



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 20 – February 8th 2019

The Negative Effects of Late Night Gaming

We are becoming increasingly concerned regarding the number of children who come into school tired after playing on computer games or phones until late at night. According to HealthyChildren.org children should only be allowed up to a maximum of two hours screen time per day and this includes time playing games, watching television or YouTube videos and being on the internet. Research also shows that children who are online for over this time are more likely to perform poorly in school due to poor concentration, are more emotional and show an increase in poor behaviour choices. Please help school to help your child by turning off all devices at an appropriate bedtime. Thank you.

Year Five & Six Residential Trip Meeting

Parents and Carers of children going to The Outward Bound Trust residential are invited to come to a meeting on Friday 15th February at 2.30pm. Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Harrison will be discussing the trip and will be able to give you details of arrival/departure times and activities. Please sign in at the school office.

Celebration Assembly

The next celebration assembly will now take place on Friday 1st March at 2.40pm. For health and safety purposes please do not arrive before 2.30pm. Please sign in at the office.



Year Six Outward Bound Trip



This trip has been heavily subsidised bringing the cost per pupil down from £400.00 to £120.00. We have set up a payment plan on Parent Pay for payment in instalments;
4th Payment - £30.00 Friday 22nd February 2019

If you would like a barcode letter to pay at a PayPoint terminal, please ask at the school office.

Rhymetime – Reception Class



Parents and carers of children in the Reception class are invited to join in with a special Teddy Bear's Picnic Rhyme Time next Friday at 9.00am. Please sign in at the office.

Storytime - Year 1 & Year 2

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to Storytime this week. Don't forget to come back at the same time next week - Thursday at 2.45pm and you will be able to change your library book too.



World Book Day



Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. **Please ensure that your child is not wearing face paint or coloured hair spray. There will be no charge on this occasion.** There are lots of ideas online that don't require you to buy a costume.

NSPCC Puzzle Day

Last Friday the whole school took part in the maths challenges and Mathstermind. Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed the day. Thank you to everyone who donated to the loose change fundraiser. The total amount raised was £50 for the NSPCC.

Children's Mental Health Week



During assembly on Tuesday Tasnim from Place2be asked everyone to think about how they look after their bodies and minds. Tasnim reminded us that when we think about healthy living we tend to focus on looking after our bodies but in order to be healthy overall it's important that we look after our minds and our mental wellbeing too.



Growth Mindset Assembly.



On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed learning about how our mindsets can help us overcome any challenge we may face in our lives. We learnt that if we have a growth mindset we will be more likely to solve problems than if we have a fixed mindset. We all enjoyed seeing the huge inflatable brain too! Thank you to Liz and Gemma, the growth mindset girls, who will be working with Year 6 after half term.

Children's University Passport Stamping



Please see the dates below when your child's Children's University passport will be updated for this half term if they are currently a member. These will be updated during lunchtime. Please note that if you still have your child's passport at home please make sure it is handed in to the office before these dates. All passports will be kept at the office.

The dates are: -

Monday 11th February – Year 6
Tuesday 12th February – Year 5
Wednesday 13th February – Year 4
Thursday 14th February – Year 3

Year 5 Class Trip at Cuerden Valley



Year 5 had a great day on Monday at Cuerden Valley on the river studies trip. We took part in a variety of activities, measuring the width, depth and speed of the river using rafts we built in our teams. Year 5 really demonstrated their knowledge from prior learning and Claire the organiser commented how well they understood the activities.

School Footwear



Our uniform dress code is **black shoes only, NOT TRAINERS**. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct footwear. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Parking Issues



We are having lots of problems on a Thursday afternoon due to parking at the top of Norfolk Street and St Aidan's Avenue at the end of the school day. This is preventing the swimming coach from turning the corner from St Aidan's Avenue onto Norfolk Street to drop off Year 5. **Please can you keep this area clear so that we can ensure the safe return of the children after their swimming lessons.**

Grow Your Mindset

The Grow Your Mindset team will be coming into our Year 6 class from Monday 25th February to hold 6 x 1 hour sessions on Monday afternoons. Developing a growth mindset is scientifically proven to reduce the symptoms of stress and anxiety, allowing children to cope with change and challenge and to become the best version of themselves. This programme has been specifically designed with SATs and the transition to high school in mind.



Attendance Race



Congratulations to Year 4 for winning the attendance race last week with 93.3% attendance! Year 6 was in second place with 91% and Reception was in third place with 90.3%.

House Point Dojo Winners



Congratulations to **Calder** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. The children will be celebrating their win next Friday by having a non-uniform day.

Events at St. Aidan's Church

Thursday (during term time)

Friday 8th February

Family Praise Thursday – 6.15pm

Family Fun Friday – 5.30pm – 7.00pm (includes free meal)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 15th February

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Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Monday 25th February

Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Tuesday 5th March

Thursday 7th March

Tuesday 12th March

Friday 15th March

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Wednesday 27th March

Tuesday 2nd April

Friday 5th April - School finishes at 2.15pm

Tuesday 23rd April

Teddy Bear's Picnic in Reception

The Outward Bound Trust Residential Meeting (Y5 & Y6)

School Closes for Half Term – 3.15pm

HALF TERM BREAK

School Re-Opens – 8.40am

Year 5 & 6 Outward Bound Residential

Lent Service in Church

World Book Day

KS1 SATs Meeting

Paul Cookson Poet Visit

Parents' Evening – Details to follow

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Team and Class Photographs

Year 4 Drumming Performance – 9.30am – 10.00am

Easter Break

Summer Term Begins

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Mia S & Ruby	Dayton
Year 1 (Mr Allen)	Tilly & Eunice	Harley
Year 2 (Mrs Moss)	Keira & Saffron	George
Year 3 (Miss Iddon)	Alfie & Demi-Leigh	Dylan
Year 4 (Mrs Walton)	Jacob & Jorge	Sienna
Year 5 (Mrs Rourke)	Isaac & Dimitar	Katie
Year 6 (Mrs Harrison & Miss Poulter)	Hayden & Tabitha	Joanna

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher