

Dear families,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thanks for your generosity at our fundraising events. We have raised over £2500 throughout December and this is brilliant for the school. The money is spent directly on your children; an example of this is the bouncy castle, snow machine and light up dance floor on party day. I am sure you have seen the photos on facebook of their happy faces.

As I write this, half of the children are at the Panto and were very excited when they left. The other half of the school go tomorrow morning and I am sure they will be just as excited.

I would like to thank you for your support during this half term. It has been wonderful getting to know some of you and all of the amazing children.

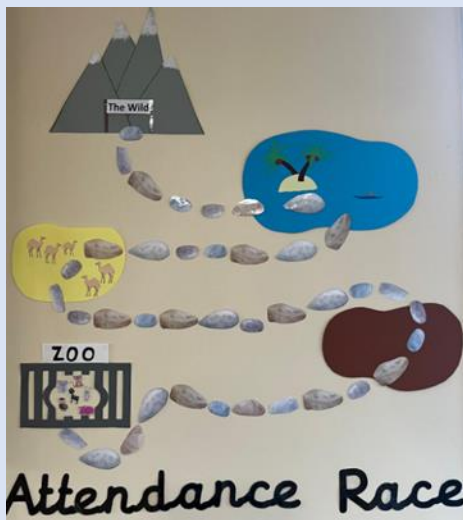
Have a lovely break and I hope that Santa is kind to you all.

We return to school on Monday 6th January.

Mrs. Tumelty

Attendance Race

The Attendance Races started last month during the celebration assemblies. If a class achieves over 97% weekly attendance then their class character moves around the board with a board in the infants and the juniors. Mini rewards are given out and a main prize for any class that reaches the end- the first class that gets there gets the best prize!



Lunchtimes

We have changed the timing of the lunch hour for year six, so it is now 12:15-1:15; this has given some flexibility with the lunch timings and means that the children have longer to eat their food.

The staff on the yard now have bright pink Hi Vis staff jackets on, this is helping the children to identify where a member of staff is on the yard so that they can quickly ask for help where needed.

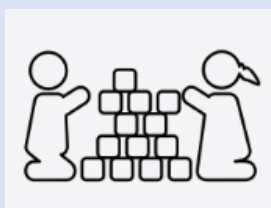
PE

As you are aware, we trialled the process of children wearing their PE kits for school rather than getting changed in school. This has been a success in school terms, but we would like to know your opinions on this from a home point of view. If you would like to comment on this then please email school at info@st-alloysius.co.uk

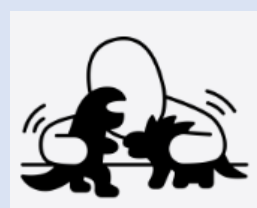
PE days will remain the same next half term.

Outside play

If you are having a clear out of toys after Christmas, then we would like them for our outside play. Our storage will arrive mid-January, but we will accept donations after the holidays. The school council will be writing soon to you with specifics, 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 yet accommodate large items such as bikes etc and we can't accommodate board games or electrical items.



After school Clubs

Last half term, we introduced a wider range of clubs starting. Next half term's clubs will be announced soon.

Any money that we raise from the clubs either buys resources directly for the clubs or will help to pay for transport or activities on school trips.

Asda Rewards

We managed to raise approximately £1000 from Asda Cash Pots- we are awaiting information but we believe we can claim this in the spring term.

Reminder- 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.

We started with Reception and this was a great success and it was lovely to see you all.

January 31st- Year 1- INFANT HALL

February 21st- Year 2- INFANT HALL

March 28th- Year 3- JUNIOR HALL

April 11th- Year 4- JUNIOR HALL

May 23rd- Year 5- JUNIOR HALL

June 27th- Year 6- JUNIOR HALL

Long hair

For health and safety reasons, all children with hair longer than the shoulder needs to tie it back from January. This helps to prevent the spread of Head Lice but also keeps the children safe in school, especially on PE days.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Woodhouse is our new Acting Assistant Headteacher. She knows the children and the school really well and will be a great member of the senior leadership team.

SVP vouchers

We held a raffle today in school and one member of each class won a shopping voucher. The vouchers have been donated by the SVP group at St. Aloysius Church. We would like to thank them for their generosity.



Sensory room

We now have a sensory room in each building; this helps the children to regulate their emotions and gives them a safe space to do so.

If you have any spare sensory items then please send them in and Miss Carabine, SENCO, will put them to good use.

Prayer to share

Christmas Tree Blessing



Lord Jesus,

Encircle this tree with your blessing.

May its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and
promise of your coming.

May we find joy in the memories we share
in its tinsel and trimmings.



May the presents we place beneath it
give rise to an appreciation for the gift
of your presence among us.



We ask this in your holy name.



Amen.

