



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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They think it's all over...it is now!

England did not quite make it but we have! We have made it to the end of another successful year. Next Tuesday marks the end of another school year and for many of us the end of our time here at St Aidan's. Year 6 are moving on to their new secondary schools. They are excited, fearful, excited, fearful and as exciting as it is, they have been quite tearful for a number of weeks—friendships and the security of our lovely school are hard to leave behind. We wish them well. They will be great. They are clever, level headed and will make lots of new friends and memories. A number of staff are leaving. They have all written their own goodbyes (see over). Change is never easy for anyone but sometimes we all have to take that big leap and move out of our comfort zone to seek new challenges and opportunities. Change can be good for all.

Mr Michael Boland will lead St Aidan's next year and I hope that you extend the warmth, care and support you have given to me over the last 12 years. This is the strength of our school. We are always together, supportive and this is what makes us great!

Results 2018

Once again our children have achieved outstanding results in their National Assessments. Pupils at St Aidan's are amongst the brightest and most intelligent in the country. Y6 results are higher (again) than the National Average for Y6 pupils, Y1 Phonics scores are the highest they have ever been and Reception and Y2 pupils have once again maintained good levels of achievement and reflect our excellent commitment to ensuring our children achieve the very best.

Year 6	Y2	Y1 Phonics	Reception
Reading 83%	Reading 77%	96%	Good level of development 67%
Writing 96%	Writing 67%		
Maths 88%	Maths 77%		
Grammar 93%			

We were identified as one of the top 10 performing schools in Knowsley for Reading, Writing and Maths which is FANTASTIC!

Thank you to parents for their support and encouragement, thank you to staff for their excellent teaching, thank you to all of the children for working so hard and aiming to be their very best!

What a TEAM— Together We Achieve More

Carnival (join our twitter feed for photographs)

The Friends of St Aidan's organised a brilliant Carnival for the children. Despite the first rainy day for weeks it could not dampen our spirits and we bounced and laughed and had fun. So many children exclaimed, "this is the best day ever!". The arrival of the ice cream van brought a huge smile to everyone's face. A huge picnic lunch involving staff, children and our friends of St Aidan's School ended with races on the field. Year 6 children raced with Reception pupils (and let them win), it was the perfect day. Huge smiles, laughter, faces covered with ice cream and memories made to last a lifetime. Thank you so much to all who helped organise the event. A lot of hard work and sacrifice went into the planning and organisation. You are all wonderful!

Goodbye from Miss Kenneway

I have had an incredible 12 years here at St Aidan's. I have felt so supported by parents and carers past and present and feel that the love and support you all have for the school is what makes it such an incredible place. Your children are amazing. They are kind, caring, clever, intelligent, enthusiastic, full of fun, resilient and most special of all remain childlike, which in today's world is a beautiful quality. I feel proud to have been a part of the incredible journey we have made together. St Aidan's Primary School is now one of the best schools in Knowsley and my hope is that it continues to grow and improve. It was a really hard decision to move on, I could have stayed forever but for me personally and for the school, change was important. I know I have made mistakes and not always made the popular decision but that is what makes me human. Despite the tough times I have had a wonderful time here. I have been challenged and stretched, I have laughed and cried, been stressed and celebrated and every single emotion was worth it. Thank you all for your amazing support and incredibly kind words of support and encouragement. You are forever in my heart.

Measles

We have been asked to share advice with you as measles is so infectious. Symptoms include high fever, sore, red and watery eyes, coughing, aching and feeling unwell plus a blotchy red/brown rash. You can still get the MMR vaccine for your child—contact your GP. Teenagers and young adults travelling or going to festivals are advised to get vaccinated also. If you suspect symptoms, stay at home and call your GP or NHS 111 for advice.

Goodbye from Miss Stockton

After 14 amazing years as part of the wonderful St Aidan's family it's time for me to say goodbye. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and positivity you have given to me in my time here. St Aidan's will ALWAYS have a really special place in my heart because of the brilliant children, families and staff. I have made some fantastic memories here and I will look back with a huge smile, when I think of all of the families and staff I have had the privilege to work with. I am so proud to have been able to be a part of your children's journey and hope they continue to be the best they can be. Have a lovely summer.

Goodbye from Miss Harrison

Having spent the past 3 years at St Aidan's I can honestly say I will miss every single member of the school community! It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to work alongside such dedicated, hardworking and caring staff who have become my family. St Aidan's truly is a nurturing school and to see so many children flourish and thrive in their own unique way is something I will always cherish and remember fondly. I have no doubt that there will be many success stories from the children of St Aidan's and I will be making sure I continue to follow their journey in the future. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have encouraged and supported your children and also given me a great deal of help, guidance and support along the way.

Goodbye from Miss Maltz

I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years working at St. Aidan's. From the moment I first arrived, I knew that it was a warm, caring and fun place to work. The children are full of love and joy, are wonderful to teach and really do spread happiness with their smiles; the parents are so supportive and the staff are creative, hardworking and passionately care about the children. It has been a privilege to work here and I will always hold a special place for the school in my heart. Thank you all for your part in making my time here so brilliant. I know that your children will go on to achieve great things and I will keep in touch so that I can hear all about their successes.

Please return any reading books as soon as possible. Thanks