



# St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

*'Let your light shine' - Matthew 5:16*

ISSUE 17 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS – This Week's Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	99%	79%	93%	98%	93%	79%

#### Our first newsletter of 2022.

Welcome Back!

We hope all our children and their families had a nice Christmas. To all our St Aidan's families we wish you all the best for 2022.

Its been lovely welcoming our children back to school and hearing all about Father Christmas visiting.

**Mrs Ritson** our Teaching Assistant in school, leaves us today for new pastures. We would like to wish her good luck in her new venture.

**During this term** – our children will be participating in their class Learn and Present Days. Please see attached letter. Payment can be made online through School Money.

**We would like to thank you** for your co-operation of wearing face masks on school grounds and in following social distancing rules.

**Wigan Hub** have shared details of the Hub Pantry. It is £8 to join for the year and you can visit and purchase 20 items for £3. The pantry is stocked with fruit and veg, frozen meat, groceries, bread and cakes. See the attached for details of opening hours and days.

**School Money is back online.** We have a few outstanding balances on school money for After School Clubs and Dinners. Can you please log on to school money and clear the outstanding balances. If you have any problems – logging onto School Money please contact the school office and we can help you.

**With the recent pandemic ongoing,** if your financial circumstances have changed, please click the below link to apply for benefits based free school meals: [Free School Meals & Pupil Premium - St Helens Council](#). The link will only work on a laptop or computer – it isn't tablet or smartphone friendly. If you are not able to apply, please contact the school office and we can give you a form to complete.

#### KIDSRUS

KIDSRUS is our Breakfast & Afterschool Club - It is open to all our children from Nursery through to Year 6. New booking form is now available for booking Breakfast and After School Club sessions from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. A new booking is attached to this newsletter.

#### **\*REMINDER\* PLEASE SEND CHANGES/REQUESTS FOR BOOKINGS FOR BASC TO STAIDANSB@STHELENS.ORG.UK.**

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to the start of school and costs £4.50.

After School Club runs from the end of the school to 5.30pm and costs £6.00 for one child or £5.50 each for two or more.

#### MEDICAL EVIDENCE

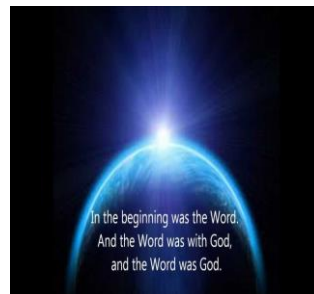
If your child is attending a medical appointment within school time, a copy of the appointment card/letter will need to be forwarded to school.

#### Sickness Absence

Please ensure that you contact the school office if your child is unwell and will not be attending school.

#### School Dinners

A new school dinner menu starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you would like your child to have a school dinner the cost is £12.50 per week. Children can participate in 'Fishy Friday' even if they have a packed lunch Monday to Thursday. Just let the school office know and ask your child to put their name on the meal board together with their choice. Payment can be made through School Money.



#### School Holidays

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – school closes for half term.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022** – school opens.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022** - school closes for Easter.

#### Events in Billingie

**Christingle Service – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10am – held at St Aidan's Church.** If you would like to attend please email [Rachel.fisher@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.fisher@sthelens.org.uk) before 2 pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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