### PE Kit

Your child needs their PE kit in EVERY DAY. Please make sure it is in school

### Boccia Champions

This week our pupils took part in a Boccia competition. Boccia is indoor bowls and uses a lot of skill and patience. There were 8 teams in the competition and our team of 4 pupils from Years 5 and 6 did extremely well and became champions. Well done to Zach Gray, Ada Wu, Adam Gleeson and Lili Kane. They are now off to the Grand Final in Summer.

### Mobile phone numbers

Don't forget to check that we have your up to date mobile number. We send text messages from school so if you haven't had a message we haven't got your number!

### Home Address

Please check we have your correct address. We do not want to send private information to the wrong address because you have not informed us of a house move.

### 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 your child attends.** The club opens at 8am and runs until school starts.

#### Maths Champions

The Maths Team who were competing last time I wrote to you were victorious. It was the first ever Maths Competition and we were up against Malvern, St Albert's and Mosscroft Schools. The children battled hard and we were very proud to be declared the winners.

Well done to Chloe Jones, Emily Bowers, Paul Allen and Alan Liang from Year 6.

Next stop...Mastermind!

### Dates for your diary

#### 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 to Wednesday 14th Colomendy

Friday 16th March Echo Arena Concert

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..

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### Parents Maths Quiz

Thank you to everyone who has entered the Parents Maths Quiz. We had some fantastic entries. The winner will be declared tomorrow during assembly. Watch out for more opportunities to join in and be the Maths Champ of St Aidan's! Look out for our Maths and English Newsletter for more information

### 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