

*Dear families,*

*I have now been in post as Executive Headteacher for seven weeks and it has flown by. Each week, I learn more of the children's names and learn more about them. They have welcomed me and are very respectful to all.*

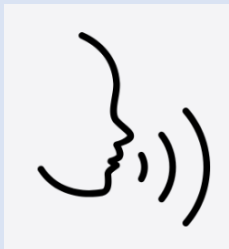
*I have made some changes in the past seven weeks and hopefully you feel that they are positive and that they will make a positive impact to your child's education. There is a lot that goes on behind what you see, and I will share the School Development Plan on the website so that you know my vision for the school. The changes are being shared with the children in assemblies and lessons, so that they understand why changes are being made. Mr Nixon is being kept even busier than usual as he is putting new display boards up and carrying 'Danny Danger' outside. There will be no major changes; just tweaks to an already amazing school.*

*Thank you for your on-going support and feedback.*

*Mrs. Tumelty*

## **Bike Racks**

The school council have gathered pupil voice and it was decided that bike racks were needed for scooters and bikes. We are pleased to announce that both yards will soon get new back racks.



## **Uniform**

Thank you so much for providing your children with the correct retainer type of earrings for your children.

On PE days, please provide your child with a warm layer, e.g. school jumper, school cardigan, navy hoodie or school navy hoodie. Children won't be allowed to wear other items of clothing as they are not part of the uniform- if you're struggling to purchase any items then let us know as we can offer support.

Visitors always mention how smart the children of St. Aloysius look and we all agree.

## Parent/Carer consultations

All of the dates for the parent/carers consultations have been sent out via our Teachers2Parents APP.

The meetings will be held in the infant and junior halls and will be one-year group per night, per hall. The children's books will be out in the hall for you to see.

Reception- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 1- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 2- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 3- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 4- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 6- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

## Asda Rewards

We have 44 days to collect more Asda rewards. We currently have £310.44 cashed in the junior pot and £301.17 in the infant pot.

Thank you for your kindness for adding us into your reward pot.



## INSET day

A reminder that school is closed next Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November after half term.

## Kindness Cafe

We would like to invite you into school to have a free breakfast with us. We will be holding one Kindness Café a month, however, due to the size of the school, we can only accommodate one-year group at a time. The cafes will be held in the junior or infant hall between 8:30 and 9am on the last Friday of each month- the dates below are the last Friday of each month that we are in school.

Please call in on your child's year group date and have a cuppa with us- your children and siblings are also very welcome.

November 29<sup>th</sup>- Reception – INFANT HALL  
January 31<sup>st</sup>- Year 1- INFANT HALL  
February 21<sup>st</sup>- Year 2- INFANT HALL  
March 28<sup>th</sup>- Year 3- JUNIOR HALL  
April 11<sup>th</sup>- Year 4- JUNIOR HALL  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Year 5- JUNIOR HALL  
June 27<sup>th</sup>- Year 6- JUNIOR HALL

### **Fundraising**

If you have any NEW items that you would like to donate to our raffles as prizes, then please hand them in either to the offices or send them in with your child. We will collect these at any time.

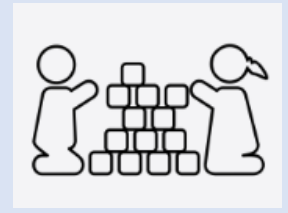
We now have a 'card reader' for fundraising and will be using this for raffles. Cash is preferable, but moving forward you will be able to just tap your card or phone. We can only use the card reader for fundraising.

### **Outside play**

If you are having a clear out of toys before Christmas, then we would like them for our outside play. We do need to secure storage on the yards first, but we want toys for the children to play with, e.g. dolls, prams, lego, toys cars, plastic animals. The school council will be writing to you with their ideas and will let you know when we are ready to take them in, but please bear us in mind before you get rid of them.



We can't accommodate large items such as bikes etc and we can't accommodate board games or electrical items.



### **Birthdays**

We always want to recognise and celebrate the children's special birthday, but moving forward we would like to do this in a different way.

We are trying to Poverty Proof the school and know that having children costs a lot of money and that the cost of shopping has increased significantly, so we don't want to add to this expense. With this in mind, please do not send sweets or cakes into school on your child's birthday. Other reasons for this are that we are trying to keep the children as healthy as possible; we want to reduce sugar in their diets and on their teeth. We also have children in school with allergies.

If it is your child's birthday, we really do want to celebrate it so instead of sweets or cake, they can bring in their favourite book in class to share or they can bring in a present that they would like to show their friends. Please don't send in precious items or electrical. They will have to tell the teacher that they have the item or the teacher won't be able to share it.

### Parking

Thank you for not parking near 'Danny Danger'. The school council and the children are really pleased with your response to him. We are getting Danny's friend to go near the junior gate- the children will get to name her so please help them to come up with a name for her. We will announce her name when she arrives in school.



### Packed Lunch

We are aware that some children on packed lunch feel that they have been rushed during their lunch time; we know that on photograph day and flu spray day that the timings were reduced.

We are monitoring the timings and have bought Walkie Talkies to try to get the communication quicker to get the children in. If needed then we will change lunch timings for some classes. We are feeding nearly 500 children in one hour and it does come with some issues!

### Awards in school

Our celebration assembly in school is held on a Friday and during this time we celebrate the past week.

After the holidays, we will have new awards such as Special Awards, Reading and Maths Awards, Sporting Awards and Care and Concern Awards. Headteacher Awards will be given out when the children WOW a member of the senior staff.

### Attendance

During our Celebration Assembly, we will be celebrating the class attendance.

If any class achieves a collective attendance mark of over 97% then they will get to race their counter across the new attendance board. Rewards will be given out throughout the journey.

Please try and avoid taking your child out of school during term time. We are unable to authorise holidays and there is a possibility that you will receive a fine; the Local Authority gather information regarding the holidays.

Any families that request a holiday will receive a formal letter informing you of decision made regarding the unauthorisation and will include further information about school fines where needed.

### **Clubs**

We run a very successful before and after school club which is now held in the junior hall. The food that the children eat is prepared by our school cook in the school kitchen, which is why the children eat in the junior hall. The children were then being transported back to the infants, but it made more sense to keep them in one place so the club is now permanently in the junior school.

We are keen to know your views on the extra-curricular clubs that we offer. Please complete the online form to give us your views- it takes less than one minutes. If you have more than one child in school then please complete it separately for each child as it asks you for your child's year group.

Please click on the survey link to complete this. It will close on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7VNFCMF>

### **Packed lunches**

We have previously shared that we are a nut free school and this continues. I have personally spoken to all parents/carers of children with nut allergies and I can clarify that the children with nut allergies **can** be in the same room as products that 'may contain nuts', however, if any nuts are listed on the ingredient list then that can't be in school. I hope that this makes it clearer for you.

Please remember to provide a healthy packed lunch; it is difficult to provide a variety of meal choices but please avoid too many sweet products.

### **Funding**

You will be aware that school budgets are incredibly tight and schools can get additional funding for pupils that families are eligible for Free School Meals. This is separate to the free meals that all infants are entitled to and you may also get holiday shopping vouchers. We would be grateful if you could please check to see if you're eligible for funding using the link <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-bccet>

We also receive funding for children whose parents/carers are in the forces. If you have a forces ID card, could you please let the office know and they will be able to apply for funding for school. Any additional money that we get into school helps.

## Prayer to share

